

Summary of Conference Call

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers
Subcommittee on Access to Counsel and Language Services
October 4, 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, October 4, 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:

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

Opening Remarks:

Subcommittee Chair Jennifer Nagda took roll call. She then provided an update from the previous subcommittee chairs call.

- No additional information from ICE for Friday's meeting
- The agenda doesn't follow the order of the consolidated draft report which may make it awkward.
- The schedule is working around specific time constraints but would be as flexible as possible.
- Leslye Orloff and Howard Berman are participating by phone.
- The Director is scheduled to speak at 1pm.
- If any section finishes early we can move on to the next and there is a general expectation that there should be extra time leftover.
- There should be active redlining during the meeting.
- All changes/edits must be made during this meeting.

General Meeting:

Chair Nagda proposed the individuals presenting for the introduction have a backup plan in case there is more time to speak.

The members agreed that it would be easiest for Margo Schlanger to make the real time edits instead of each of the subcommittee chairs since she is most familiar with the consolidated

document and the software. ACFRC Chair Kurt Schwarz and Ms. Schlanger were both amenable.

Ms. Schlanger asked if the list of issues that individual members identify for Chair Schwarz could be shared with her beforehand so she could bookmark the recommendations. Special Assistant Maryam Ali said she would check.

Karen Musalo requested the list of public attendees who had pre-registered. She said it would be helpful to know who would be in the room. Ms. Ali said she did not have the list but many registrants were from local non-governmental organizations.

Subcommittee Chair Nagda conveyed to ACFRC Chair Schwarz that the other subcommittee chairs agreed to try to finish their sections early to try to leave more time for the Subcommittee on Access to Counsel and Language Services.

Chair Nagda said everyone has the same approach to the subcommittee introductions. The plan is to highlight any recommendations that may come as a surprise to members of the public or members of the Committee. For this groups, she said that might include highlighted the recommendation to provide access to attorneys at every step without slowing down any of the process. She is optimistic that there will not be a lot of substantive changes.

Ms. Ali said ICE would touch base with ACFRC Chair Schwarz once he received all the feedback from individual Committee member to ensure he had everything he needed to manage the meeting.

Subcommittee Chair Nagda said the group should decide on what to include in the introduction which, for this subcommittee, will be an overview of a really broad set of issues. If the plan is to introduce the sections in 20 minutes, the goal is to pull out the main text and recommendations and remain concise. The others agreed that they could limit their introductions to approximately 4 minutes.

Vice Chair Dora Schriro and Ms. Musalo agreed that Vice Chair Schriro's section should follow Ms. Musalo's, as it does in the consolidated report, to maintain the context and flow of the complementary but different points made in their sections.

Ms. Schlanger noted that the Inspections section is placed under the Subcommittee on Medical and Mental Health since Subcommittee Chair Leslye Orloff penned the first draft. She would touch base with her on this.

Adjournment:

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