

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

Quarterly Meeting

September 2015 – 2:00PM.
Chief State Attorney's Office, Hartford, CT

Present: S. Sedensky, H. Bey-Coon, K. Butler-Koreth, B. Conway, K. Clark, C. Cunningham, C. Diemar, M. Doherty, G. Fleet, C. Jacques, A. Johnson, S. Kristoff, J. Levanthal, S. Mancini, T. Montelli, C. Rapillo, K. Rich, C. Signorelli, C. Spak, F. Vos Winkel, Y. Young

Guests: P. Pisano

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Meeting called to order		The meeting was called to order at 2:10PM
Approval of Minutes:	Approval of June 2015 minutes. Review of February 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes	There was a motion to approve the June 2015 minutes. The motion passed. Mancini/Rich There was 1 Abstention M/S/P
Budget Update:		
	Village Update- The Village CJA budget was presented. Review of the Village Budget Covered July – March 2015, no new expenditure so far this year but Finding Words expenditures will begin as that training will occur in April, and some MDT trainings will be occurring along with MDT evaluation expenses. CJA funds held at DCF was asked to be presented at the next meeting.	
GTF Coordinator Update:	CJA Grantee Meeting: Three Year Assessment and the CJA application were submitted to the Federal Children's Bureau in May 2015. – The staff at the Children's bureau got back to us and we have a few items to address. Including some membership issues and the CFSR. GTFJAC has been approached by CONNSACS to participate in a new working group run by a collaborative Planning Team to create a <i>Child Sexual Abuse & Assault Awareness and Prevention Program Framework</i> that includes content standards and curriculum outcomes by grade, as well as resources and materials. Over the summer, the Planning group analyzed the survey results and the working groups re-convened this morning.	GTFJAC will need to start monitoring the state's child and family services plan.
CCA Director Update:	NCA Standards- Greg and Krystal went over the new standards that will go into effect in 2016. This will also be presented in more detail at the Beyond Finding Words. <u>Coordinator Updates</u> <u>New Britain:</u> CMHA should have a new coordinator starting by mid- August <u>Training/Education</u>	

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	<p><u>NRCAC MDT Training</u>: NRCAC is available to host individual team trainings and will be worked with the Hartford MDT on July 8th. Additionally, they will be starting a series of 1-2 day team trainings by region (5 teams per training).</p> <p><u>Results Based Accountability (RBA)</u>: CCA and DCF will work together to help the MDTs begin to use RBA. All coordinators were given an overview at the last CCA meeting in June and will work to come up with performance measures by the end of summer.</p> <p><u>OMS</u>- 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 once RBA measures are developed.</p>	
HART Coordinator	<p>HART</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are working on Data tracking through the DCF PIE system, indicators have been discussed and finalized we are anticipating implementation for January 30, 2016 • We met with 6 TFC providers this month who has staff and Foster Parents who have been trained in the one day DMST Foster Care Model to discuss implementation and collaboration efforts. • Tammy Sneed and Yvette Young will participate in the HART federal grantee meeting in Washington, DC during the first week of August 2015. • There will be two DMST Foster Care trainings in October. One for staff on October 20th and one for Foster parents on October 24th. • There will be a HART Leadership Retreat in October. • Planning for our 2016 Conference will begin in September. • We will be finalizing revisions to our Boy's Curriculum and then offering at TOT for this curriculum. • Tammy has been providing consultation to several States to assist them in developing their systems to be able to better respond to the needs of trafficking youth. • Using HART funds to send eight (8) CT prosecutors to National Institute on the Prosecution of Human Trafficking in Minnesota on September 22, 2015. • Not A Number Train the Trainers will be offered for 8 additional trainers to Connecticut. • Rita Farrell from the National Child Protection Training Center will be in Connecticut to train our Forensic Interviewers in the new ChildFirst Extended Forensic Interview Model. This will be used for the pilot project in year two of the HART grant. <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-March there were 25 cases and the 2nd quarter April-June there were 22 cases for a total of 47 cases. The numbers should continue to grow as the awareness around the issues and training of professionals increases. Highlighted the trainings that will be done for attorneys around the state in this area and the need for extended interviews with the identified youth.</p>	HART will provide quarterly numbers at the GTFJAC meetings.
Committee Reports:		
Executive Committee:	<p>Minimal Facts Funding Request:</p> <p>As part of the First Responders training that is provided to law enforcement and DCF Intake Social Workers a laminated palm card is provided and the Understanding Children's Sexual Behaviors - What's Natural and Healthy (Updated and Expanded 2015) booklet. This is along with other materials that are provided at no cost to the training participants. There is a cost attached to the production of the laminated palm cards however as well as ordering of the booklets. The Advisory Board for Minimal Facts is requesting funding from the GTF in the amount of \$1,922.01 in order to produce 1000 copies of the palm card and 1000 booklets, to be provided at future trainings. The funds for this will come from the CJA funds that are held at DCF. The amount quoted to us for the palm card is from FEDEX Kinko's who have been past providers of this service.</p>	There was a motion to approve the amount of \$1,922.01 to purchase materials for Minimal Facts from the training committee line

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	<p>Printing of 334 double sided black and white copies on cardstock and 5 mil lamination to give 1000 pieces. (\$883.49) The cost of 1000 booklets is \$900 plus \$138.52 for shipping and handling for a total of \$1,038.52.</p> <p>Colposcope: 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 Bridgeport MDT is also looking for funds to support this equipment. There is an application that will be put in to Bridgeport Hospital. There was a question around where the colposcope would sit if the satellite office was closed. Additional logistic questions arose around insurance for the equipment and location for the equipment. The funds for this will come from the CJA funds that are held at DCF. Invoicing will need to be figured out when all funding is secured.</p>	<p>item. The motion passed. Vos Winkel/Signorelli M/S/P.</p> <p>There was a motion to approve up to the amount of \$4,974 to purchase the colposcope for the Bridgeport satellite office. The motion passed. Doherty/Spak M/S/P. 1 Abstention</p>
<p>Finding Words Committee:</p>	<p>Beyond Finding Words Potential Workshop Topics- Kristen will be coordinating the logistics for the Beyond Finding Words course. November 3, 2015 Welcome and Charge for the Conference – Steve Sedensky -8:30-8:40 Reason for the Change in Protocol and Defending it in Court – Victor Vieth (confirmed) 8:40 – 9:30 Protocol Update – Theresa Montelli, Donna Meyers, Lisa Melillo (confirmed) 9:30 – 10:15AM Break A Second Topic By Victor – Victor Vieth Here is a link to his topics. http://www.gundersenhealth.org/ncptc/speakers-bureau/victor-vieth</p> <p>Lunch: 12:00 or 12:30 to 1:30 Allegations of Sex Abuse, Domestic Violence and Parenting Disputes – Mindy Mitnick (confirmed) 1:30PM to 3:00PM Break Connecticut Legal Update – Neil Kelly, Beth Leaming, Steve Sedensky (Confirmed) 3:15 – 4:45PM</p> <p>November 4, 2015 Welcome to Day II – Steve Sedensky 8:30 – 8:40 Trafficking Victims in Connecticut – Tammy Sneed (confirmed) 8:40 – 10:30 Break MDT Approach to Recantation – Lori Flugel 10:45 – 12:15PM Lunch 12:15PM – 1:30PM Social Media – Kevin Albanis (Not sure of contact yet) 1:30PM – 3:00PM NCA Standards – New update. – Krystal Rich (Available if we want to include) 3:15 – 4:15 Maybe End with Nina’s Presentation for folks who have not seen it in the class. She could do that in 45mins.</p>	
<p>MDT Evaluation Committee:</p>	<p>MDT Evaluation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The new evaluator has been hired and cleared by the Village. She will start in September 2015. 2. Standards and Best Practices sub-group are finalizing revisions of the Blue Book. 3. All teams have been evaluated. 	

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	4. New members are being recruited to fill terms that have expired.	
Training Committee:	<p>The training committee ended the fiscal year with \$4,540 used. In June, GTFJAC voted to add the remaining funds from this line item to the Training line item for this fiscal year. We are in the process of completing this transfer. \$5,460 will be encumbered towards this line item. A budget revision of \$15,460 will be done for the Village budget.</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>	
Membership Committee:	<p>GTF Retreat Work Groups Victim Services and Advocacy Group – No summer meetings. The next meeting is in September. Karen Mahoney requested that the group disseminate to any interested parties the CFTSI RFQ for Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention contract.</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 and CACs.</p>	
Child Fatalities-	A year's worth of data was distributed by the office of the child advocate/child fatality review. Accidental deaths have decreased. Suicides have changed with females committing suicide more than males. The state has gotten good at doing death scene investigation. There will be an awareness campaign around safe sleep space for babies as there are a large number of undetermined deaths and they are under 2 years old. In relation to the other states, our numbers are good. Sudden unidentified infant deaths is a struggle throughout the nation.	Faith and Seth will provide information at each quarterly meeting.
Other Business:	N/A	
New Business:	<p>Child Abuse Data- Look at the number of cases across the state. We have data regarding the teams and cases that we see. This data can be presented every 6 months through the PIE system.</p> <p>Need to change the December 2015 meeting date due to the chair not being able to attend December 2. 2015 is being looked at as a possibility.</p>	
Announcements:		There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded. The motion passed. Mancini/Vos WinkelM/S/P

Respectfully Submitted,

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