

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

Quarterly Meeting

December 3, 2015 – 10:00AM.
Chief State Attorney's Office, Hartford, CT

Present: S. Sedensky, T. Sneed, H. Bey-Coon, E. Borecka, K. Butler-Koreth, K. Clark, K. Diaz, A. Johnson, S. Mancini, P. Nunez, B. Pellisier, K. Rich , F. Vos Winkel, Y. Young

Guests: P. Pisano, D. Heinrich

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Meeting called to order		The meeting was called to order at 10:08AM
Approval of Minutes:	Approval of September 2015 minutes. Review of April 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes	There was a motion to approve the June 2015 minutes. The motion passed. Rich/Butler-Koreth There were 2 Abstention M/S/P
Budget Update:	<p>Village Update- The Village CJA budget was presented. Review of the Village Budget Covered July – September 2015.</p> <p>DCF Budget- The Village had a surplus last year and we will be able to roll it over to the new year and add it to the Village budget. The majority of the funds have already been allocated. \$5,400 will be added to the Training Budget and \$4,900 will be allocated to the new colposcope in Bridgeport.</p> <p>CJA gave us \$193,892. There was a reduction \$1,589.00. The Village returned back \$10,000+ last year. \$202,657.00.</p> <p><u>Colposcope:</u> The Bridgeport MDT and the Center for Family Justice, the Yale Child Sexual Abuse Clinic has decided to open a satellite clinic in Bridgeport, which would make it much easier for families whose children need forensic medical exams to bring their child for an exam. An important piece of equipment for the forensic exam is the colposcope, which needs to be purchased for the satellite clinic. We have done research on different colposcopes and have decided on one that costs about \$12,000 from a company called Fernico. The funds have been secured for the equipment and the GTFJAC has agreed to do \$4,974 was approved in the September 2015 meeting. This will come from \$10,000 that will go back to the Village budget.</p>	
GTF Coordinator Update:	<p>The task force was sent the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child and Family Service Review(CFSR) • Annual Progress and Service Report(APSR) 	GTFJAC will continue to monitor the state's child and family

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	<p>These are provided for your information. The Children’s Bureau in DC wants to ensure that state task forces are aware of these documents that are required by each state.</p> <p>GTFJAC has participated with CONNSACS on a new working group run by a collaborative Planning Team to create a Child Sexual Abuse & Assault Awareness and Prevention Program Framework that includes content standards and curriculum outcomes by grade, as well as resources and materials. The working group developed a framework which should be finalized in January 2016. Additionally, the GTFJAC coordinator attended a meeting at the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to discuss a coordinated and comprehensive approach to sexual health education in Connecticut. Sexual health education in Connecticut is not uniformly accepted and taught at all schools, and it is certainly not taught consistently throughout grades K-12. Listened to presentations from State Department of Education; Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence; Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and Planned Parenthood of Southern New England. Awareness is key in ending child sexual abuse.</p>	services plan.
CCA Director Update:	<p>Coordinator Updates</p> <p>New Britain: CMHA has posted the job description and Karolina Wytrykowska from CMHA will fill in as interim.</p> <p>Training/Education</p> <p>NRCAC Facilitator Training & Mentor : A few coordinators have successfully completed a team facilitator training through NRCAC and two coordinators will be paired with mentors through their National Mentoring Program.</p> <p>OMS- Outcome Measurement System is designed to collect satisfaction data and has the capability of generating reports that illustrate the outcomes. The centers will begin using OMS by January 2016. The MDT survey under this new system will serve as the new ALL Team Survey.</p> <p>Results Based Accountability (RBA): The MDTs worked to create performance measures for the RBA report card. All data for the measures will come from NCAtrak (PIE) or the new Outcome Measurement Surveys (See next page)</p> <p>Conference 2016: CCA joined with HART to host a conference on May 11th and 12th of 2016.</p> <p>Results Based Accountability- MDTs</p> <p>Contribution to the Result:</p> <p>The Multidisciplinary Team provides a holistic, coordinated and trauma-informed response to victims of child abuse and their families. Services are designed to enhance the safety and emotional and physical well-being of each child and family served.</p> <p>Partners:</p> <p>Family Members, DCF Staff, Congregate Care Providers, Victim Advocates, Mental Health providers, Medical providers, Forensic Interviewers, Family Relations, Prosecutors, Probation, Law Enforcement (local, state and federal), Educational Organizations, Youth Services Bureaus, Religious Organizations, Other Interested Community-based Organizations.</p> <p>How Much Did We Do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of new cases open each month. <p>This information will be collected using NCAtrak (PIE). Information can be gathered quarterly.</p>	

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	<p>How Well Did We Do It:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of clients accepted for full team review within 30 days of receipt by coordinator This information will be collected using NCAtrak (PIE). Information can be gathered quarterly. • % of MDT partners reporting a mod/high(?) level of collaboration This information will be collected using the outcomes measurement survey (OMS) out of the National Children’s Alliance. Each MDT will administer this survey twice a year. • % of clients served through MDT and CAC(?) that report mod/high(?) level of satisfaction with services (using OMS survey system)- For CACs only This information will be collected using the outcomes measurement survey (OMS) out of the National Children’s Alliance. Each MDT will administer this survey twice a year. <p>Is Anyone Better Off:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners are able to gather information needed to fulfill their area of responsibility as a result of participation in the MDT process. This information will be collected using the outcomes measurement survey (OMS) out of the National Children’s Alliance. Each MDT will administer this survey twice a year. 	
HART Coordinator	<p>HART</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2016 Conference and Call for Proposals has been sent out. • We successfully completed year one of the grant and are now working on goals for year two. • The DMST Forensic Interviewing Training with Rita Farrell will be held on December 15th. • The 2nd Edition of the Newsletter will be published in January. <p>The GTFJAC would like to get a sense of the quarterly numbers for victims of trafficking in Connecticut. HART coordinator reported that from Jan-September there were a total of 77 cases.</p>	HART will provide quarterly numbers at the GTFJAC meetings.
Committee Reports:		
Executive Committee:	<p>Medical Exams</p> <p>In the rural areas there is a gap in these services. There is a push for medical providers not to do this in rural areas as they can see two paying patients in the time that they see one child that needs these medicals. There was a discussion regarding the use of SANE nurses to do these exams and whether it would affect testimony around these cases. Krystal and John will meet in the next couple weeks to discuss this further.</p>	
Finding Words Committee:	<p>Beyond Finding Words Potential Workshop Topics-</p> <p>There was all positive feedback regarding the training. Coordinators had a meeting and remarked that they enjoyed all the speakers. In the future would need to work on parking and ensuring that there are enough breaks.</p> <p>The 2016 dates that work best are</p> <p>Spring 2016 May 16, 2016 and Fall 2016 October 17, 2016</p>	

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	We have a new faculty member Suzanne Jolissaint.	
MDT Evaluation Committee:	<p><u>MDT Evaluation:</u> There are three candidates for the MDT evaluation committee. There are three openings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Krystal Rich is the Director of the Connecticut Children's Alliance (CCA), a statewide membership organization founded to provide support to Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) and Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) across Connecticut through education, training and resources. 2. Tracy Baden Worked for New Britain Police Department from 1994 until retirement in 2014. 3. Sergeant Michael Cummiskey is a decorated member of the New Britain Police Department. <p>We are still reviewing applications, looking for an acceptable candidate who has evaluation/analysis experience. We have one candidate with whom we have scheduled a second interview for Dec 7th. There is another applicant who just applied today will have an interview over the phone this week.</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve all three candidates for the MDT evaluation committee. Pellissier/Bey-Coon M/S/P there was 1 abstention</p>
Training Committee:	<p>The training committee ended the fiscal year with \$4,540 used. \$5,460 will be encumbered towards this line item. A budget revision of \$15,460 will be done for the Village budget. The committee has allocated around \$5,000 thus far this year.</p> <p>Discussed the Waterbury request for reconsideration on not approving a request for reimbursement that was not submitted prior to attending the out of state training. The executive committee decided to uphold the training committee's decision. The committee recommend that the Waterbury Team to reimburse the officer out of team funds and if there is a financial strain towards the end of the year, they can approach GTF on the availability of additional funding.</p> <p><u>Minimal Facts</u>- There will be updates to the curriculum. Will be changing the videos for the training and will do a walk through the CAC as part of the videos. The chairs visited with CCA to discuss the changes and the coordinator responsibilities. Looking at Peer review for Minimal Facts.</p> <p>NCATrak- The PIE system is on hold due to state budget restraints. The teams will need to continue to use NCATrak until the PIE system is built.</p>	
Membership Committee:	<p><u>Vacancies</u> There are currently no vacancies on the task force. The task force is all set with the Judge positions. Both Judge Carroll and Judge Conaway are on the GTFJAC.</p> <p><u>GTF Retreat Work Groups</u> Victim Services and Advocacy Group – The workgroup met last week. One of the goals of the workgroup will be ensuring the integration of the new NCA standards and the changes in Advocacy requirements. There is a need for one victim advocate that works with the family from the point of disclosure through the end of the case. Only 2 of the CACs have full time advocate that respond to these cases. There are polyvictimization issues and therefore several advocates that respond to the different issues.</p> <p>Forensic Medical and Interview Group – No report.</p> <p>MDT/CAC Group – Kristen Clark and Krystal Rich have reconvened this workgroup and area looking at addressing several areas that affect MDTs</p>	

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	<p>and CACs. MDT/CAC Workgroup: This group was initially created to address to recommendations from the 2009 statewide assessment. Several recommendations were addressed in 2010 and the group has now reconvened to continue addressing the recommendations as well as assessing the new needs of teams and centers .</p> <p>Standardized Protocol: Expanding on the work done by several coordinators, the group is working to create a standardized protocol template for all MDTs.</p> <p>Survey/Assessment: With the help of CCA's intern, the group is creating a survey that will go out to all coordinators and will gather information on how their team functions, strengthens and areas where additional support is needed. In person interviews and focus groups will also be conducted to gather additional information.</p> <p>NCA standards The new standards were presented at the September 2015 GTFJAC meeting. These will go into effect in 2017 and we are looking to be ready by July 2016. There is a concern that there are several CT teams that might not be accredited. Now each standard is Pass/Fail which is a difference then the scale rating in the past. CCA will get a list of when teams will go for accreditation.</p>	
Child Fatalities-	<p>The 2014 Child Fatality annual review report was reviewed. Faith will send the report electronically. Discussed the number of suicides which has increased to 11 this year thus far. Some cases are more thoroughly investigated by police after the suicide based upon the police departments accreditation or resources. We will look to determine how these fatalities can be shared with the teams across the state in order to ensure that remaining children in the home are offered services. Around 2/3 of the cases have had DCF involvement in the past. Faith and Seth will provide information at each quarterly meeting.</p>	
Other Business:	Once the new state standards are completed, we will do a training on both state and National standards	
New Business:	The next meeting is March 9, 2016 and will be held at the Chief State Attorney Office.	
Announcements:		<p>There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded. The motion passed. Mancini/Vos WinkelM/S/P</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

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