



Highlights from September 22, 2008 Interagency and Data Sharing Telephone conference call

The telephone conference call meeting was called to order at 10:31 am, by Chairperson Toni Crawford, the following individuals were on the call:

- Toni Crawford
- Justice Fred Lewis
- Dr. Judy Schaechter
- John Hughes, representing the AWI
- Dawn Marie Farmer, representing GAL
- Jennifer Diaz
- Sharon Read

Chairperson Crawford expressed her gratitude to all her committee helpers who have given so much of their time and energy to the project. Jennifer Diaz announced that she was diligently working on the cost benefit analysis, that all the responses were in with one exception and she would be following up on it. Jennifer also noted that all the responses were positive. It is her intention to have the summation ready to email to everyone and/or to pass out at the Cabinet Meeting the next day. It was decided that there would be no formal announcement on the final analysis at the Cabinet Meeting tomorrow.

Chairperson Crawford expressed her gratitude to Justice Lewis for allowing us to utilize Chris Blakeslee, adding that her knowledge was invaluable and we would not have accomplished the goals without her.

Discussion was held on the question from Dr. Schaechter regarding Justice Lewis footing the bill for the system. Jennifer Diaz advised that Justice Lewis is hosting the system on the Court's server; that staff would have to be hired to support the system and that agencies will have to pay for the use; that the money will be paid to the vendor from the court. The court is not keeping any money for itself, this is at cost.

Dr. Schaechter also questioned security issues on health and education information citing how HIV records and psych records are kept and the problems that arise when parents can't get certain information on their children from an agency. Justice Lewis stated that the system will have to be built and created from information from each individual

agency that not all information would be given to everyone. Jennifer Diaz stated that she would once again confirm with Chris Blakeslee that all protected information will only be given to authorized agencies. Justice Lewis stated that the simple answer is that privacy protection will be on the ground level and each agency will have to determine what level of access each agency will give out. Dr. Schaechter felt that it is of prime importance that we have someone with expertise at the front of this to work out all the kinks from the beginning

John Hughes stated that the sharing mechanism that is in place is Phase I, it is the information that for instance, agencies already give out. If there is very little not shared, then we focus only on what is shared. To go on to Phase II, once the automated process is done, what we never had would help improve services since the infrastructure is already there; we just need to compile it.

Dr. Schaechter felt that it is important before an announcement is made that we know what other items were written out and part of the plan. Mr. Hughes stated that each agency would have a wish list with different specific data elements; that we need to work through Phase I before specific elements are introduced. Dr. Schaechter felt it important that we have a written plan that would show the outcomes and objections, and what the system will accomplish. Mr. Hughes agreed.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:56 am.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Jennifer Diaz to follow up w/Chris Blakeslee on privacy issue**
- 2. Cost Benefit Analysis will be compiled and distributed soon.**