

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

November 6, 2014 – 2:00pm.
Chief State's Attorney Office, Rocky Hill, CT

Present: S. Sedensky, K. Clark, H. Bey-Coon, B. Pellissier, K. Rich,

Guests: N. Livingston

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order	Meeting called to order at 2:10PM	
Welcome		
Approval of Minutes:	Approval of October 2014 minutes.	There was a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was moved and properly seconded. The motion passed. M/S/P Pellissier/Bey-Coon
Budget	<p>DCF CJA Budget Update DCF State Budget</p> <p>Windham MDT - How will this work and could Eastern District Major Crime Squad getting the light and not just one troop. Perhaps a Mutual Aid Agreement amongst the troops so that it could be shared. Is there another funding source and have they already request this from the state? Perhaps we need to look at how many other teams have law enforcement agencies that use this type of light.</p>	<p>Still need to see the DCF CJA Budget and the CAPTA budget that covers the teams.</p> <p>Project coordinators for the Excess funds projects will present at the December meeting.</p> <p>Krystal will reach out to the teams to see who uses this sort of light.</p>
Committee Reports:		
Executive Committee	<p>Federal Human Trafficking Grant - Develop new workgroup to address.</p> <p>HART Coordinator -</p> <p>DMST Workgroup- There is a need to develop a new workgroup or committee that will be under the GTFJAC. Maureen Ornousky will be the prosecutor on this committee. Kevin Kane is very supportive of this effort. There will be a person from the federal government that will be on this committee as we are looking to prosecute these cases locally. Perhaps we need to have someone from CONSACS on the workgroup.</p>	
Finding Words Committee:	<p>October Course -- The April course is the 6-10th.</p>	

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MDT Evaluation Committee:	<p>Medical Report -- Briefly discussed some of the issues that have come up from teams and forensic medical evaluations. Reviewed the MDT evaluations committee's report on Medical Evaluations. Looked to ensure that all FME are done in each case, trying to increase the number of clients that are referred for FME, increase the number of clients who actually received FME, increase the providers and access to those providers for all teams. The FI/FME workgroup will be looking at this report and addressing some of the findings.</p> <p>Nina Livingston came in to present on the availability and the referral process around the state. The standard is that any child who has been sexual abused should be offered a medical evaluation by a trained professional. Address pervasive medical issues as well as body image/knowledge concerns. This is for both the child and parent. In Hartford and Yale there are same day services. There is a concern that the OVS fund has been exhausted over the years. By state statute, medical providers cannot bill insurance.</p> <p>The MDT coordinators have not referred all of the children based on the limited resources within their communities. They are nervous to refer every child as they will not be able to meet the need.</p> <p>In the regional areas this is covered by pediatricians and Emergency Department doctors. They are doing this as a service to the community. For those that do this, they are taking a financial hit to do these cases. As they are taking time from their private practice or the hospitals are pushing back on their use of time. Difficult to come to peer review, MDT meetings etc. On-going struggles to maintain this in their practice.</p> <p>Create a stipend to reimburse costs to their practice. Recruitment of medical providers- It hasn't been advertised. The chair of the Department of pediatrics did send out requests in Torrington for someone to fill the gap in that area.</p>	<p>FI/FME workgroup has taken this on as a goal.</p> <p>This will be an agenda item for December. One of the regional medical providers will come to discuss the reality.</p> <p>There is a need to ensure that we have an OVS designee that serves on GTFJAC.</p> <p>If there is urgent need, children need to be able to be seen and can be seen at Hartford and Yale.</p> <p>The medical providers will develop a strategy that can be presented at the December meeting. This will be emailed to Kristen and then to Executive Committee meeting.</p>
Training Committee:	<p>To date there have been two requests that have been approved.</p> <p>Minimal Facts- There is a new co-chair Karen Diaz. There will be a curriculum update meeting as well as a Train the Trainers update meeting.</p> <p>NCATrak- Is still the current system. There have been meetings with DCF's internal data person around the needs and see if we can use that system. NCA has been approached by mutiple states to</p>	<p>Krystal will send a listing of other states who have issues with NCATrak. Information will be sent to the AAG's office.</p>

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Membership Committee:	<p>Member Vacancies – Vacancies remain. Parent representative has been approached and invited to the September meeting to further understand the commitment. Law Enforcement still continues to be an area to be filled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Police, Chief of Police Representative, Parent Representative • OVA will get a new advocate • SDE will get a new commissioner • OVS will get a new designee • Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center - Greg Flett. <p>GTF Retreat Work Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim Services and Advocacy Group –New Chair Needed. • Forensic Group – Committee Update – They have the brochure that has been translated into Spanish. • MDT/CAC Group – Committee Update – Investigations involving MDT's & FBI 	Krystal contacted the CCA's liaison at NRCAC who is ready to join GTFJAC.
Human Trafficking	The DMST workgroup will meet on November 21, 2014.	
CCA Update:	There is a new coordinator orientation and packet.	
GTF Coordinator Update:	CJA Three Year Assessment and peer to peer workgroup CJA Application	Kristen and Tammy will lead one of 4 national workgroups around completing the Three Year Assessment.
Old Business:	Multi Session Forensic Interview – Timeline for presentation. Human Trafficking clients will be using this and pilot this in year two.	Has been written into the new trafficking grant.
New Business:	December Agenda items - Human Trafficking grant and new workgroup, Forensic Medical Exams, Excess funds report out. Review of Website.	
Announcements:	We will send an item to Theresa Montelli once she leave the hospital.	There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded. The motion. Pellissier/Rich MSP

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen M. Clark
GTFJAC Coordinator