

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

September 11, 2019 – 1:30 PM.
Connecticut Children's Alliance, 75 Charter Oak Ave, Hartford, CT

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

Guests: J. Fitzsimmons, J Garrow(Judge Conway), P. Pisano, K. Champagne, T. Dyson(Intern Yale Child Study), L. Varelas Arroyo, A. Davila-Marquez(Intern Child Advocate)

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order		The meeting was called to order at 1:36 PM
Approval of Minutes:	The July 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved.	There was a motion to approve the July 2019 minutes. The motion passed. Manning/ Doherty M/S/P
Presentation		
CCA Update	There is a plan to roll out the universal team protocols and MDT standards. This will be discussed during the MDT evaluation section.	
Training Committee Report	<p><u>Finding Words:</u> The next course will be on November 4th. They will be looking to update some of the videos being utilized so they are more current. Looking at peer review and what happens after peer review. Beyond Finding Words conference (advanced 2-day conference) will be developed for the state. The committee is assessing whether the state has the capacity a third week of Finding Words. Is it feasible to do a check back 6 months post course with students that are not forensic interviewers? A zoom meeting with students was suggested.</p> <p><u>Training Committee:</u> Discoverers and First Responders training are finalized and will be tweaked by the chairs. A tentative schedule for fall 2019 has been established for Train the Trainer dates for Minimal Facts. The committee will do a presentation in November 2019 regarding Minimal Facts. The committee is looking into a Learning Management System to manage the training. There could be a possible fiscal note for a person to assist with troubleshooting this system to get it online. A centralized website location to highlight statewide trainings was discussed(logistics, Possible sites, links, and content). Yale is developing a video for mandated reporting for medical professionals.</p>	<p>**Teams must provide members a vicarious trauma training annually.</p> <p>Look at Connecticut Clearing House for LMS abilities.</p>
MDT Evaluation	<p>MDT Standards, Protocols, and Evaluation. The committee chairs did a presentation on the updates that have occurred to Connecticut's documents based upon feedback from several governing documents, national standards, the committee, and ad hoc workgroups.</p> <p><u>Standards:</u> There was extensive discussion regarding the changes that have been made to the documents. The addition of language around team executive committees; specific requirements for victim support and advocacy; storage and disclosure of forensic interviews were among the items that were highlighted during the presentation.</p>	

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	<p><u>Protocols:</u> There was a need to ensure that teams have a universal protocol. Teams are able to customized in specific areas(definition of some cases accepted, history of the team, additional members on the team, referral process for FIs, conducting the FIs, referral coordination). Profession specific MOUs will be developed in the coming months to ensure that each MOU is identifying specifics duties linked to that partner. The initial joint investigation goals for DCF and police are outlined in the universal protocols.</p> <p><u>Evaluations:</u> Evaluation Checklist -- The evaluation checklist was distributed to the task force. The MDT evaluation process was detailed for the task force. MDT Evaluation Report – The report was changed to ensure it will be objective. Strengths and Areas of Improvement will be outlined. Universal issues for the state of Connecticut can be identified through this report. The final report has been streamlined.</p> <p>Suggestion: For the three month follow up, it was suggested that members of the task force might be able to be a resource to the teams.</p>	
Other Business:	None were identified.	
New Business:	November: Minimal Facts. There was also a desire to conduct a Discoverers Minimal Facts training for the task force. Three Year Assessment will be discussed in the November meeting. Finding Words- Overview of the protocol, a previous student can be scheduled for January.	
Announcements:	None	
	Meeting adjourned at 3:16 pm.	There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded. The motion passed. Schaefer/Manning M/S/P

Respectfully Submitted,
 Kristen M. Clark
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