

Minutes of the Meeting  
Juvenile Task Force  
March 13, 2009

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On Friday, March 13, 2009, the Juvenile Task Force met in the [Superior Court for Juvenile Matters at Hartford](#), 920 Broad Street, 4th floor, Courtroom C, Hartford from 2:00 p.m. to approximately 4:45 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Christine E. Keller, Chair  
Hon. Marcia J. Gleeson  
Hon. John C. Driscoll  
Fran Carino, Esq.  
Cynthia L. Cunningham, Esq.  
Nancy A. Porter, Esq.

Susan Pearlman, Esq.  
Christine P. Rapillo, Esq.  
Robert Shaver, Esq.  
Carolyn Signorelli, Esq.  
Bruce Tonkonow, Esq.  
Ben Zivyon, Esq.

Claudia Maxwell, a member of the public, also attended the meeting.

The members of the Task Force discussed the agenda items in the following order:

1. The minutes of the meeting held on January 30, 2009 were approved by the members of the Task Force who were in attendance.

2. Judge Keller explained the recommendations for use of teleconferencing and video conferencing in juvenile matters submitted to the purposes subcommittee of the Alternatives to Court Appearances Committee (Agenda Item 2).

3. The members discussed a proposed new rule regarding Family With Service Needs (FWSN) imminent risk petition, Section 31a-21 and a corresponding amendment to Section 26-1 (j). A majority of the members voted in favor of these recommendations (Agenda Item 3).

4. The members discussed the Public Defender's proposed revisions and took the following action (Agenda Item 7): (1) agreed to hold revisions to Section 30-6, Basis for Detention until the legislature passes the relevant statute; (2) a majority voted in favor of revisions to Sections 30a-8 and 32a-7, as further amended by the members; (3) a majority voted in favor of a revision to Section 31a-19 (a); and (4) agreed to hold new subsection 31a-19 (d).

5. The members discussed the State's Attorney's proposed revisions and took the following action (Agenda Item 10): (1) agreed to hold new sections concerning orders to detain and interim orders; (2) agreed to hold revisions to Section 27-9 pending a review of existing Judicial Branch notices; (3) agreed to hold revisions to Section 31a-18; (4) a majority voted in

favor of a revision to Section 30a-6, as further amended by the members; and (4) determined that no action is necessary regarding Section 31a-13, as the proposed revision has already been made.

6. The members discussed the possibility of sending a letter to the Appellate Rules Committee in support of the Chief Child Protection Attorney's (CCPA) proposed amendments to the appellate rules (Agenda Item 6). Susan Pearlman stated that she supported the proposals in principle, but expressed concerns with regard to certain deadlines and timeframes due to staff shortages. Judge Keller may write a letter in support of the rules that references these concerns.

7. The members discussed the CCPA's proposed revisions and took the following action (Agenda Item 4): (1) agreed to hold the revision to subsection 32a-1 (f) and to try to address these issues by amending the Specific Steps Form, JD-JM-106; and (2) by a vote of 7-2 (abstentions) voted in favor of new subsection 33a-2 (e), as further amended by the members.

The Task Force will address the rest of the CCPA's proposals and those remaining on the March 13, 2009 agenda at its next meeting.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be held on April 3, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.