

Minutes of the Meeting
Juvenile Task Force
May 11, 2009

On Monday, May 11, 2009, the Juvenile Task Force met in the [Superior Court for Juvenile Matters at Hartford](#), 920 Broad Street, 4th floor, Courtroom C, Hartford from 2:00 p.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Christine E. Keller, Chair
Hon. Marcia J. Gleeson
Fran Carino, Esq.
Cynthia L. Cunningham, Esq.
Lori Hellum, Esq.
Julia O'Leary

Susan Pearlman, Esq.
Nancy A. Porter, Esq.
Chris Rapillo, Esq.
Robert Shaver, Esq.
Carolyn Signorelli, Esq.
Bruce Tonkonow, Esq.
Ben Zivyon, Esq.

The members discussed the agenda items in the following order:

1. The members who were in attendance approved the minutes of the meeting held on April 3, 2009.

2. The members voted unanimously in favor of Judge Bear's proposal to add to Sections 17-4, 10-12 (c), 13-1 through 13-11 inclusive, 13-14, 13-16, 13-21 through 13-32 inclusive to Section 34a-1.

3. The members discussed the Assistant Attorney General's (AAG) proposed new rules and took the following action:

(a) The members agreed to a revised process to consolidate a trial on a Termination of Parental Rights Petition with a hearing on a Motion to Transfer Guardianship as follows: If the judicial authority grants the motion to consolidate, the judicial authority decision would address both matters. If the judicial authority does not approve the motion to consolidate, the judicial authority will hear the matters in the order in which they were filed and prepare two separate orders. Nancy Porter agreed to redraft the new rule to reflect this discussion.

(b) The members tabled a new rule on interim visitation orders pending the Appellate Court's decision on Justin F.

(c) After discussion, the AAG withdrew a proposed new rule on dispositional reviews of children under six in state care.

4. The members discussed and tabled for further consideration an amendment to Section 34a-21 pending further revisions to be made by the CCPA.

5. The members discussed and tabled a proposed new rule regarding the provision of police incident reports to a child's attorney and others. The members were reluctant to propose a new rule until it is determined whether the Rules Committee adopted a similar rule in adult cases. Judge Keller agreed to discuss this matter with Justice Zarella.

6. The members discussed the need for uniform procedures concerning the use of warrants, specifically, when a summons is adequate versus an arrest warrant. There was consensus among the members that if 30 days passed a warrant is necessary, otherwise a summons is appropriate. Judge Keller informed the members that she, Cynthia Cunningham and Nancy Porter would draft a new juvenile warrant form for future consideration.

7. Judge Keller stated that she would select a date in July for the next Task Force meeting.