**GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN**

May 31, 2023 – 1:30 PM.

Zoom Meeting

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

| Agenda Item | Discussion *(brief summary)* | Action *(and by whom)* |
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| **The meeting was called to order** |  | The meeting was called to order at  **1:35 PM.** |
| **Approval of Minutes:**  |  | There was a motion to approve the January 2023 minutes. **The motion passed. Lawlor**/**Borecki****M/S/P** |
| **Budget** | The current Village budget was presented. This budget will end in September 2023. The prior year’s surplus and the current year’s surplus were reviewed. Unencumbered Funds:The unencumbered funds document was presented to the GTFJAC. The Task Force reviewed suggestions that were submitted previously to the task force. The disposition of each project was reported on. There was discussion around the proposal submitted regarding training for prosecutors and forensic interviewers, which will be rescheduled to 2024. Task force members are encouraged to submit proposals around using the unencumbered funds. The GTF RFP will be forwarded to GTFJAC to secure additional projects.    | Kristen will send out another RFP for the Unencumbered Funds.  |
| **Presentation** |  |  |
| **Children’s Justice Act** | The report was submitted in early May 2023. A copy will be sent once the report is approved. Kristen, Tammy, and Krystal traveled to the CJA grantee meeting in Baltimore in May 2023. The 2024 CJA Application- Tammy indicated that more information would be solicited from the Task Force Members in early October to ensure we supply a more robust report of what is occurring statewide in Connecticut. Additionally, the Three Year Assessment will occur this year and will be due in May 2024. Krystal and Tammy indicated that the task force has some data that can be used to complete this process for 2023-2024. The GTFJAC Committees were reviewed. GTF By-Laws Committee – This committee will be eliminated. The review of the By-Laws will be part of the Three Year Assessment process. **Three-Year Assessment:**Three-Year Assessment – Many of the tasks are already being completed by the GTFJAC. We can be creative without having to come up with a new process. We can evaluate the items that we are already completing. We have a ton of data and doing pieces of assessment. We can provide a more effective and efficient document.*Recommendation #4: Begin to address racial disparities and implicit bias through training, policy/protocol changes, and updates to MDT standards and evaluation criteria.*Diversity Consultant –Thought Partner Solutions: Jenita Hayes presented an overview of the contract. | There was a motion that the By-Laws committee would be eliminated. The review of the By-Laws will be part of the Three Year Assessment process. **The motion passed. Lawlor/Sneed****M/S/P** |
| **Training** | Finding Words: The next course will occur in June 2023. The registration has opened and is moving forward well. The annual VIP Summitt will occur next week in Orlando. This will also include the annual meeting for the Zero Abuse Project. Minimal Facts: We have had a robust training schedule over the last few months. To date, we have been able to meet the needs of all the requests. We could not align the DCF and LE trainers to conduct a Minimal Facts Train the Trainer in the spring of this year. We are looking for a date to ensure we can train new Discoverers and First Responders trainers. The Discoverer’s Training is about 90 minutes to two hours with questions. The feedback for the courses remains positive.  |  |
| **MDT Evaluation** | The committee is in the process of completing Windham and New London evaluations and the feedback from the team. Danbury will continue on June 1, 2023, with case-specific interviews. Waterbury MDT will be the next team evaluated. Thought Partner Solutions’ lead, Jamal Jimerson, presented at the last committee meeting. Members of the committee could ask Jamal about the process moving forward. TPS will be reviewing the state standards.  |  |
| **HART** | The 2022 data was finalized. There were 310 new referrals is the highest that Connecticut has had. Ten thousand people were trained in 2022. Lack of services remains a universal issue. There are lengthy waitlists around the state. There has been some legislation around an increase in funding in this area.  |  |
| **CCA** | **Response to Recovery Conference:**The May 2023 conference was the first conference in person in three years. Evaluation data was provided to the Task Force. CCA will use this data to inform the conference planning for 2024. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. **Data:**2022 CAC Data was provided: They will finalize a three-year data comparison that will be provided to the Task Force. OMS Data: Krystal presented the four surveys that are given through our CACs. Caregiver Initial Survey, Caregiver Ongoing Survey, Provider/Partner Survey, and Youth Survey. The Youth Survey was instituted two years ago. There were some questions about the alignment of the cases that are seen through the teams vs. the number of cases that go to full prosecution of cases. There is a desire to land on some key performance indicators to ensure we are looking at service provision as well a prosecution of the cases.  | Krystal will provide a link to photos from the conference. Krystal will provide OMS questions for review.  |
| **Other Business:** |  |  |
| **New Business:** | Future Presentation Topics:* Send suggestions to Kristen Clark.
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| **Announcements:** |  |  |
|  | Meeting adjourned at **3:03 PM.** There was a motion to adjourn. **The motion passed. Lawlor/Westbrook M/S/P** |  |

Respectfully Submitted

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