

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
DJJ Informational Conference Call
Friday, April 22 2011, 3:30PM (EST)
Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order

Conference call came to order at 3:30 PM. Rhyna Jefferson, Interim Asst. Secretary welcomed everyone on the informational conference call on behalf of Secretary Walters and Chief of Staff Christy Daly and Yvonne Woodard conducted the roll call for Circuit Board Chairs

Circuit Board Chairs and Members – Circuit 1 – Bryan Callahan, Circuit 2 – Donnie Read, Circuit 5 – Cathy Trammell, Circuit 8 – Jim Pearce, Circuit 13 – Richard Rolfes, Circuit 15 – Barbara Gerlock, Circuit 16 – Kathy Tuell, 18 – Mark Rehder

DJJ HQ Officials & Staff

Rhyna Jefferson, Interim Asst. Secretary, Ana Sanchez, Legislative Director, Theda Roberts, Yvonne Woodard, Stephen Solomon, Cheryl Howard, and Lytha Belrose

DJJ Legislative Update - Ana Sanchez, DJJ Legislative Affairs Director

This week has been a quiet week. We are happy to announce that all of our bills have gone through the House and is waiting in Messages in the Senate, particularly, Interstate Compact and the civil citation bills.

- In the Senate we have finally passed through the Reform Bill. We passed that through Budget last week.
- This week in Budget we expect to hear on Civil Citation and Interstate Compact. The Budget is the last committee stop for civil citation which will then proceed to the floor where it will be picked up and hopefully passed.
- Interstate Compact has one more committee which is Rules. We hope to get it pulled out of rules and ready to meet its companion on the Senate floor.
- We have gotten our bills through the committee process and basically waiting for them to be heard on the Senate floor.
- We will start next week on Budget conferencing. As of now they have not started conferencing on the Budget. Our bills are moving along and we are preparing for the Budget this coming week.

Questions & Responses

Question: Bryan Callahan, Circuit 1 – I've been trying to track the bills. Could you go through each bill? *Response: Ana Sanchez* - Sure

- **Juvenile Justice Repeal** – (HB 4157/SB 618) – The Repeal bill was attached to the Reform Bill. Currently, 4157 is on the house floor and it will be heard, it includes the Repeal and Reform version and is on the House floor and will be sent over to the Senate. In the Senate, it was heard in its last committee of reference which was budget on last Friday. It will wait for its House companion on the Senate floor.
- **Interstate Compact** (HB-1029/SB1494) – HB 1029 – was heard on the floor and was sent over to the Senate. Its Senate companion will be heard in Budget this week on Monday or Tuesday.

We will get its 3rd committee of reference and hoping to get it pulled from rules. Its House companion is waiting on the Senate floor.

- **Governor's Initiative Bill 997** - It was passed out of the House and is in Messages in the Senate. Senate Companion 1300 will be heard in its last committee of reference which is budget on Monday or Tuesday. Once it does, it will move on to the floor where it will be picked up and go directly to the governor as will the Interstate Compact.
- The only bill we are waiting for is the Repeal 4157, which now includes the Reform language.

Question: Bryan Callahan, Circuit 1 - Can you give an update on the Detention Bill - SB 2112?

Response: Ana Sanchez - We are still working on that. It is not a bill, it is conforming language. It will be taken care of in budget conferencing. They are bills, but they don't follow the committee process because it gets taken care of during budget conferencing.

Question: Bryan Callahan, Circuit 1 - Any Change to the model circuits for privatization?

Response: Ana Sanchez - We won't know until we get to budget conferencing. Even though they are bills, they are conforming language bills; they don't get heard during the committee process. They get taken care of during budget conferencing.

Legislative Follow-up Questions

Response: Theda Roberts – I responded to questions from Ms. Klauber, Circuit 17 regarding the Expiration Bill. It does not appear they are going anywhere. The bill is being sponsored by Rep. Thurston. I would also like to congratulate Ana. This is the first time in a long time it seems that we are going to get all our agenda items through the legislature.

Question: Bryan Callahan, Circuit 1 - Does the Civil Citation Language allows for DJJ to have authority over existing diversion programs?

Response: Theda Roberts - No, the agency will not have authority over any existing diversion program that it doesn't already have authority over. The bill allows us to work with those existing programs if that is the community's choice for a civil citation process. When we expand Civil Citation to make it available to every first time misdemeanor, I would expect that we will see more referrals to those existing programs.

Question: Barbara Gerlock, Circuit 15 - There is discussion around closing residential beds around state and putting savings in front end service delivery systems. Is that accurate? If so, are there any plans on how that will happen?

Response: Theda Roberts – We have a plan in place and it is looking good. We are not in the compromise conference committee yet, but we are hopeful. I think everyone understands that we can't do what we want to without that reinvestment money. As you know there is a community resource survey out to determine where we lack resources and we are expecting to beef up where we need to beef up with that reinvestment fund.

If you have questions please send to Theda Roberts at Theda.roberts@djj.state.fl.us. The next conference call is scheduled for **May 6, 2011 @ 3:30PM**.

Conference call adjourned at 3:50 PM