

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

Quarterly Meeting

July 11, 2018 – 1:30PM.
Chief State Attorney's Office, Hartford, CT

Present: T. Sneed, H. Bey-Coon, K. Butler-Kurth, E. Borecka, K. Clark, B. Hamilton, S. Hamilton, J. Leventhal, N. Nesbitt, K. Rich, P. Schaefer, F. Vos Winkel, S. Zanker-Rivera, Y. Young

Guests: E. Teti

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order		The meeting was called to order at 1:35PM
Approval of Minutes:	Approval of May 2018 minutes.	There was a motion to approve the May 2018 minutes. The motion passed. Rich/HamiltonM/S/P
Retreat Recommendation #1: Four ad-hoc groups will be established to replace all the existing workgroups and committees.	The Combined Training Committee met 6/18/18 and have an upcoming meeting on calendar for 7/16/18). Discussed in detail on 6/18/18 was: 1) Grant from Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center to develop a new 2 day Connecticut specific training which will be broader than Minimal Facts. Work is in progress and draft outlines and Power Point slides will soon be ready for vetting. 2) Review of Training Committee Roster and contact information for committee members. 3) The training committee is working on establishing a budget for SFY 18-19 and a training and resource plan, given the results of the MDT member survey. We expect the total budget, including for Finding Words, will be \$50,720. 4) A group with experience in Minimal Facts will be meeting July 9th to review the curriculum for both the First Responders as well as Discoverers. Please contact Krystal Rich if you would like to attend. 4) The need for a statewide training calendar to be posted somewhere, probably on the Connecticut Children's Alliance's website. 5) Individual training request form will be modified in near future. Next meeting: Monday July 16, 2018 2-4 at CAFAF, 2189 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill.	
Recommendation #2: Discuss possible restructuring of the GTF meeting schedule and agenda.	By-Laws: Changes to GTF Bylaws – July 11, 2018 The recommendation of having a tri-chair added to the task force. There is a recommendation to add a private entity not just the two state designees. There is no language in the legislation about who the task force Chairs need to be and nothing prohibiting this inclusion. There was a discussion about how each change should be made. Should we vote on each section or as a document as a whole. There was a decision that a majority decision on each section would approve the change for consideration for the overall vote. One draft will have all the changes made to date in order for members to see all changes made. The final draft	Final review of by-laws will occur in September meeting. By-Laws will be reviewed every three years.

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	<p>will be sent to the full task force for vote at a future meeting. The September meet will be the last opportunity to review and add items. If no changes, they can be voted on in September, if there are changes, they can be voted on in November. There is a need to highlight key organizations needing to be represented on the task force. OVA and OVS, CCA, Chief State Attorney's Office and a few others were for consideration to be added to by-laws. There was discussion as to whether we add everyone or just a few. The consensus was that the representation section will remain as is and add CCA, DCF and victim advocates as they are not represented in the broader categories already in the by-laws.</p>	
MDT Evaluation	No report	
GTF Coordinator Update:	<p>The CJA grant and the Three Year Assessment were submitted in May 2018. We are awaiting feedback from our federal liaison. The annual federal grantee meeting is July 19-20 in Washington, DC. At the grantee meeting, Connecticut has been asked to present on our state's efforts to support the growth and development of MDTs, our MDT evaluation and our Outcome Measurement Survey efforts.</p> <p>This year there was a CJA Optional Reporting Form that listed various trainings which the Children's Bureau was looking to see if states had conducted during the reporting period. Those training topics will be added to the 4 that were solicited from the MDT survey and looked to be incorporated into the statewide training plan.</p>	CJA grant and three year assessment will be forwarded to GTFJAC.
Other Business:	<p>September meeting to start at 1:30PM on July 11, 2018</p> <p>Agenda items</p> <p>By-Laws</p> <p>Prioritize the order in which we take on issues.</p> <p>Looking at Education for the Task Force.</p> <p>Vacancies</p> <p>30th Anniversary of GTFJAC will occur in 2018.</p>	
New Business:		
Announcements:		<p>There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded.</p> <p>The motion passed.</p> <p>Rich/Schaefer</p> <p>M/S/P</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
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HART Coordinator and
Kristen M. Clark,
GTFJAC Coordinator