

GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

January 11, 2023 – 1:30 PM.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: The January 2023 attendance list can be found on the GTFJAC Website.

Agenda Item	Discussion (brief summary)	Action (and by whom)
The meeting was called to order		The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM.
Approval of Minutes:	Changed from Unremembered to Unencumbered Funds on the 1 st page.	There was a motion to approve the November 2022 minutes. The motion passed. Anelli/Sneed M/S/P
Budget	<p>The current Village budget was presented. This budget will end in September 2023.</p> <p><u>Unencumbered Funds:</u> The Village Comptroller reviewed budgets, and a Line Item for Prior Year’s Surplus appears on the budget. Task Force members were asked to submit proposals. The Task Force reviewed suggestions that were submitted by December 30, 2022.</p> <p>At the end of 2022, the GTFJAC solicited proposals for the unencumbered funds available between now and September 15, 2023. Two proposals were received and reviewed by the GTFJAC Tri-Chairs.</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the GTFJAC Unencumbered Funds request from The Connecticut Children’s Alliance. The motion passed. Anelli/Doherty M/S/P</p> <p>There was a motion to defer the vote on the GTFJAC Unencumbered Funds request for the Zero Abuse Project. The motion passed. Anelli/Doherty M/S/P</p>
Presentation	<p>CFSP – Fred North, Program Director Strategic Planning, Data Reporting, and Evaluation. DCF</p> <p>The Children’s Bureau focuses more on aligning formula grants, such as CJA, with the work conducted under other federally-funded programs. CJA programs should be aware of and identify opportunities to coordinate and collaborate with State work. When completing the annual review in preparation for submission of the APSR, States have been encouraged to engage various entities, including the CJA grantee in their respective State, who are part of the ongoing CFSP-related consultation and coordination process.</p>	A copy of the PowerPoint will be shared with GTFJAC. – Fred North

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	Fred shared the upcoming timeline for the CFSP and the subsequent reports from 2023-2025. Invite Treena to discuss the quality reviews that occur at DCF. Qualitative Case Reviews(Differential Response and In-Home Cases) and Administrative Case Reviews (Kids in Placement)	
Children’s Justice Act	The report is due in May 2023, and task force members will be solicited for information starting in late February. Please submit your updated biography at that time.	
MDT Evaluation	The committee is updating the Connecticut Standards and Protocols. The committee is in the process of completing Windham and New London. The review of those reports will occur in March 2023. Danbury and Waterbury MDT will be the next teams evaluated.	
HART	Trafficking Awareness Month. Posters have been distributed across the state. And organizations are asked to ensure they are up at local places of business. The State Department of Education sent an awareness email to the superintendents that garnered positive responses. The 2022 data is not ready as of yet. However, the numbers continue to rise.	
Three Year Assessment	<p><i>Recommendation #4: Begin to address racial disparities and implicit bias through training, policy/protocol changes, and updates to MDT standards and evaluation criteria.</i></p> <p>Discussed where we are and will look at them in March 2023. The next assessment is scheduled for 2024. So we will need to look at how we want to address that.</p>	
Other Business:		
New Business:	<p>The Response to Recovery Conference will be in person May 10-11, 2023, in Bloomfield. If there are topics that you would like to see at the conference, please submit those to Krystal Rich or Kristen Clark. The May 10, 2023, meeting will be canceled due to the conference. A doodle poll will be sent to the group to find an alternative date in May 2023 for the GTFJAC May Meeting.</p> <p>There have been several high-profile deaths. Brendan reports that they are beginning to get information on the system’s pieces that occurred within the state. The Child Advocate will issue a statement.</p> <p>CCADV – Victims of Domestic Violence – A new initiative with four lawyers on staff for victims who do not qualify for legal aid. It is a one-hour consult for these clients. Can present to GTFJAC on how clients can access that service.</p> <p><u>Future Presentation Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send suggestions to Kristen Clark. • Female Genital Mutilation will occur in March 2023. They will provide updates. • Coaching Boys into Men – CCADV(March or May 2023) • Legislation – The start of the new session and proposed legislation that would impact GTFJAC-related topics. • The Three Year Assessment will be on the March 2023 agenda. 	
Announcements:		
	Meeting adjourned at 3:29 PM . There was a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. Schaeffer/Asnes M/S/P	

Respectfully Submitted
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