

# GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

July 14, 2020 – 1:30 PM.  
Zoom Meeting

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

Agenda Item	Discussion ( <i>brief summary</i> )	Action ( <i>and by whom</i> )
<b>Meeting called to order</b>	Tammy did a welcome. There was an introduction of Zoom attendees, and attendance was taken.	The meeting was called to order at <b>1:34 pm</b>
<b>Approval of Minutes:</b>	The very end of the “next steps” box on the April minutes – says “This report is due to be submitted by Mary 28, 2021” – should be May 2021	There was a motion to approve the March 2021 minutes. <b>The motion passed. Lawlor/Anelli M/S/P</b>  There was a motion to approve the April 2021 minutes. <b>The motion passed. Lawlor/Johnson M/S/P</b>
<b>Presentations:</b>	Connecticut Alliance the End Sexual Violence. - Kelsey Alexander did a presentation on the Alliance’s work in Connecticut.	
<b>Budget</b>	The current fiscal year budget was presented. The surplus that ended on June 30, 2021, will remain on the budget report moving forward as a separate line item. DCF will bring the budget items that are managed through that office.	
<b>Three Year Assessment</b>	There was a PowerPoint presentation on the Children’s Justice Act Priority Areas and the four recommendations in the Connecticut Three Year Assessment. Each of these areas were developed, presented, and approved at the April 2021 Special GTFJAC meeting.  <u>Suggestions from the Task Force:</u>  Medical Care- this is not offered universally across MDTs. Need to gain information from MDTs on what they need and then as well as develop Best Practices. We do have the Connecticut Standards and Protocols that set best practice in this area. This will also be captured through the MDT Evaluations, and Universal Issues will be developed and presented to the Task Force.  Data- Need to look at the Data points that have been gathered through the MDT Evaluation committee. There is an opportunity to have a larger conversation on Universal Issues identified and team-specific areas for improvement.	

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	<p>Workflow – How will this work be completed? Is this a workgroup? We will assess the data first (what we currently have and what we need). Gather the data and ask people for some overall data points from their agencies or areas. Once we have the data, we might convene a workgroup or convene a consultant to assist in developing performance measures.</p> <p>Timeline for the Data – We will develop a survey monkey that will include some of these questions. What data points do we need? What data do you have in your area that might be helpful in these particular areas?</p> <p>Consultant to look at Health Equity Plans or Racial Equity and Bias Work. There was a suggestion to lobby the legislature to support funding for this project. Agencies can also share how they individually take on Racial Equity and Bias work in their specific areas. This consultant could also be a resource for Finding Words and adding a piece to that training.</p> <p>Suggestions for consultants can be forwarded to Kristen Clark.  Consultant - Rosaida Morales Rosario &lt;RMRosario@RosarioAssociatesLLC.com&gt; - Cities/ Middletown Works  <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/rosaida-morales-rosario-b82013b/">https://www.linkedin.com/in/rosaida-morales-rosario-b82013b/</a></p> <p>Joelle Murchison Strategic Consultant * Diversity &amp; Inclusion Champion *Former Dow 30 CDO* Moderator *Workshop Leader*Entrepreneur <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/joellemurchison/">https://www.linkedin.com/in/joellemurchison/</a></p>	<p>Agencies can also share how they individually take on Racial Equity and Bias work in their specific areas. This can be emailed to Kristen.</p> <p>Suggestions for consultants can be forwarded to Kristen Clark.</p>
	<p>Shared the information regarding the new legislation—AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE. We will pull together a working group of content experts: coaching Coalitions, content experts, and other folks working on this issue. Kelly Anelli spoke to online training that is available for review. We should develop a plan to ensure that it informs the public that this resource is available.</p>	<p>Please send suggestions to Kristen.</p>
<b>CCA Membership Update</b>	<p>Three teams were re-accredited this year.  There are new NCA standards that have been revised and will go into effect in 2023. Tony and Krystal can do a presentation on this once NCA releases them.  CCA has hired three new staff, and they will attend an upcoming GTFJA meeting.</p>	
<b>Training Committee Report</b>	<p>Minimal Facts - The curriculum was offered virtually this past fiscal year. We are currently still offering the training virtually and have found that this has effectively reached a larger audience.  Response to Recovery – This will continue to be offered through December 2021. An RFP will be sent to secure additional presenters and topic areas. Please forward any suggestions to Kristen.</p> <p>Finding Words – July 19-23, 2021 is the next training. This will be held virtually.</p>	
<b>MDT Evaluation</b>	<p>Krystal completed an overview of the process of data collection that has occurred over the first four evaluations. Also, conduct discipline-specific interviews with team members. They are asked open-ended questions around team functioning, strengths, and areas for improvement.</p> <p>The first four evaluations do not include case reviews as there was difficulty receiving case protocols from some disciplines. This will be noted on the first four evaluations. A new process for conducting the qualitative case review will be developed in advance of the next evaluation that will be conducted.</p>	

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	<p>The Hartford and MDT 14 Evaluations were presented. The data collection, strengths, and areas for improvement were noted.</p> <p>The MDT evaluation committee will be recruiting new members for the MDT Evaluation Committee. Two roles have been developed. Report Reviewer and Observer. The teams will be asked to submit nomination forms by the end of August 2021. Additional Universal Issues will be developed based on the data received.</p> <p>Next Steps: Tolland and East Central teams have been completed and will be sent to GTFJAC for discussion at the September meeting. The next team review will occur in September and include additional teams that are part of the Hartford CAC.</p>	Add a header and page numbers to the reports.
<b>HART</b>	A statewide report on child trafficking is being requested by the federal government. There are 74 pages worth of questions. Many of these questions will need responses from partner agencies, and Tammy will reach out. This needs to be completed by the end of August.	
<b>Other Business:</b>	Legislative Priorities. We can share legislative agendas with the members, and Kristen can send an email to the membership.	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p>Future Presentation Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech therapist working with children with disabilities. (This is on hold as Kate Hanley has left her position)</li> <li>• NCA Standards(when released) – September 2021 Meeting.</li> <li>• COVID -19 and the transitional phase that Connecticut is in. (reporting challenges, kids re-entering schools, post-COVID implications around this work)</li> <li>• Interpretation Services (Language Line or a similar agency)</li> <li>• IRIS or CIRI --- Is there an umbrella organization for refugees?</li> </ul>	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Here's an article FYI on the growth of the Court Appointed Special Advocacy (CASA) movement in CT: <a href="https://www.nhregister.com/news/article/Children-s-advocacy-movement-unifies-CT-presence-16279321.php">https://www.nhregister.com/news/article/Children-s-advocacy-movement-unifies-CT-presence-16279321.php</a>	
	Meeting adjourned at <b>3:27 pm</b> . There was a motion to adjourn. <b>The motion passed. Vos Winkel/Rich M/S/P</b>	

Respectfully Submitted

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