

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

April 14, 2021, 10 AM
Special Three Year Assessment Zoom
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: The April 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	Krystal Rich did a welcome.	The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM
Budget	Barry Adams from the Village discussed the current Village budget that was calculated through March 31, 2021.	
Three Year Assessment Presentation	Alison Johnson presented on Connecticut's Three Year Assessment process. The report and executive summary had been distributed to the entire task force before the meeting. Alison discussed the data collection that occurred over the last year. Alison discussed the high-level areas that had universal themes.	
Priorities Areas and Recommendations	<p>Krystal presented a draft of the priority areas and recommendations.</p> <p>Role Clarity: There was a discussion around role clarity in the MDT process. This is an area that should be a priority in the next three years.</p> <p><u>MDT 101 Training</u> – This would be for any person that is new to the system. Discuss roles and expectations. Ensure that there are agency policies and limitations included in the training.</p> <p><u>POST</u> – We can explore the feasibility of having an MDT training curriculum that is part of the requirements for Law Enforcement (Beth, Michelle, and Kevin will follow up on this)</p> <p>Data Collection – Data was referenced throughout the meeting. Several comments or proposed action areas can be placed under the data collection recommendation and presented in an annual report.</p>	
Other considerations	<p><u>Physical Abuse Cases</u> – Severe physical abuse is a term that we do not clearly define.</p> <p><u>Safe Haven Law</u> – 11-12 Safe Haven babies since COVID went into effect in the last 12 month period. Currently, is a narrow scope, and this is an area that we may want to review.</p> <p><u>Opioid Epidemic</u> - Some parents succumb to their addictions, and some children will have needs based upon parental death.</p> <p><u>COVID</u> – This year of isolation and change will have lasting effects on the well-being of children. There was additional discussion regarding obstacles to child protection during the epidemic.</p> <p><u>Parent Project</u> – Nancy and Kevin were developing a project around the parent's voice and addressing caregivers' needs. This was a pilot project with the New Britain JD. Caregiver survey with post adjudicated cases. (Data collection & Innovation Projects)</p>	
Next Steps	The Three-Year Assessment Recommendations will be distributed to task force members. Members will vote via email on the recommendations, priority areas, and the 2021-2022 budget.	
	Meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM. There was a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. Vos Winkel/Borecki M/S/P	

Respectfully Submitted

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