

## Summary of Conference Call

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers  
Subcommittee on Access to Counsel and Language Services  
September 20, 2016

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers (ACFRC), Subcommittee on Access to Counsel and Language Services convened on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 via teleconference at 12:00 P.M. EST.

### **Attendance:**

#### *Subcommittee Members Present for Teleconference:*

- Dora Schriro
- Kurt Schwarz
- Margo Schlanger
- Sonia Parras-Konrad
- Karen Musalo

#### *Others Present:*

- Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira, Senior Advisor, ICE; Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), ACFRC
- Maryam Ali, Special Assistant, ICE

### **Opening Remarks:**

Chair Nagda was not available for this call.

Michelle Brané joined the Access to Counsel and Language Services call briefly to address issues relevant to her expertise, at the request of Chair Nagda, but Special Assistant Maryam Ali said that cross-Committee input like that would have to be limited to email discussions. Ms. Brané left to join the Subcommittee on Education call.

### **General Meeting:**

Margo began by reviewing the agenda that Chair Nagda emailed. Issues discussed included:

- Children's right to counsel.
- Making sure counsel can get to highest-risk cases – mitigating privacy concerns in providing a census to attorney groups every 24 hours with new arrivals.
- Best location for a new section on legal information for crime and trauma victims.
- New recommendation asking ICE to develop a HIPPA compliant release that would allow for the immediate release of information - how quickly should information be provided after detainees release.
- Using “should” for recommendations – tone.
- Creating a document that listed recommendations only without the introductory language.

- Discussion of including the letter regarding information requests or at least noting that the letter itself went unanswered as well.

Ms. Schlanger flagged for the group that Vice Chair Dora Schriro's section has a lot of new material that hasn't been discussed by anyone yet. She asked everyone to highlight any issues or concerns by Friday so it could be resolved before submitting the draft to ACFRC Chair Kurt Schwarz on September 30.

**Adjournment:**

The subcommittee adjourned at approximately 12:30 P.M. EST.