

## Summary of Conference Call

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers  
Subcommittee on Education  
September 27, 2016

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers (ACFRC), Subcommittee on Education convened for its weekly meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, via teleconference from 12:00 P.M. to approximately 12:45 P.M.

### **Attendance:**

*Subcommittee Members Present for the Teleconference:*

- BethAnn Berliner
- Michelle Brané

\*Vice Chair Anadora Moss was unable to join the call due to a work commitment.

*Others Present:*

- John Amaya, Deputy Chief of Staff, ICE; Designated Federal Officer (DFO), ACFRC
- Andrea Washington, Special Assistant, ICE

### **Opening Remarks:**

Chair BethAnn Berliner confirmed the subcommittee members on the line for the call, and she also acknowledged ICE staff on the teleconference.

### **General Meeting:**

Chair Berliner gave a brief summary of the subcommittee Chairs call. She said the Chairs were given more background on the format of the full Committee public meeting scheduled for October 7. She stated that Committee Chair Kurt Schwarz will facilitate the meeting, and each subcommittee will have an allotted time to discuss recommendations. She said the subcommittee Chairs will be responsible for giving a 10-minute overview of their individual group's work, which will be followed by public comments and Committee discussion about any remaining concerns and/or edits to the recommendations.

Special Assistant Andrea Washington briefly broke into the conversation to note that between September 30 (when the final draft is due) and October 5, subcommittee members will be able to provide any suggested edits, questions, or concerns to Chair Schwarz. Chair Schwarz will use this information to compile a list of issues to address during the October 7 meeting. The idea is that this will assist with keeping the meeting on time and ensuring that all issues raised after the submission of the final draft are addressed, Ms. Washington said.

Chair Berliner said there were still a few major issues to tackle in the compiled draft recommendations document maintained by Margo Schlanger, a member of the Subcommittee on Access to Counsel and Language Services, chiefly credible and reasonable fear processing and

emergency contraception and abortion. The Chair said the charge is for these issues and others to be worked through in time to meet the deadline for submission to Chair Schwarz on Friday (September 30). She noted the version he receives will be the one published online for public access.

Chair Berliner stated that in thinking about her opening statement for the public meeting, she believed it would be important to:

- Highlight a few of the big recommendations;
- Explain why the group took a broad perspective;
- Note the lack of guidance on education in the standards and handbooks; and
- Outline the types of sources members used in developing the recommendations.

The Chair said she thought it would also be helpful to comment on the requests made of ICE and the information received and not received from the agency. Ms. Brané said this all made sense to her, and she added that explaining why there is not one set criteria for curriculum would also be helpful. Chair Berliner said she would take more time to organize her thoughts, and Ms. Brané said she and Vice Chair Anadora Moss would be happy to review an outline.

Ms. Washington told members it was fine if they all participated in the opening presentation. Chair Berliner said she appreciated knowing there was some flexibility.

Chair Berliner then asked for clarity on when voting would take place during the public meeting. ACFRC DFO John Amaya explained that voting will take place at the end of every section. The Chair asked if that meant voting after public comment and deliberation, and DFO Amaya said that was correct. Ms. Brané said that made sense to her. DFO Amaya further outlined that voting in this manner was a cleaner, smoother way to handle the process.

Chair Berliner asked if public comments and deliberation led to revising recommendations, would Chair Schwarz be responsible for making the edits. DFO Amaya answered yes.

The DFO then took a moment to express his gratitude for the hard work the group has put in over the last few months. He said he was impressed by how seriously they have taken the tasking and just wanted to say thanks in advance. DFO Amaya said he would also thank the entire Committee at the public meeting.

Chair Berliner asked if there would be a subcommittee call next week, and DFO Amaya said that would be fine, if members needed to discuss anything before the public meeting. Ms. Brané asked if it would be possible for everyone to participate in one call or if members could join another subcommittee call for any final conversations. DFO Amaya responded that neither of these scenarios was possible due to Federal Advisory Committee Act rules.

With no further matters to cover, Chair Berliner adjourned the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

The subcommittee adjourned at approximately 12:45 P.M.