

# GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

## Quarterly Meeting

January 9, 2019 – 1:30PM.  
Chief State Attorney's Office, Rocky Hill, CT

Present: K. Lawlor, T. Sneed, H. Bey-Coon, E. Borecka, M. Doherty, K. Butler-Kurth, K. Clark, B. Hamilton, A. Johnson, B. Leaming, J. Leventhal, N. Nesbitt, K. Rich, P. Schaeffer, F. Vos Winkel, Y. Young, S. Zanker-Rivera

**Guests:** J. Fitzsimmons, E. Mello, L. Lukin, B. Johnson, M. Loretta, J. Garro(C. Cunningham/B. Conway), M. Doody(S. Hamilton)

Agenda Item	Discussion ( <i>brief summary</i> )	Action ( <i>and by whom</i> )
Meeting called to order		The meeting was called to order at 1:40PM
Approval of Minutes:	Approval of November 2018 minutes. Change the location at the top of the minutes to CCA. Change Leventhal name on attendance list.	There was a motion to approve the November 2018 minutes. <b>The motion passed. N. Nesbitt/ K. Lawlor M/S/P 3 Abstentions</b>
<b>Recommendation #2:</b> Discuss possible restructuring of the GTF meeting schedule and agenda.	There were questions raised on specific areas of the bylaws that had been forwarded to task force in advance of the meeting. A few members did respond to those questions electronically prior to the meeting.  Public Meetings: The dates of the GTFJAC full task force meeting can be placed on the GTF website. We can go in to executive session for meetings that are public if the need ever arises. Compensation – This was changed to ensure there was a means to compensate a Parent or Survivor who might be part of the GTF and not associated with an agency that supported their attendance. There needs to be guidelines in place in order to ensure that there is a clear process for approval of individuals being compensating for attendance at meetings.  There is a need to develop a Policy And Procedures workgroup to being to draft a document in this area. This document can be referenced in the current by-laws. An amendment referencing this will be forward for review by the full task force and vote at the next meeting. The GTF chairs will appoint a chair for this workgroup.	There was a motion to approve the bylaws. <b>The motion passed. Vos Winkel/A. Johnson -- 1 no vote. M/S/P</b>  N. Nesbit will forward by-law amendment language to be submitted to the GTFJAC.
<b>GTF Coordinator Update:</b>	The annual CJA meeting will occur in April 2019 along with a national conference directly after the meeting in Washington, DC. 2019-2020 GTF meeting dates were distributed to the task force. A outlook invite will be sent. Members are asked to accept the series so it will be placed directly on to their calendars. Individual meeting reminders will be sent to ascertain meeting specific RSVPs. CJA grant will be due in May 2019. Requests for submissions will be sent out in March. Priorities will be voted on at the March 2019 GTF meeting.	Kristen to send out information regarding the three year assessment and CJA requirements.

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	<p>Plan for the Three Year Assessment. – There is a need to begin to determine how the task force will conduct the next Three year Assessment. In the past, we have used the 2017 GTF retreat, the 2009 Connecticut Statewide Assessment to guide the work and reporting for the document that was submitted. There is a desire for all task force members to be involved in this moving forward. Some ideas include: Surveys and Focus groups around a specific topic area, GTFJAC report card based upon CJA requirements. Possible use of the OMS(outcome measurement survey) data to get statewide data from providers. Information regarding the three year assessment requirements will be distributed to the task force. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
<b>CCA Update</b>	<p>2013-2017 CAC/MDT case data was distributed to the group. Outcome Measurement Survey Highlights form 2017- 2018 results were distributed.</p>	<p>Krystal will forward this information electronically.</p>
<b>HART Update</b>		
<b>System Gaps and Barriers</b>	<p>Presentation from Eliza Borecki regarding services for children and adolescents with problem sexual behaviors. Discussed the results of the survey that was conducted by the Systems Gaps and Barriers workgroup. There were limited responses, however the available responses were provided to the task force. The presentation highlighted that some clients are being seen by clinicians who are not trained or have a specialty in this area. This means that it is possible that services are being provided to these clients at the determinant of their treatment needs.</p> <p><i>Is there a Gap in services for these clients?</i> There are enough services to provide for the youth but the gap is in the service delivery and clients getting to qualified service providers. There is a need to look to ensure that the there are no policies inhibiting youth from receiving these specialized services. For example, if a client is in residential care, is the client required to only see the clinicians that are employed by that residential facility? Usually these residential are funded to be one stop shops and outside referrals to other agencies are not done. There is a need to ensure that these residential clinicians have the correct training or that these youth are referred out to appropriate providers. There is not a capacity issue at this point with these private provider who specialize in this area. There is a need to ascertain which programs are evidence based programs and clinicians and a mechanism to assess whether clinicians are qualified.(appropriate training in current models). There is a need to see if there are timeframe restraints regarding the length of care or age limits for these youth.(policies, insurance restraints, treatment plans)</p> <p>There are programs for boys, however there is a gap in this area around services for girls.</p>	
<b>Training</b>	<p>Finding Words – Chairs will be meeting in 2 weeks to develop dates and next steps.</p> <p>Minimal Facts – The committee is finalizing the curriculums and looking to roll it out in early 2019. An email went out to all of the trainers to ascertain continued interest in training this course. There was a good response to the email and a few First Responder trainers have requested to be cross trained in Discoverers.</p> <p>The committee will look at the topics that came out of the survey and how we can roll some of these topics out statewide.</p> <p>Tammy has reached out to the US Attorney’s office around federal response to Human Trafficking. We will be able to get a trainer for this. Sarala Nagalia(New Haven) has responded to Tammy’s request. This will focus on the law enforcement response to these cases.</p>	<p>Next meeting is Monday 14, 2019 at CAFAF in Rocky Hill, CT.</p>

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<b>GTFJAC Presentations</b>	<p><b>Services To Children</b>  Yale -- John Leventhal presented on services the evaluation on children for suspected sexual abuse.</p> <p>Klingberg -- Erica Mello presented on the new CAC at Klingberg in Hartford.</p>	<p>Email the Yale presentation to GTFJAC.  Email the Klingberg Advocacy chart.</p>
<b>MDT Evaluation</b>	<p>The committee received all of the team protocols. The committee will provide feedback to the teams regarding their individual team's process.  The final uniform protocol will be sent to GTFJAC once finalized.</p>	
<b>Membership</b>	<p>Vacancies – A draft letter was sent to the chairs to be forwarded to the identified individuals to fill vacancies on the task force.</p>	
Other Business:	<p><b>Future Agenda items</b>  Prioritize the order in which we take on issues.  <u>Looking at Education for the Task Force.</u> – There is a desire to ensure that the task force is educated on issues of relevance and that meetings are not merely report outs of committee/workgroups and affinity groups. A list of potential topics was generated at the last meeting.</p> <p><b>March-</b> Typical agenda items, New members, Three Year Assessment, Child Fatality Update, CJA Priorities and Budget(Annual Meeting)</p>	<p>Send out the PSB document to the GTFJAC along with map for next meeting.</p>
New Business:	<p>GTFJAC Directory – There will be a request of members to submit their information for the GTFJAC directory. This request has been sent in the past and Kristen can send that document out. If there are changes to your area(member or designee), please forward updated contact information at that time.</p>	<p>Kristen will distribute the directory for updates.</p>
Announcements:		<p>There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded.  <b>The motion passed.</b>  <b>Vos Winkel/Lawlor</b>  <b>M/S/P</b></p>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristen M. Clark,  
GTFJAC Coordinator