

Minutes of the Meeting  
Juvenile Task Force  
May 18, 2012

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On Friday, May 18, 2012 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 4:00 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Christine E. Keller, Chair  
Hon. John Driscoll  
Michael Besso, Esq.  
Fran Carino, Esq.  
Cynthia Cunningham, Esq.  
Lori Hellum, Esq.

Maria Holzberg, Esq.  
Nancy A. Porter, Esq.  
Christine P. Rappillo, Esq.  
Robert Shaver, Esq.  
Carolyn Signorelli, Esq.  
Bruce Tonkonow, Esq.

The members discussed the agenda items in the following order:

1. The members approved the minutes of the March 23, 2012 meeting. Lori Hellum abstained from the vote.

2. The members discussed Agenda Item 3, proposed amendments to Sections 32a-7, 30a-8 and 35a-10. The members reviewed and approved Section 30a-8, as revised. Judge Keller agreed to revise Sections 35a-10 and 32a-7 in accordance with the members' comments. Specifically, the first sentence of 35a-10 will be revised to read substantially as follows: "The mandated social study or any social study addendum or any written case status report made available to the judicial authority shall be reproduced and provided to all counsel of record and any self-represented party by the department." The title of Section 32a-7 will be: "Records of Proceedings in Juvenile Matters." Among other possible changes, Subsection (a) will include a reference to FWSN matters and the word "delinquency" will be deleted from subsection (c).

Attorney Besso raised Jeffrey M and issues associated with when the Department has a right to intervene. Judge Keller stated that she would discuss this matter with CSSD and with the Commissioner of DCF.

3. The members discussed Agenda Item 2. Judge Keller agreed to redraft Section 35a-8 in accordance with the members' comments. Specifically, line 3 will be revised to include

a reference to “in the case of a state agency, their statutorily permitted designee....” Further changes will also be made to the new proposed language. Attorney Besso agreed to draft changes to Section 35a-18 to address opening defaults in adoption cases.

4. Attorney Rapillo provided the members with revisions to Section 3-9 concerning the obligation of the attorney for the child and motions to withdraw. The members reviewed and approved the revisions.

5. Judge Keller asked the members to consider a proposed order concerning child statements pursuant to the code of evidence. After discussion, the members found the proposal confusing and decided not to proceed with it.

6. The members scheduled the next meeting for July 20, 2012 at 2:00.