

Summary of Conference Call

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers
Subcommittee on Medical and Mental Health
October 4, 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, October 4, 2016, via teleconference from 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 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 acknowledged subcommittee members as they called in, and she recognized ICE staff on the call.

General Meeting:

Chair Orloff started the meeting by walking subcommittee members through what the full Committee public meeting on Friday (October 7) will look like.

Noting that members have until Wednesday (October 5) to send Committee Chair Kurt Schwarz any edits or comments they would like to discuss during the public meeting, Chair Orloff said the subcommittee Chairs plan to ask Chair Schwarz to share what he receives for the individual groups. She said the idea is for subcommittees to know what others want to address so they can be prepared for the conversation. She added that all changes will be made in real-time on a screen that will be displayed during the course of the meeting.

A brief conversation followed about whether or not small grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors should be sent to Chair Schwarz for him to fix in track changes before the meeting on Friday.

Chair Orloff then informed members that she and BethAnn Berliner, Chair of the Subcommittee on Education, agreed to try to get through their groups' sections in a manner that allows for more time for the Subcommittee on Access to Counsel and Language Services, recognizing that group has a few more weighty issues to cover.

Shifting the conversation to the subcommittee's opening presentation, Chair Orloff commented that the open is meant to be an opportunity to outline the thinking behind the recommendations and highlight some of the key recommendations. She said during the subcommittee Chairs call, it was strongly suggested that she use a portion of her remarks to explain how detention itself is traumatizing and define what exactly trauma-informed care is. Chair Orloff said she agreed with this approach, and subcommittee members also concurred. The Chair said she planned to also touch on big picture issues such as bed checks and standards.

The subcommittee then walked through a summary prepared by Vice Chair Judith Dolins, and each member commented on what issues they thought were missing that should be noted in the open.

The group also discussed a few spots in the recommendations where they plan to clean up the wording to make recommendations stronger and/or clearer before they are finalized and voted on during the meeting. There was a particular focus on recommendations surrounding assault, compliance, and accreditation.

With no additional matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment:

The subcommittee adjourned at 2:30 P.M.