

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

March 10, 2020 – 1:30 PM.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: The March 2021 attendance list can be found on the GTFJAC Website.

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order	Kevin did a welcome. There was an introduction of Zoom attendees, and attendance was taken.	The meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm
Approval of Minutes:	Add Eliza to the attendance Add November in the motion to approve Section Add all teams that the Klingberg CAC reviews.	There was a motion to approve the January 2021 minutes. The motion passed. Vos Winkel/Asnes M/S/P
Presentations:	Mariya Taher mariya@sahiyo.com presented Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting and the work being done in Connecticut around this topic. This was a brief snippet of the presentation that has been conducted through awareness events around the state and even in the GTFJAC Response to Recovery conference series and was well received. The focus this year has been developing educational forums on the topic in 2021. Legislation in this area will be developed and raised in 2022.	
Budget	Current Fiscal Year: Barry Adams from the Village presented the budget that the Village manages. Discussed the budget timeline in regards to spending funds. We will have three years to spend the current funds in our account. We will have information on the budget standing for the April 2021 Special Meeting.	
Three Year Assessment	Eight Focus Groups and a meeting with the MDT Coordinators. This was a narrative survey and garnered robust comments. The final document will be an extensive document that will be a quick read. Federal Government Requirements: We need to look back at the last three years and review progress in this area. There is a framework for the recommendations that the task force will align the Three-Year Assessment. Discussed a few suggestions that were provided through the survey, including but not limited to: innovation, policy, constitutional amendments, child welfare oversite body. Special Meeting, Wednesday, April 12, 2021 , from 10 AM to Noon.	Special Meeting, Wednesday, April 12, 2021 , from 10 AM to Noon.
CCA Membership Update	2020 Data Review – This information was reported out as noted in the Outcome Measurement Survey(Caregiver-328 and MDT-451) and NCATrak data. There were 200 fewer clients from 2019. There are several cases per abuse type. The new reporting system has a data dictionary and speaks to poly victimization. For reference, DCF disposed of 1336 allegations of sexual abuse in 2020. DCF also saw a drop of 23% in referrals received and a 27% drop in accepted referrals in 2020, relative to 2019.	The final report will be sent to GTFJAC for information. Internet Safety Training will be resent to GTFJAC.

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	<p>There was a discussion around grooming behavior and the increased rate of incidences. This is not currently tracked in NCATrak. DCF does track substantiations around grooming, and that information could be provided. Questions might be able to add to the OMS section. In the training section, there was a narrative around the need to increase training in schools and discusses topic areas similar to grooming. There have been some comments around inconsistency around reporting in schools. And the Child Advocate will soon release a report on sexual misconduct in Connecticut's schools. Some proposed legislation will require GTFJAC to develop some one-page information around safety for parents and youth.</p>	
Training Committee Report	<p>Membership: We have two names of members from POST that have been included on the committee.</p> <p>Minimal Facts: Discoverers –</p> <p>At the request of the GTF Tri-Charis, Kristen developed Minimal Facts and Finding Words Post Training Surveys. The surveys include a Short-Term Survey given six months after the training, and a Long-Term Survey provided 12-months after the training. The draft was reviewed at the Training Committee meeting on November 9, 2020, and the Finding Words Chairs would like to further discuss how these would be used moving forward.</p> <p>Response to Recovery Training: Kristen and Krystal are working on scheduling the training through February 2021. Here are some of the offerings since our last meeting.</p> <p>Finding Words: The Finding Words was completed via Zoom by the Zero Abuse Project. The training occurred December 14-18, 2020. The days were long, however, the presenters were very good. A faculty meeting will be convened to discuss the training and how the CT faculty can provide the training.</p> <p>TIPP Prosecutors Institute: October 5-6 2021. There will be a diverse offering around child sexual abuse case prosecution and the second day may have some offerings around ethics. Will be doing more logistics around the training in February 2021 with Zero Abuse Project who awarded Connecticut with the TIPP project.</p>	<p>Grooming is a topic area that we can reach out to Chris Newlin.</p>
MDT Evaluation	<p>Evaluations –The committee will group the teams based upon the CACs they associated with MDT14, and the Hartford team will be the first evaluation.</p> <p>The committee will be recruiting members for diversity and inclusion of discipline and geographic areas. The committee will be split into two different parts, and the committee will have members look at the evaluation through the eyes of the specific discipline. The 2nd piece would be for just observers who would go out to teams and complete this piece.</p> <p>The committee has had a second meeting each month to assist with ensuring that feedback is provided to coordinators in a timely fashion.</p>	
HART	<p>Youth Awareness Training and Internet Safety Training have been made available. There are 800 slots per training. Please share. There are some grants that are available that have been sent to HART.</p> <p>149 cases for 2020. There was a lull at the beginning of COVID, and then the cases ramped up towards the end of the year.</p>	

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Other Business:	Legislative Priorities. We can share legislative agendas with the members and Kristen can send out an email to the membership. Disabilities – Oak Hill has traditionally sat on this committee. Mark Hedrick, from Oak Hill, has agreed to sit on GTFJAC in this role. He had a conflict for the March 2021 meeting.	
New Business:	Future Presentation Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech therapist working with children with disabilities. (This is on hold as Kate Hanley has left her position) • CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence – Future presentation 	
Announcements:	Meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm . There was a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. Vos Winkel/Rich M/S/P	

Respectfully Submitted

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