

Summary of Conference Call

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers
Subcommittee on Access to Counsel and Language Services
May 31, 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, May 31, 2016 via teleconference at 12:00 P.M. EST. The purpose of the call was to discuss the new deadline for submission of draft reports, working charts from other subcommittees, and issues to look at during a potential Berks visit.

Attendance:

Subcommittee Members Present for Teleconference:

- Jennifer Nagda
- Dora Schriro
- Kurt Schwarz
- Sonia Parras-Konrad

Others Present:

- Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira, Senior Advisor, ICE: Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), ACFRC
- Doretha McCallum, Chief of Staff (OCE), ICE

Opening Remarks:

Chair Jennifer Nagda began with roll call. Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO) Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira noted that Margo Schlanger and Special Assistant Maryam Ali are touring the South Texas Family Residential Center (Dilley) and the Karnes County Family Residential Center (Karnes) and will most likely not be present for the call.

Chair Nagda provided the following update from the earlier subcommittee chairs call:

- An email was sent out last Thursday notifying everyone that the ICE submission date was moved to August 1, 2016 for the subcommittee draft reports.
- The committee was informed that ICE's responses to information requests will be sent out the week of June 13.
- The date for final Committee recommendations remains the same.
- A date for the summer full Committee meeting still needs to be locked in.
- Two of the subcommittees have pushed forward with making recommendations, without responses from ICE (Medical and Education).
- There is concern about the ability to make informed recommendations without additional information from ICE.
- The matrixes from the subcommittees will be circulated.

Chair Nagda indicated that all documents, from all subcommittees, will be combined to make one major document. She indicated that based on the structure of the subcommittee meetings, the chairs are receptive to recommendations and said it is better to make revisions on the front end.

Vice Chair Schriro indicated that a master metric from the Subcommittee on Medical and Mental Health is available by email and she agreed to review this document for the group. Sonia Perras-Konrad agreed to review the Subcommittee on Education's document.

To close the meeting Chair Nagda said the only outstanding question was scheduling a visit to Berks. The trip would focus on looking at specific issues that have already been identified as priorities.

ADFO Cedillo-Pereira said the process is ongoing and ICE will provide more specific information. She also noted that Berks does have two summer sessions and classes would be in session during the visit. Chair Nagda said she would email the members to request a list of prioritized questions and issues to look for on the Berks trip.

Ms. Perras-Konrad suggested the subcommittee should get started with developing recommendations or at least bullet points even though the information has not been received from ICE. Chair Nagda agreed.

Adjournment:

The subcommittee adjourned at approximately 12:20 P.M. EST.