

## Summary of Conference Call

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers  
Subcommittee on Medical and Mental Health  
September 20, 2016

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers (ACFRC), Subcommittee on Medical and Mental Health convened for its weekly meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, via teleconference from 1:30 P.M. to approximately 2:40 P.M.

### **Attendance:**

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

- Leslye Orloff
- Judith Dolins
- Dr. Andres Pumariega
- Dr. William Arroyo

#### *Others Present:*

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

### **Opening Remarks:**

Chair Leslye Orloff conducted the roll call and acknowledged the ICE staff participating in the teleconference.

The Chair stated that the main purpose of the meeting was for members to go through the latest version of the draft recommendations and address outstanding issues.

### **General Meeting:**

Chair Orloff gave a short synopsis of the subcommittee Chairs call. She said there were a number of decisions made regarding the consolidated draft recommendations document, most notably word choice and other framing conventions. The Chair said any additional changes to the document need to be provided to Margo Schlanger, member of the Subcommittee on Access to Counsel and Language Services, by Friday (September 23).

The group then moved into discussing its draft recommendations, beginning with a conversation about using clarifying language to describe what falls under the umbrella of health care. Dr. William Arroyo said he thought the use of the word “trauma” was duplicative when “medical care” was already used, but Chair Orloff disagreed and said trauma is not just a medical issue. The Chair said the subcommittee’s section is the only place where trauma is addressed in a big picture manner.

There was a brief conversation about moving the trauma-informed care recommendations to another section of the document, with Dr. Andres Pumariega suggesting that the recommendations could potentially fit in the detention management section. Chair Orloff responded that she had been working on some language to describe trauma-informed care, and she could include that language in the subcommittee's introduction to give a broader perspective on the issue and cite other places where the topic is addressed in recommendations from the other groups.

Dr. Arroyo informed members that he had to leave the call early, so Chair Orloff shifted the subcommittee's focus to outstanding issues. Members talked through the following topics:

- Emergency contraception for victims of sexual assault, regardless of where it occurred;
- Adolescent consent laws covering pregnancy testing as well as STD testing; and
- The right to refuse medical and mental health care.

Dr. Arroyo then left the call to attend a work meeting. The rest of the subcommittee members continued discussing topics, including:

- Contracting with outside entities to conduct the sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking screenings;
- Ensuring that children are within line of sight of their parents during screenings;
- Making sure that Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act guidelines are followed in relation to screening results;
- Accountability for adhering to policies and procedures;
- Ensuring that professionals conducting screenings have the appropriate cultural competence;
- Addressing and defining what constitutes suicidality; and
- Responsibility for developing the stepped care collaborative care algorithm.

The group talked through assignments for making the changes that were discussed. Then, with no additional matters to cover, the meeting was adjourned.

**Adjournment:**

The subcommittee adjourned at approximately 2:40 P.M.