

Draft Minutes

Expectations Subcommittee on Juvenile Matters

Room 133
225 Spring Street
Wethersfield, CT

March 11, 2009
3:30 PM

Those present: Atty. Cynthia Cunningham, Atty. Regina G. Dowling, Hon. Mark T. Gould (chair), and Atty. Brandon Pelegano.

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes of February 4, 2009 – Upon motion and second, the minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Report and discussion of materials drafted by members – The subcommittee members reviewed and approved the materials prepared as follows:
 - A handout for clerks detailing the four simple steps to obtain transit information. Atty. Pelegano will develop a version that contains screen shots from the transit company website.
 - Three information sheets with in a question and answer format were prepared: Emancipation, Post-disposition Change of Guardianship, and Juvenile Delinquency and Families with Service Needs Records.
3. Discussion of distribution of materials – After discussion, the subcommittee will recommend that the three information packets developed be made available online, at the courts, through the law libraries, at the court service centers and public information desks, and through the juvenile clinics at the area law schools: University of Connecticut, Quinnipiac and Yale.
4. Discussion of recommendations – The subcommittee will make the following recommendations to the full committee:
 - Bus schedule information should be provided, where applicable, at the juvenile court clerk's offices;
 - Three information materials packets (Emancipation, Post-disposition Change of Guardianship, and Juvenile Delinquency and Families with Service Needs Records) be provided online, at the courts, through law libraries, at court service centers and public information desks, and through the area law school's juvenile law clinics;
 - The possibility of a modified children's center (maybe partnering with a college or school with an early education program) should be investigated.
5. Future meetings – The recommendations will be written up in a report and circulated. No further meetings should be necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM.