

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

Quarterly Meeting

November 14, 2018 – 1:30PM.
Connecticut Children’s Alliance Hartford, CT

Present: K. Lawlor, T. Sneed, H. Bey-Coon, E. Borecka, K. Butler-Kurth, K. Clark, S. Hamilton, A. Johnson, B. Leaming, J. Leventhol, M. Manning, N. Nesbitt, K. Rich, P. Schaeffer, C. Signorelli, Y. Young

Guests: J. Fitzsimmons S. Sedensky, S. Cancel, E. Mello

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Meeting called to order	Welcome. Introduction of the new co-chair, Kevin Lawlor. Celebrating our 30 th anniversary.	The meeting was called to order at 1:40PM
Approval of Minutes:	Approval of September 2018 minutes.	There was a motion to approve the September 2018 minutes. The motion passed. S.Hamilton/ N. Nesbitt M/S/P 3 Abstentions
Recommendation #2: Discuss possible restructuring of the GTF meeting schedule and agenda.	There was a request to delay the vote on the by-laws until the January meeting allowing for the new chair to review the document and ask questions. This action will need a motion due to the fact that, in September, the Task Force voted to vote on the by-laws at the November 2018 meeting.	There was a motion to delay the vote on the by-laws until the January 2018 meeting. The motion passed. Sneed/Bey-CoonM/S/P
GTF Coordinator Update:	30 th Anniversary Celebration The annual CJA meeting will occur in April 2019 along with a national conference directly after the meeting in Washington, DC. CACWOC – The GTF coordinator was invited to participate in the development of the CAC Women of Color Caucus, committed to the empowerment of all women and the eradication of oppression. This was developed out of a workshop at the 2018 NCA Leadership Conference and the application was sent out in October 2018 for inclusion.	
CCA Update	NCA Trak- Connecticut is in a pilot to be able to produce statewide data with two other states. This will increase the reporting capabilities. This will go live on January 15, 2019. The data system is the same system currently being used and it was updated to generate this statewide data. OMS will also be updated in response to gathering this data ad have come up with additional strategies to increase the rate of participation from the follow up surveys from caregivers. CCA will be partnering with NRCAC to hold an in-state 2-day MDT training focused on team collaboration. 4 or 5 MDTs will be able to	

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	participate during the first round of this training and the application will go out in 2019 and implemented in March 2019. This is a pilot program that will begin in Connecticut and will need to include the core members of the team to be eligible.	
HART Update	<p>Data: 114 Referrals through June 2018. Since 2008, close to 1,000 referrals for high risk or confirmed child victims. 66% of the youth live at home at the time of referral. This dispels the myth that these are youth in foster care and congregate care. There is a need to educate youth that are not in the care.</p> <p>Trainings over the last 6-months: 100 trainings and reached almost 2,000 participants. There have been six TOTs to increase the capacity for these trainings in Connecticut this year alone.</p> <p>Human Trafficking awareness month is in January. The Underground is looking to develop at least 2 events. There wear blue challenge is happening again.</p> <p>Schools - There is a need to develop a packet that would include HART, Minimal Facts and other trainings. This will allow schools an option of a variety of trainings for that specific school system and not only participate in one training. These options ensure that all topics are covered. There is current legislation that requires training of students K-12. SDE has a committee that is working on the development of a plan to get into all of the school systems.</p>	<p>There was a request for a breakdown of the child sexual abuse data since 2008 to compare.</p> <p>GTFJAC will participate in the wear blue challenge at the January 2019 meeting.</p>
System Gaps and Barriers	<p>Waiting for statewide data in order to move forward with some additional agenda items/recommendations for the workgroup to continue its work.</p> <p>Distribution of survey results that was sent to the MDT/CAC around treatment resources for youth with problem sexual behavior(PSB). GTF membership will review materials shared and a revised document to be provided for a 20-minute discussion at the next GTF meeting.</p> <p>OVS – Many providers around the state applied for OVS grant money. Application was due in July with an expected award date in September and implementation in January. These funds would have addressed some of the gaps in the state around child victims for physical and sexual abuse. There is a delay around the award date as well the date for implementation is now July 1, 2019.</p>	
Training	<p>At the last training committee meeting, Beth Learning was appointed as Co-Chair for the committee. Her name was presented for consideration to the full task force. In anticipation of approval, the co-chairs met last week to discuss committee members, structure, and governance including possible by-laws, future trainings and timeline for finalizing current training updates.</p> <p>Finding Words – The last training occurred last week. The evaluation and feedback were good for the week. The new chairs were present during the week-long training. The new chairs will be meeting to discuss the training moving forward. A plaque was presented to Steve Sedensky for his work with Finding Words.</p> <p>Minimal Facts – Finalizing the curriculums and looking to roll it out in 2019 and will take in to consideration the roll out of other GTF committee tools and reports.</p>	<p>There was a motion for Beth Learning to serve as co-chair. The motion passed. Sneed/S. Hamilton M/S/P</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 were sent to the committee for review and vote. This will be sent to the coordinators for review when ready. The committee will look to get these tools printed for the teams.</p>	<p>There was a motion for Colleen Zingaro to serve as a member of the MDT evaluation committee. The</p>

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	Colleen Zingaro was appointed as a member of the MDT evaluation committee and there was a need for her name to be submitted to GTFJAC for nomination and approval. She has been serving on the committee for the last few meetings and was previously on the committee.	motion passed. Lawlor/Butler-Kurth M/S/P
Membership	Vacancies – A draft letter will sent to the chairs to be forwarded to the identified individuals to fill vacancies on the task force.	
Other Business:	<p>Future Agenda items</p> <p>By-Laws – vote in January 2019.</p> <p>Prioritize the order in which we take on issues.</p> <p><u>Looking at Education for the Task Force.</u> – There is a desire to ensure that the task force is educated on issues of relevance and that meetings are not merely report outs of committee/workgroups and affinity groups.</p> <p>Suggestions for topics were solicited –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trends in this work; Specific issues related to child maltreatment; Number of children who are being abused in the state. Are we having the right conversations?; Sexual v Physical v Child Deaths and how we can reduce these numbers; Compare the numbers of child maltreatment victims in the state and how many of these are being served by the teams; What works well and what does not work well as identified by the teams; Gaps and policy issues that affect the best practice response for the kids across the state; Present some of the work being done at Yale and highlight some of the challenges in working in some of the communities; Data – set what we have as the minimum to consider cases and have an agreed upon language; Direct Services for Children – Yale and Klingberg will present; PSB Youth in Connecticut; CFSR - March by DCF; The parent perspective and prosecution perspective on cases; and, What does child abuse look like in the state of Connecticut? You can google Child Maltreatment 2016 and receive a report that looks at each state regarding this issue. <p>January- Typical agenda items, New members, Yale and Klingberg present, PSB Youth in Connecticut.</p>	Send out the PSB document to the GTFJAC along with map for next meeting.
New Business:		
Announcements:		There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded. The motion passed. Rich/Nesbitt M/S/P

Respectfully Submitted,
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