

Date: January 12, 2011

TO: Child Welfare Advisory Committee

FROM: CWAC Future Issues Work Group

SUBJECT: Recommendation on CWAC Oversight of the Children's Justice Act

Background: During the November 10, 2010, CWAC meeting, the committee accepted Erinn Kelley-Siel's request to assume oversight of the Children's Justice Act. The attached document explains the reasons behind this decision.

The CWAC Future Issues Work Group met on December 8, 2010, and developed the following recommendation for CWAC consideration as to how the CWAC will provide this oversight.

We recommend:

DHS consider appointing to the full CWAC those former CJA Task Force member organizations who have expressed an interest; namely Oregon District Attorneys Association (Carrie Rasmussen), Crime Victims Services Division (Mike Maryanov), Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (Kevin Dowling). DHS may also choose to consider Debourah Rau's interest (Morrison Children and Family Services Parent Mentor Program); however, CWAC current membership includes parent group representation (Ruth Taylor, Parents Anonymous).

CWAC appoint to a subcommittee its members who have served on the CJA Task Force and other interested members, taking into consideration those who fit the definition of required representation for the CJA. As stated in the CWAC Bylaws, subcommittees may include participants outside of the Advisory Committee members with approval of the DHS/CAF Assistant Director.

The subcommittee's responsibilities will include drafting of the CJA annual report (due May 2011), preparing proposals for CJA funding allocations and developing a plan for completion of the 3-year report (due May 2012).

The CJA subcommittee will provide updates to the full CWAC at each CWAC meeting.

The full CWAC will have decision making authority regarding CJA funding allocations and finalization of the CJA annual and 3-year reports.

Respectfully submitted by FIWG Members

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