

FWCC Meeting Notes
8/8/2022

[Family Well-Being Community Collaborative](#)

Mission: Collaborate to keep families safely together and supported in their communities and to radically reduce inequities within the child welfare court system.

Training Opportunities for HB 1227 Content

- Children’s Justice Conference, April 18-19, 2023
 - In Tacoma – will be in person this year
 - Multidisciplinary conference
 - Discussion – the date will be difficult for people involved with the 2023 Legislative Session, which is the long session. It will be the same in 2025.
 - Question: Will there be an option to attend remotely? We will let people know.
- 2023 Superior Court Judges Association Spring Conference, April 2023
- Passport to Careers Conference, May 2023
 - FWCC Member Emily Stochel will let us know when more information is available, including opportunities to present.
- Family and Youth Justice Programs (FYJP) training opportunities:
 - Annual Judicial Training, planning for May 2023
 - Integrate HB 1227 information into other trainings:
 - Attorney Reasonable and Active Efforts Institute March 23-24, 2023
 - Dependency 101 for judicial officers – online training modules
 - Safety training – ongoing
 - Safety Summits
 - Mini Learning Series: Safety Snapshots (see <https://www.wacita.org/safety-snapshots/>)
 - Juvenile Non-Offender Benchbook – being revised
- Potential to develop new training resources – Title IV-E funding

Work Session – Workgroup members and interested FWCC members joined one of the two featured workgroups. More information is available at each Workgroup’s webpage as follows (click on the “Workgroup HUB” button at the following links for additional information):

- [Ex Parte Removal](#) Workgroup
- [Family Time and HB 1194 Implementation](#) Workgroup

Workgroup Report Out

- Ex Parte Removal Workgroup
 - The group created a diagram of the process for a hospital hold in order to understand how hospital holds work.
 - They also mapped out the process for Family Team Decision Making meetings.
- Family Time and HB 1194 Implementation Workgroup
 - The group heard from Commissioner Farmer about the results of her information gathering from judicial officers and attys regarding family time.
 - Visit contract challenges and the impact on family time orders were discussed.
 - In the next meeting, the group will identify what they want to know about local court practice. The group is considering court observation to gather this information.

Discussion: FWCC group members remarked that planning for implementation of new legislation is valuable.

Discussion: Changing FWCC Meeting Schedule

- Steve Grilli reported that he has an ongoing conflict that prevents him from full participation in the FWCC. The DCYF Executive Leadership Team meets on Mondays until 12:30pm. While Steve could find another person at DCYF to attend in his place, he would like to stay involved if possible.
 - Steve explained, as Assistant Secretary of Client Services, his division brings together three programs so he feels he can be especially effective for the work of the FWCC.
- FYJP will send out a survey to identify potential meeting dates for 2023. Results will be reported at the next FWCC meeting.

Discussion: Opioid Settlement Funds

- Kelly explained that opioid settlement funds will be distributed to address the impact that opioids have had on WA population – including prevention. Dependency court work does both – address the negative impact opioids have on families and support prevention by healing families and reducing the intergenerational harm of opioid addiction.
 - Three settlements will generate funds for programs for 16-17 years
 - Opportunity for FWCC to bring awareness to Opioid Settlement allocation process and access new funding to support effective interventions and treatments
 - AOC leadership is meeting with HCA leadership to discuss how courts can effectively participate in the planning for distribution of settlement funds
- Laurie Lippold offered to invite FWCC members to the Child Welfare Advocacy Coalition (CWAC) meeting on August 19 that will include a presentation by Kris Shera, from the Health Care Authority, on how groups can have input into the settlement allocation process.
- Larry Jefferson noted that he participates in the Criminal Justice Committee of the Opioid Response Plan, and is committed to adding his voice to advocate for the dependency court system.

Next Meeting – October 10, 2022, 12-1:30pm