

Adoption Registry-Confidential Intermediary Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 26, 2021

Present: Sylvia Fonseca: co-chair, Victoria Beard: co-chair, Christina Schneider, Sara Feigenholtz, Monica Mosley-Cantrell, Barbara Greenspan, Marsha Raynes, Jane Turner, Nina Friedman, Bob Gilligan, Emily Archer, Linda Coon, Christy Medley, Michelle Hughes, Melissa Mitchell, Barbara Sereda, Dawn Saphir, Phyllis Harris

Discussion

I. Confidential Intermediary Program Update

- The number of orders entered by the Courts was significantly lower than in the past due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Adult Adoptees remain the largest category of petitioners.
- Staffing remains the same.
- Continuing to monitor how DNA services change and how individuals are using the program.

II. Adoption Registry Program Update

- Not many changes
- Everything is current.
- IARMIE registrations are decreasing

III. Discussion/Open Forum

- The Council discussed legislation they want to introduce concerning birth certificates.
 - a. Eliminating unnecessary provisions that have become obsolete
 - b. Allows a search to be requested and convened by an agency or CI Program.
 - c. The agencies and CI Program can now perform searches with only an OBC being used.
 - d. Will be revised due to concerns voiced by the council.

IV. Next Meeting: September 24, 2021 11am-12pm, WebEx