

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Representative Michael R. O' Neal at 3:30 p.m. on January 28, 1993 in room 313-S of the Statehouse.

All members were present except:

Representative Clyde Graeber - Excused  
Representative Don Smith - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research  
Mike Heim, Legislative Research  
Cindy Wulfschle, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Ira Cutler, The Annie Casey Foundation  
Judith Meltzer, Senior Associate, Center for the Study of Social Policy, Washington, D.C.  
Linda Glenn, Court Appointed Monitor  
Charles Bruner, Director of the Child & Family Policy Center, Arkansas  
Paul Vincent, Director, Family & Child Services Division, Alabama  
Ray Sirey, Associate Commission, Administration for Children, Youth and Families

The Committee met jointly with the Joint Committee on Children and Families to participate in a seminar exploring child welfare and foster care systems.

The panelists were:

Charles Bruner, Director of the Child & Family Policy Center and a former Iowa State Legislator, who chaired the panel that was created to negotiate an action plan for Arkansas to avoid litigation.

Linda Glenn, who was the court appointed monitor in an Arizona case involving seriously mentally disabled adults and a similar case in Florida.

Ray Sirey, who was Associate Commissioner of the Administration for Children, Youth and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and was assigned to negotiate the District of Columbia's remedial order with the ACLU.

Paul Vincent, Director of the Family and Child Services Division of the Alabama Department of Human Resources, who is the lead administrator in Alabama for implementing the settlement agreed to in that state's class action lawsuit.

Judith Meltzer, Senior Associate of the Center For the Study of Social Policy, who serves as one of the primary staff people monitoring the District of Columbia's progress in the *LaShawn* lawsuit.

The panel of national experts informed the committees about potential costs and outcomes of the lawsuit that was filed by the ACLU Children's Rights Project against Kansas, based on similar cases in other states. The panel provided objective information for Kansas legislators, and did not make recommendations.

For further information *The Resource for Seminar on Child Welfare Class Action Litigation* is filed with Legislative Research.

The Committee adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next Committee meeting is February 1, 1993 at 3:30 p.m. in room 313-S.

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