

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

January 8, 2020 – 1:30 PM.
Klingberg Children’s Advocacy Center 157 Charter Oak Ave, Hartford, CT

Present: **K. Lawlor, K. Rich, A. Anes, H. Bey-Coon, E. Borecka, K. Clark, J. Fitzsimmons, S. Hamilton, K. Hanley, T. Hunt, S. Kristoff, N. Nesbitt, M. Manning, L. Messner, P. Schaeffer, F. Vos Winkel, Y. Young, S. Zanker-Rivera**

Guests: J Garrow(Judge Conway), P. Pisano, W. Meier, R. Snow, M. Madigan, L. Vareles Arroyo

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 November 2019 minutes were reviewed. Krystal raised a question in the minutes. It was stated that the minutes should reflect that the approved amount set aside for the Response to Recovery conference should reflect \$12,500. The members of the task force agreed that this was the amount approved. The minutes were updated and approved.	There was a motion to approve the November 2019 minutes with the noted change. The motion passed. Asnes/S. Hamilton M/S/P
Presentation	Finding Words – The GTFJAC was provided an in-depth overview of the Finding Words agenda for the week, the makeup of the students, and the requirements of the week. The chairs, faculty, and past students conducted the presentation. There was a suggestion to research a child(now an adult) who had been interviewed using the protocol and see how the interview changed the trajectory of their life. There was a question regarding if the parent’s perspective is incorporated into the Finding Words course. This topic can be raised at the annual meeting for the ChildFirst states.	
Training Committee Report	<p><u>Minimal Facts</u> Marketing to the public regarding the availability of the course – there is an email that can be sent that has Kristen’s email as the contact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCF Intake Supervisors – Tim has sent the email to them and it has already developed fruit. Police Departments through the State’s Attorneys MDT Coordinators to community Response to Recovery Listserv School Association Contacts – Spring Roll Out <p>Additional Minimal Facts TOT – Spring 2020 was identified as a next training date for those who were unable to attend in Fall 2020. Late March or April is the timeframe to develop this.</p> <p><u>LMS(Learning Management System)</u> – CCA is moving forward with the development of the LMS for the state. There was a consensus with the Training Committee to move forward with the development of a statewide LMS system and partner with CCA on this endeavor and share the cost of the system development. The tenants of the proposed LMS were presented to the GTF including the ability to provide online training, registrations for in-person and online trainings, track students, develop certificates, track courses, track faculty, provide pre and post-tests, etc.</p>	

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	<u>Finding Words</u> – There was a presentation regarding the protocol(see above in Presentation section)	
MDT Evaluation	The MDT Evaluation meeting is next Wednesday, January 15, 2020. There will be meetings with all the executive committees of each of the teams to roll out the new documents(State Standards, Protocols, and Standard MOUs). The committee will schedule the next round of evaluations and this will be based upon their NCA accreditations to ensure that there is limited overlap. The chairs will be presenting at the VIP Summit in February 2020. They will present on evaluating the MDTs in Connecticut.	
Other Business:	There was a discussion around the future use of the reallocation of the evaluator funds that fall within the Village budget. A committee will be convened to develop options for these funds in 2020-2021. Currently, those excess funds have been placed with Training and Resources.	
New Business:	<p>Future Presentation Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The legislative session is opening. Perhaps there are some commonalities that some of the agencies can discuss. Also using a joint voice on certain topics. There can be a request to share their agency’s legislative agendas. • Family First Legislation update for DCF. • Three Year Assessment Plan • Disproportionality on Children of Color in Foster Care (Race, Culture and Social Justice Issues) and moving initiatives along with a Call to Action. The 5 Connecticut's was brought up when discussing Race and Culture in Connecticut. <p>March: Three Year Assessment planning conversation will occur in March.</p>	
Announcements:	None	
	Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.	There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded. The motion passed. Rich/Nesbitt M/S/P

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen M. Clark
GTFJAC Coordinator