

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

Quarterly Meeting

September 12, 2018 – 1:30PM.
Chief State Attorney's Office, Hartford, CT

Present: S. Sedensky, T. Sneed, H. Bey-Coon, K. Clark, M. Dougherty, B. Hamilton, S. Hamilton, A. Johnson, S. Kristoff, S. Mancini, K. Rich, P. Schaeffer, C. Signorelli, S. Zanker-Rivera, Y. Young

Guests: M. Aretta(CCA Intern), P. Pisano

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order		The meeting was called to order at 1:34PM
Approval of Minutes:	Approval of July 2018 minutes.	There was a motion to approve the July 2018 minutes. The motion passed. Bey-Coon/S.Hamilton M/S/P 3 Abstentions
Recommendation #2: Discuss possible restructuring of the GTF meeting schedule and agenda.	<p>By-Laws: Steve expressed a concern about having CCA be a tri-chair for the committee. There was decision around adding CCA Chapter Director as the tri-chair person and was discussed that the group had come consensus on this topic in previous task force meetings(May and July). Several reasons the body felt this was a good idea were shared at the September meeting and the group once again affirmed the desire to move forward with CCA as a tri-chair. Article 1 to 3 was approved by consensus. Article 4 section 1 K-Q will be removed. N will need to be included. Section 2 approve, section 3 remove shall to expected to attend 2/3 of meetings . section 4 add committee and workgroup to this section, Article 5 section 1 delete 1B, change five days to 3 days section 2 approved, section 3 approved, section related to proxy take out to designee section add regular, written notification by member, section 4 approved, section 5 add language that the chairs will determine the agenda based on input from members, remove public comments at least 3 days before the meeting, add chairs will confer prior to the agenda being distributed. Article 6 section 1, recommendation the taskforce creates the committees and or workgroups and the subcommittees would be created by the committees section 2a add any other committees created by the taskforce, recommended language Any committee can create a sub-committee based on the needs of the committee, sub-committee chairs will be determined by chairs of the committee with consent of the members of the committee, take out language related to outside of the standing committees so it reflects that all committee chairs is appointed by the taskforce. Article 7 add back in language that at a GTF meeting.</p> <p>Motion to vote on the bylaw changes at the November meeting. Krystal made the motion, Tammy seconded the motion all were in favor.</p>	<p>Caroline volunteered to research is we are expected to be a public meeting.</p> <p>There was a motion to vote on the by-laws at the November 2018 meeting. The motion passed. Rich/Sneed M/S/P</p>
GTF Coordinator Update:	Award Letter: This was provided in the meeting packet.	

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	<p>The annual federal grantee meeting is July 19-20 in Washington, DC. At the grantee meeting, Connecticut was 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>	
CCA Update	<p>NCA Trak- Connecticut is in a pilot to be able to produce statewide data with two other states. This will be up and running in 2019. This will increase the reporting capabilities. CCA will be partnering with NRCAC to have an in-state 2-day MDT training focused on team collaboration. 4-5 MDTs will be able to participate during the first round of this training and the application will go out in January, 2019.</p>	
HART Update	<p>Data. There have been 55 referrals April –June. Over 100 Cases this year.</p> <p>October 1- Human Trafficking and Gangs training will occur at CSAO. There will be 2 sessions on the same day. The training is at capacity at this time and there is a waitlist.</p> <p>October 26 – HART retreat. TD Roach will be coming in to speak regarding LGBTQ individuals and Human Trafficking. Several TOTs will occur over the various curriculum in the near future. If there is interest, contact Yvette Young.</p>	
Training	<p>There was discussion regarding Kristen serving as a co-chair for this committee. There was a review of the May 2018 minutes and several members of the training committee verbally verified that a committee vote occurred in the May 14, 2018. One member of the committee had her notes from the May meeting and verified that a vote had occurred. There was concern that the co-chair was not vetted by the chairs of the Task Force. The committee voted and have been operating since May.</p> <p>Finding Words – There is a need to secure new co-chairs for the Finding Words course. The process for selection was outlined for GTF and will include a call for nominations and a vote by the Training Committee. This will be completed electronically.</p> <p>Faculty- At the same time, we will solicit names of individuals who may be interested in serving on the faculty. This will allow us to increase the capacity for conducting courses in the future. The new co-chairs will make determinations around new faculty.</p> <p>Course- The next course is November 5-9. Registration will occur in October 2019. A faculty meeting will be schedule once the new chairs are in place and their availability has been ascertained. Steve will be integral to the transition of leadership in this area.</p> <p>Budget – There was discussion regarding the honorariums for the course. This piece will remain the same for the November course and new co-chairs will determine budget items that will be forward to the Training Committee for approval. The Training Co-chair has been looking for additional funds to supplement this and other trainings that the Training Committee may identify. Please send any leads on grants, stipends, scholarships, foundations etc that can be applied for by the Training Committee.</p> <p>In June there was a half day training and a power point completed for the prosecutors which will inform the Judges Training which will occur at the end of October 2018. Peggy Pisano has taken the lead in this area and provided updates.</p>	<p>Conduct co-chair nominations and selection for FW.</p> <p>Send any leads on grants, stipends, scholarships, foundations etc that can be applied for by the Training Committee. .</p>
MDT Evaluation	<p>The committee is currently looking at the MDT evaluation tools, Connecticut standards and Connecticut protocol with a January 2019 roll out. Drafts of the tools will be sent to the GTFJAC for review when ready.</p>	
Other Business:	<p>November meeting to start at 1:30PM on November 14, 2018. The location will be determined and sent out to the task force.</p>	

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	<p>We will do a small token to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the GTFJAC at the November meeting.</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>Krystal/Sneed</p> <p>M/S/P</p>

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