

Minutes of the Meeting
Juvenile Task Force
August 26, 2010

On Thursday, August 26, 2010 the Child Protection Subcommittee of the Juvenile Task Force met in the [Superior Court for Juvenile Matters at Hartford](#), 920 Broad Street, 4th floor, Courtroom C, Hartford from 3:00 p.m. to approximately 5:15 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Christine E. Keller, Chair
Hon. John C. Driscoll
Hon. Marcia J. Gleeson
Michael Besso, Esq.
Cynthia L. Cunningham, Esq.

Lori Hellum, Esq.
Nancy A. Porter, Esq.
Robert Shaver, Esq.
Carolyn Signorelli, Esq.
Benjamin Zivyon, Esq.

The members discussed the agenda items in the following order:

1. The members discussed and approved the proposed revisions to Section 33a-6. The members amended subsection (e). The members will vote on the section as further revised at the next subcommittee meeting.

2. The members discussed the proposed revisions to Section 33a-7 and made additional revisions to subsections (a)(1) and (3) and a corresponding change to the Commentary. The members will vote on the section as further revised at the next subcommittee meeting.

3. The members discussed the proposed revisions to Section 34a-1 and made additional revisions to subsection (b) and the Commentary. The members will vote on the section as further revised at the next subcommittee meeting.

4. Since the Supreme Court will hear In re Joseph W., 121 Conn. App. 605 (2010) on certiorari, the members decided not to make proposed revisions to 35a-1 at this time. Carolyn Signorelli noted, and the members agreed, that subsection (b) is currently inaccurate. The right to trial, not the right to counsel, is at issue. The section will be amended accordingly.

5. The members agreed to hold the proposed revisions to Section 35a-4, "Intervening Parties." The members will discuss the section at the next subcommittee meeting.

6. The members approved the revisions to Section 35a-14A. Members from the Office of the Attorney General agreed to draft proposed revisions to subsections 35a-20(b) and (e) for the members to review at the next subcommittee meeting. The proposed revisions to subsection

(b) will address “any other interested person” and the burden of proof to show that they are suitable and worthy to serve as a guardian. The proposed revisions to subsection (e) will address parties seeking reinstatement of guardianship and the corresponding burden of proof.

7. The members of the subcommittee discussed issues in response to Attorney Michael Arganoff’s letter. Judicial Branch staff agreed to draft a letter in response to Attorney Arganoff’s concerns.

8. Judge Keller outlined the proposed videoconferencing rule for child protection matters that the Alternatives to Court Appearances Committee has presented to the Rules Committee.

9. After discussion, the members decided not to draft a rule on time limitations on the issuance of an Order of Temporary Custody decision. The members noted that a statutory change would be necessary before such a rule could be proposed.

10. The Chief Child Protection Attorney agreed to draft a rule concerning primary jurisdiction analysis for visitation, placement and educational placement for the members to review at the next meeting.

11. The Chief Child Protection Attorney agreed to draft a rule concerning the use of hearsay in termination of parental rights matters for the members to review at the next meeting.

12. After discussion, the members decided not to draft a rule on the burden of proof for a non-offending parent in a contested Order of Temporary Custody. The members decided that this could not be done by practice book rule.

13. Judge Keller noted that the proposal for a permanent guardian status is being considered as possible proposed legislation. The establishment of such a status cannot be accomplished by practice book rule.

14. The members did not discuss this agenda item.

15. Judge Keller advised the members that the next meeting of the child protection subcommittee would be in September.