

Refugee Child Welfare Advisory Committee Meeting
March 8, 2007
Lutheran Community Services
605 SW 39th Street, Portland, Oregon

In attendance- Cecilia Baricevic, Robert Heiney, Neeru Kanal, Salah Ansary and Crystal Riley

Tony Scott attended as a guest

Absent- Gloria Anderson, Kirsten Brown, Halima Mohamed, Lily Caceres and Slovica Kojadinovic

Meeting called to order by Chair Slick

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. There was some discussion about follow-up on issues from that meeting.

There was discussion about new refugee groups likely to come to Oregon in the coming year including secondary migration of Iraqis.

The annual report was reviewed and discussed. There were questions about the cases staffed during the last year and interest in follow up information about some of the children.

The administrative rules were reviewed. There were no comments.

Crystal Riley suggested having a conference for educators in the Portland area who work with refugee children. It would provide an opportunity to educate them about the cultural differences that different refugee groups have, about the role that schools can take in assisting their children and their families and about the role that the Advisory Committee has with refugee children. The group seemed interested in this and will discuss further at the next meeting.