

## Summary of Conference Call

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers  
Subcommittee on Education  
October 4, 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, October 4, 2016, via teleconference from 12:00 P.M. to approximately 12:30 P.M.

### **Attendance:**

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

- BethAnn Berliner
- Anadora Moss
- Michelle Brané

#### *Others Present:*

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

### **Opening Remarks:**

Chair BethAnn Berliner noted the subcommittee members on the call, and she recognized ICE staff on the line.

### **General Meeting:**

Chair Berliner began the meeting by reminding members that if they have any further edits, questions, or concerns regarding the draft recommendations, those comments need to be sent to Committee Chair Kurt Schwarz by Wednesday (October 5). She said the comments sent to Chair Schwarz will be used to guide deliberation during the full Committee public meeting on Friday (October 7).

Moving to a readout of the subcommittee Chairs call, Chair Berliner said subcommittee Chairs were planning to send an email to Committee Chair Schwarz to see if it would be possible for him to share the issues raised for discussion for their individual subcommittees so they can be prepared for responding. She said if the comments are shared, subcommittee Chairs will likely not receive them until Thursday (October 6).

She continued that Chairs expressed concern about the timing of the meeting outlined in the agenda, chiefly that the Subcommittee on Access to Counsel and Language Services would likely need more than the current allotted time. Chair Berliner said she and Leslye Orloff, Chair of the Subcommittee on Medical and Mental Health, agreed to make an effort to get through their sections sooner to allow for more time for the legal subcommittee, commenting that the bulk of what the public will want to hear will come from that group.

Chair Berliner informed members that there were two hard stops during the meeting to accommodate for ICE Director Sarah R. Saldaña addressing the group as well as the schedules of ICE staff. She also clarified that Director Saldaña is currently only scheduled to appear for remarks in the afternoon; she will not be in attendance for the entirety of the meeting.

Chair Berliner then transitioned to her opening remarks, stating that she wanted to be sure that people understand that members tapped into the best scholarship and resources available to ground their recommendations because there is little available in the information provided by ICE. The Chair said her plan was to note the different topics the group addressed, highlight two major recommendations from each section, and discuss the approach behind recommendations where necessary.

On the issue of public comments, Chair Berliner told the group they are not obligated to respond to every comment. However, if a public comment is made that members would like to address and/or deliberate, they can. The Chair said she did want to be sure the group was respectful of the public comments, and Vice Chair Anadora Moss and Michelle Brané both provided feedback on how to do so.

Ms. Brané asked if it would be possible for the subcommittee to see any written public comments prior to the meeting so those comments could be taken into account during deliberation. Special Assistant Andrea Washington said she would look into what was possible.

Wrapping up the call, Chair Berliner said the subcommittee Chairs also talked about what happens with the Committee after the meeting, particularly members who have two- and three-year terms. She said there is still no clarity on the matter. Ms. Washington said ACFRC DFO John Amaya is expected to address the issue and provide more guidance at the public meeting.

With no further issues to discuss, Chair Berliner adjourned the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

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