**GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN**

September 13, 2023 – 1:30 PM.

Zoom Meeting

Attendance: The September 2023 attendance list can be found on the GTFJAC Website.

| Agenda Item | Discussion *(brief summary)* | Action *(and by whom)* |
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| **The meeting was called to order** |  | The meeting was called to order at  **1:35 PM.** |
| **Approval of Minutes:** |  | There was a motion to approve the May 2023 minutes. **The motion passed. Asnes**/**Brown**  **M/S/P** |
| **Budget** | The current Village budget was presented. This budget will end in September 2023. The prior year’s surplus and the current year’s surplus were reviewed.  Unencumbered Funds:  The unencumbered funds document was presented to the GTFJAC. The Task Force reviewed suggestions that were submitted previously to the task force. The disposition of each project was reported on. There was discussion around the proposal submitted regarding training for prosecutors and forensic interviewers, which will be rescheduled to 2024. | Kristen will send out another RFP for the Unencumbered Funds. |
| **Presentation** |  |  |
| **Children’s Justice Act** | The report was submitted in early May 2023. A copy will be sent once the report is approved. Kristen, Tammy, and Krystal traveled to the CJA grantee meeting in Baltimore in May 2023.  The 2024 CJA Application- Tammy indicated that more information would be solicited from the Task Force Members in early October to ensure we supply a more robust report of what is occurring statewide in Connecticut. Additionally, the Three Year Assessment will occur this year and will be due in May 2024. Krystal and Tammy indicated that the task force has some data that can be used to complete this process for 2023-2024.  The GTFJAC Committees were reviewed. GTF By-Laws Committee – This committee will be eliminated. The review of the By-Laws will be part of the Three Year Assessment process.  **Three-Year Assessment:**  Three-Year Assessment – Many of the tasks are already being completed by the GTFJAC. We can be creative without having to come up with a new process. We can evaluate the items that we are already completing. We have a ton of data and doing pieces of assessment. We can provide a more effective and efficient document.  *Recommendation #4: Begin to address racial disparities and implicit bias through training, policy/protocol changes, and updates to MDT standards and evaluation criteria.*  Diversity Consultant –Thought Partner Solutions: Jamal Jimmerson presented on the report that he submitted to the Tri-Chairs in July 2023. This report analyzed the GTFJAC documents and provided recommendations to the Tri-Chairs. These were presented to the full task force for consideration. Thought Partner Solutions will do trainings for the full task force in November, January and March GTFJAC meetings. | There was a motion that the By-Laws committee would be eliminated. The review of the By-Laws will be part of the Three Year Assessment process. **The motion passed. Lawlor/Sneed**  **M/S/P** |
| **Training** | Finding Words: The next course will occur in September 2023. The registration has opened and is moving forward well.  Minimal Facts: We have had a robust training schedule over the last few months. To date, we have been able to meet the needs of all the requests. We could not align the DCF and LE trainers to conduct a Minimal Facts Train the Trainer in the spring of this year. We are looking for a date to ensure we can train new Discoverers and First Responders trainers. The Discoverer’s Training is about 90 minutes to two hours with questions. The feedback for the courses remains positive. |  |
| **MDT Evaluation** | The committee is in the process of completing Danbury and Waterbury MDT evaluations.  The Windham and New London reports were presented to GTFJAC. In response to the team’s response, recommendations from the MDT Evaluation Committee will accompany the reports to the teams.  The Diversity Consultant has reviewed the Connecticut Standards and provided analysis and recommendations on including REDI components to that document. This will align with the National Children Alliance’s requirement for CACs to include Diversity considerations. | **Host a meeting to discuss the Medical recommendations. Koren is aware of the training for advocates.** |
| **HART** | There has been a focus on school trainings. September and November, there is an influx of trainings for this population.  Cases will probably end around 300+ cases again.. |  |
| **CCA** | In the November meeting, Krystal will present some data that was collected using the new data sets. |  |
| **Other Business:** |  |  |
| **New Business:** | Future Presentation Topics:   * Send suggestions to Kristen Clark. |  |
| **Announcements:** |  |  |
|  | Meeting adjourned at **3:33 PM.** There was a motion to adjourn. **The motion passed. Asnes/Zanker-Rivera M/S/P** |  |

Respectfully Submitted

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