

Problem Solving in Family Matters Committee Overlap Work Group

Minutes

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225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, 2nd Floor, Room # 204
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
2:30 P.M.

Those in attendance: Family Support Magistrate John Colella, Patrick Deak, Joseph Del Ciampo, John Dillon, Joseph DiTunno, Joseph Greelish, Johanna Greenfield, David Iaccarino (facilitator and work group leader), Dalia Panke (ex officio).

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. Those in attendance introduced themselves. The minutes of the meeting held on February 4, 2009 were approved by the members of the Work Group.

1. Identify **what** services are available to the relevant population

Members of the Work Group expressed concern that perhaps this agenda item is more what the other Work Group is dealing with and so it was passed until further clarification is obtained. However, the issue was raised regarding those individuals who fall within the relevant population, but simply refuse to participate in the services. It was discussed that perhaps this is something specific that one of the groups, whether it be the Committee or a Work Group, examine.

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3. Technology options

Joseph Greelish distributed a chart and accompanying legend of technology systems and which entities have access or receive information. It was pointed out that Department of Health (DPH) systems

are needed on the chart (paternity registry and birth records) to flow into the Connecticut Child Support Enforcement System (CCSES). The juvenile systems should be included showing the stand-alone Child Protection system as well as the Delinquency system that is a part of the Case Management Information System (CMIS). The Housing Forecourt system should also be included.

It was pointed out that this chart illustrates the number of systems one entity must access in order to get the full information it might need to present to the court.

It was explained that the individual needing information who is looking in these systems might not need the individuals specific information as to programs or services provided. It might be sufficient to know if the system in which the individual looking for information has a "hit" that someone is involved in that agency or entity's system. The individual looking for information could then follow through with that other agency or entity.

Joseph Del Ciampo cautioned the group that there may be legal constraints. Discussion ensued that perhaps the next step is to find connections that do not have legal barriers and whether there are rules or agreements that might help the Family Support Magistrates in obtaining information.

Joseph Greelish indicated that he will create a table that will translate the information in the chart for easy communication to others and that will show relationships including the data elements for each system that are used as identifiers (docket number, name, etc.). The table will also include whether any Memoranda of Understanding or Agreement already exist. The Work Group members are to provide Mr. Greelish with any information they have in this regard by Tuesday, March 17, 2009.

Next Patrick Deak distributed a document regarding certain Judicial system information that can help track related cases and that contains scheduling information, which he reviewed with the group while demonstrating some of the information available. Joseph Del Ciampo cautioned the group regarding a legal concern about what information should be brought to the Family Support Magistrate's attention by the litigant as opposed to by what is available in one of these systems. He also expressed concern about the completeness of the information contained in the demonstration, because it presented information from one court location and not across court locations.

4. Next meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for April 1, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. Joseph Greelish will have agreed to complete the chart for the next full Committee meeting on March 23, 2009. David Iaccarino will clarify the track of this Work Group with Judge Munro. It was recommended that we discuss with the full Committee whether this group should prioritize among systems or whether that should be a task for the full Committee. Joe Del Ciampo will create a list of legal issues including the concern of protected information.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.