

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

October 2, 2014 – 2:00pm.
Chief State's Attorney Office, Rocky Hill, CT

Present: T. Sneed, K. Clark, H. Bey-Coon, L. Cordes, T. Montelli, M. Ornouski, B. Pellissier, K. Rich, C. Signorelli

Guests: W. Rivera

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order	Meeting called to order at 2:06PM	
Welcome		
Approval of Minutes:	Approval of April 2014 minutes.	There was a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was moved and properly seconded. The motion passed. M/S/P Pellissier/Bey-Coon
Budget	DCF CJA Budget Update DCF State Budget Village Budget Excess Funds Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Update • Project Updates 	Project coordinators for the Excess funds projects will present at the December meeting.
Committee Reports:		
Executive Committee	<p>Federal Human Trafficking Grant - Develop new workgroup to address.</p> <p>Received the grant and it will be under a million dollars per year for the next 5 years. Assessment of the system as it exists, updates for forensic interviews, evaluations, trainings, resources, staff person that will help organize the efforts. Louisiana, Arizona and California are also grantees. Each will receive \$250,000</p> <p>There is a need to develop a new workgroup or committee that will be under the GTFJAC. Maureen Ornousky will be the prosecutor on this committee. Kevin Kane is very supportive of this effort. There will be a person from the federal government that will be on this committee as we are looking to prosecute these cases locally.</p>	
Finding Words Committee:	<p>October Course --</p> <p>The October course is 2014 Finding Words Connecticut dates are: October 6th through October 10th, 2014. We had a full course until this morning and we now have 1 slot open. The coordinators were emailed and asked to poll their teams to see if there was a student who could attend. There were some issues with registration and GTFJAC coordinator will meet with MDT coordinators to review the process and emphasize the need for accuracy. We will also have Tammy Sneed send</p>	<p>GTFJAC Coordinator has updated MDT coordinators regarding vacancies.</p> <p>In future courses, Tammy Sneed to send an email to the supervisors of all the DCF workers who are attending the course.</p>

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	<p>an email to the supervisors of all the DCF workers who are attending the course. There is a need to ensure that Forensic Interviewers have speaking points when on the stand being cross examined.</p> <p>Forensic Interview Mentor Program - There was one pilot interviewer that went through this last year. There are about 25 interviewers around the state and we will not see many new interviewers in the state. Faculty will develop a manual for the program.</p>	
MDT Evaluation Committee:	<p>Update MDT Guidelines/ Standards - Blue Book. Coordinators are reporting that there is a need to update the guidelines and standards. It needs to be more clear and concise and more definitions. This needs to be more uniform. There is a small committee that is looking at this. They have had one meeting at this point.</p> <p>Medical Report -- Briefly discussed some of the issues that have come up from teams and forensic medical evaluations. Reviewed the MDT evaluations committee's report on Medical Evaluations. Looked to ensure that all FME are done in each case, trying to increase the number of clients that are referred for FME, increase the number of clients who actually received FME, increase the providers and access to those providers for all teams. The FI/FME workgroup will be looking at this report and addressing some of the findings.</p>	<p>MDT evaluation committee has formed a workgroup to address this.</p> <p>FI/FME workgroup has taken this on as a goal.</p> <p>This will be an agenda item for December.</p>
Training Committee:	<p>To date we have had not had any inquiries for training.</p> <p>NCATrak- Is still the current system. There have been meetings with DCF's internal data person around the needs and see if we can use that system. There have been no responses from NCATrak regarding our requests to develop a statewide data system, how long it will take and the cost.</p>	<p>Krystal will send a listing of other states who have issues with NCATrak. Information will be sent to the AAG's office.</p>
Membership Committee:	<p>Member Vacancies – Vacancies remain. Parent representative has been approached and invited to the September meeting to further understand the commitment. Law Enforcement still continues to be an area to be filled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Police, Chief of Police Representative, Parent Representative • OVA will get a new advocate • SDE will get a new commissioner • OVS will get a new designee • Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center will need a new designee <p>Website Review and Approve GTF Retreat Work Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim Services and Advocacy Group –New Chair Needed. 	<p>Steve to send a note to the Commissioner of Public Safety.</p> <p>W. Rivera will follow up with the Law Enforcement appointees.</p> <p>L. Cordes will reach out to the Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association. Krystal will contact the CCA's liaison at NRCAC to join GTFJAC.</p> <p>Add Careline information to website.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forensic Group – Committee Update – The new goal for this workgroup is to look at this medical issue. They have received the report from the MDT evaluation team to review and move forward. MDT/CAC Group – Committee Update – Investigations involving MDT's & FBI 	Link for Trafficking information and CCA
Human Trafficking	<p>There is a rumor of an oath that the FBI agents had to take an oath that they would not share any information regarding sexual abuse cases with local MDTs. There is no oath. This is an urban myth. William River has provided some documentation to this effect. There are some investigations that involve interstate commerce or those type of jurisdictional issues, then there may be limited information. If there is an instance where teams are not able to get information, the names of the agents should be given to Tammy and Bill to follow up. There has been a resistance to use the MDT/CACs.</p> <p>There is a commitment to have the FBI liaison to sit on this team. Homeland Security has had some additional issues with collaboration. There have been cases when prosecutors have been cross designated so they can have federal status and sit in on the grand jury. DMST cases the federal agency will do everything they can to collaborate with the local MDT/CAC.</p> <p>Tammy is training all the teams and there is a list of trainings.</p>	Krystal will send an updated list of DMST trainings that are being done with the MDTs.
CCA Update:	New Director was introduced. The CCA has office space at 25 Charter Oak in Hartford, CT. The website will be completed soon. Hope to have it go live in a month. The CCA is developing a mentoring program for new coordinators.	
GTF Coordinator Update:	CJA Three Year Assessment and peer to peer workgroup CJA Application	Kristen and Tammy will lead one of 4 national workgroups around completing the Three Year Assessment.
Old Business:	Multi Session Forensic Interview – Timeline for presentation. Human Trafficking clients will be using this and pilot this in year two.	Has been written into the new trafficking grant.
New Business:	November Agenda items - December Agenda items - Human Trafficking grant and new workgroup, Forensic Medical Exams, Excess funds report out. Review of Website.	
Announcements:	OVA- Victims Forums. Oct 20, 27, Nov 5 and one in Bridgeport.	There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded. The motion. Pellissier/Rich MSP

Respectfully Submitted,

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GTFJAC Coordinator