

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN**

March 30, 2017 – 2:00pm.  
Chief State Attorney's Office – Rocky Hill, CT

**Present:** T. Sneed, S. Sedensky, K. Clark, H. Bey-Coon, K. Butler-Kurth, S. Kristoff, K. Rich, C. Signorelli, Y. Young

**Guest:**

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
Meeting called to order	Meeting called to order at 2:05PM	
Welcome	Michelle Manning, Stamford Prosecutor	
Approval of Minutes:	Approval of February 2 minutes. There were no changes.	There was a motion to accept the minutes. <b>The motion was moved and properly seconded. 1 Abstentions The motion passed. M/S/P Sedensky/Rich</b>
Budget:	<p>There was discussion around the unencumbered funds from the Village and DCF. The amount is approximately \$20,000 for Village funds and \$20,000 for DCF CJA amounts. Village budget will be finalized for the quarter on March 31, 2017. Discussed the submission of proposals for the use of funds. The retreat may come under budget. All other areas should come in at budget. Discussed the need for an additional \$150 for CEUs for the Understanding the effects on Trauma training on June 9, 2017. POST will handle the registration for this workshop. There is handout that will be emailed out ahead of time to participants.</p> <p>There is a need to create more of the medical brochures. Perhaps we can purchase additional Cavanaugh booklets for the teams. NCA Leadership conference may also be possible. There was conversation regarding training around current research for Forensic Interviewing.</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the request for funds for the colposcope for Danbury. <b>The motion was moved and properly seconded. 1 Abstention M/S/P Sneed/Rich</b></p> <p>Perhaps bringing in a training for September in Lieu of the September Peer review. NCAC, Chris Newlin, NCPTC can be resources.</p>
Committee Reports:		
Executive Committee	<p>CAC Legislation - The revised legislation has been reviewed and submitted today, March 30, 2017. Steve will follow up with the legislative liaison. Discussion ensued around Forensic Interviews, hearsay and child testimony.</p> <p>GHCAC: Klingberg is solidifying their advisory board and will continue to meet to move the process along. Klingberg is in talks with both St. Francis and CMHA as they are each interested in maintaining/starting a CAC.</p> <p>NCA Standards – MDT Evaluation committee needs some guidance from the GTF regarding these. GTFJAC is still operating under the 2008/2009 standards. Look to revisit this after the legislation.</p>	

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	<p>Term Limits – This was shared and discussed. We will send a note to GTFJAC for nominations for the open position on the EC.</p> <p><b><u>GTFJAC Elected Executive Committee Terms</u></b> (1<sup>st</sup> Term elected. Can do 2 consecutive terms.)</p> <p>Laura Cordes – December 2013 (Requested but no names had been submitted for September 2013 meeting) exp. September 2015</p> <p>Hakima Bey-Coon – April 2013. Via Email vote exp. September 2015</p> <p>Caroline Signorelli – June 2014 (2 vacancies were open only Caroline expressed interest in serving) exp. September 2015</p> <p>Open Seat – Elected position to be filled from GTFJAC Membership.</p> <p><u>Standing Committee Chairs:</u></p> <p>Sedensky- Executive State’s (Attorney)</p> <p>Sneed –Executive (DCF)</p> <p>Pellissier - Training</p> <p>Rich/Schaefer – MDT Evaluation</p> <p>Montelli – Finding Words</p> <p>Rich – CCA Representative</p> <p><u>Other Committee/Workgroups</u></p> <p>Diaz/Kristoff – Minimal Facts</p> <p>Butler-Kurth – Victim Advocacy</p> <p>Rich/Clark – MDT/CAC</p> <p>Rich – Medical/Forensic Interviewers</p> <p>Young - HART</p>	
Finding Words	<p><b><u>Proposed Dates:</u></b></p> <p>Spring, 2017 -- April 24th to the 28th. One faculty cannot attend and additional faculty will assist.</p> <p>October, 2017 -- October 16th to the 20th.</p> <p>When Words Matter will occur in June 2017 in Arkansas.</p> <p>Faculty Meeting is on Monday, April 3, 2017.</p>	
HART Update:	<p><b><u>HART Updates for GTF</u></b></p> <p><b>Data --</b> Our Quarter 1 2017 data is not completed at this point.</p> <p><b><u>Trainings/Groups</u></b></p> <p>Over the past several months several training have occurred, curriculum revisions occurred and hundreds of people were educated about Human Trafficking. The following information highlights the accomplishments in this area over the past several months:</p> <p>The Intro to CSEC and DMST Trainings continues to be offered on a regular basis. Since January of 2017 22 trainings were conducted reaching 477 participants.</p>	

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	<p>We are still looking for training opportunities for The CSEC and DMST of Boys and Male Bodied Youth curriculum. Mentoring providers will be scheduling the Introduction to DMST training for their mentors and staff over the next few months.</p> <p>We continue to provide our Introduction to DMST Curriculum for Law Enforcement</p> <p>A Spanish TOT for our Intro to DMST in CT curriculum will occur May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the DCF Training Academy.</p> <p>A training curriculum for EMS staff has been developed and will be rolled out in June.</p> <p>We currently have 64 Not a Number Prevention group facilitators in CT. There are currently 6 groups in progress with 32 youth participating.</p> <p><b><u>Additional Information</u></b></p> <p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Response to Recovery: A Child Abuse conference is being scheduled for May 10, 2017. Conference Registration will be going out next week.</p> <p>A 2<sup>nd</sup> screening of the I am Jane Doe documentary will occur on April 26<sup>th</sup> in Norwalk, CT</p> <p>DMST Foster Care Parent Breakfast Event with Survivor speaker “T” will be April 21<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>There are several Human Trafficking bills being raised this legislative session that we are supporting. HB7309: An Act Concerning Human Trafficking, HB7310: An Act Concerning Sex Trafficking and SB 1043: An Act concerning Privileged Communication. The Judiciary Committee’s Public Hearing took place on March 27<sup>th</sup> and several HART Committee members testified in support of these bills.</p>	
MDT Evaluation Committee:	Norwalk and Torrington have been sent for vote to GTFJAC. They have not received the necessary 10 votes as of yet. EC members will ensure that they have each voted.	
Training Committee:	<p>Margaret Doherty has agreed to serve as a temporary chair.</p> <p>Minimal Facts: The co-chairs have completed train the training sessions for the updated curriculums for First Responders and Discovers. Plan is also being developed to allow those trained in the Discovers curriculum to offer training to their team members to create new trainers for the Discovers curriculum only. Minimal Facts was set to become policy for DCF however upon further review by administration decision made for it to be part of the practice guide only. Co-chairs are arranging a meeting with the MDT coordinators within the next 2</p>	<p>There is a need to name a new chair. There is a motion to confirm Margaret Doherty as the new chair. <b>The motion was moved and properly seconded. M/S/P Sneed/Signorelli</b></p>

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	months to discuss curriculum, provide updated trainer list as well as discussion with them regarding implementation of trainings in their area. Co-chairs are also reviewing new candidates for potential to include them on the advisory board. Co-Chairs will train in New Haven to ensure adherence to Minimal Facts.	
Membership Committee:	<p>GTF Retreat Work Groups  <u>Victim Services and Advocacy Group</u> – Will meet after the retreat.  <u>Forensic Group</u> – There is no update.  <u>MDT/CAC Group</u> – Will meet after the retreat.</p> <p>GTF Retreat – Laura Downs’ name has been submitted as a new retreat facilitator. Other names will be solicited from members.</p>	
GTF Coordinator Update:	<p>Application will be due in May.  CJA grantee meeting is in August 2017  CJA roster will be update. Please submit if you have not already.</p>	
CCA Coordinator	Trying to develop an on-line training platform. The companies have been narrowed down to two companies.	
Old Business:	CFSR – There is a meeting on Monday at the LOB regarding the CFSR. After the session, we will have someone from DCF come and present to the full task force on the CFSR.	
New Business:		
Announcements:		The meeting adjourned at 3:20PM. There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded. <b>Butler-Kurth/Sedensky M/S/P The motion passed.</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen M. Clark  
GTFJAC Coordinator