

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

November 4, 2020 – 1:30 PM.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: The November attendance list can be found on the GTFJAC Website.

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order	Kevin did a welcome. There was an introduction of Zoom attendees and attendance was taken.	The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm
Approval of Minutes:	Changes: The information was changed from Three to Four CACs are going through re-accreditation next week The September 2020 minutes were reviewed. There was a motion to approve the minutes.	There was a motion to approve the September 2020 minutes. The motion passed. Doherty/BrownM/S/P
Presentations:	<p>Freedom of Information - FOI: Tom Henick came to do a presentation around expectations as a Public Agency. The task force is identified as a public agency. Committee meetings will follow along with the FOI requirements.</p> <p>Parent Presentation Follow up: Our parent representative, Nancy Nesbitt shared her family story. Her story discussed three states (Mass, New Hampshire, and Connecticut) and their responses to child sexual abuse. Nancy met with Kevin and Brian Preleski (New Britain) to do a pilot program for a project including families that have had direct contact with the system for child sexual abuse allegations. Kevin was looking for other organizations that may have surveys for these families throughout the state of Connecticut. Look to get feedback from families who were not part of a CAC as well as those who have participated in the CAC process. Looking at Best Practices when reaching out to these families and how do we develop communication with these families. Please send this information to Kevin and Nancy. Krystal highlighted the OMS survey and Koren mentioned a survey from OVS. This survey would occur after sentencing.</p> <p>CCADV: Kelly Anneli did a presentation regarding the organization, some of the services throughout the state, and highlighted how the organization has functioned during the pandemic and cases increased. The presentation began with services offered in Connecticut, recent numbers in Connecticut, and a brief Domestic Violence 101 training including the various Methods of Control that an abuser uses.</p>	
Budget	Current Fiscal Year: Barry Adams from the Village presented the budget that is managed by the Village. This included the amount that was spent since the last meeting and what is left in the budget through June 30, 2021. This information will be provided to the task force at meetings.	
Three Year Assessment	<p>In a data-gathering stage, looking at the following four areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigations (both law enforcement & DCF) • Prosecution • Services for families • Offenders & alleged offenders 	

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	<p>To date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed 16 telephone/Zoom interviews with people on & off GTF - Will be observing about six MDT meetings (Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, Windham) - Will be conducting a written survey to gather as much input as possible - Will be conducting a series of focus groups by discipline (with professionals from areas as law enforcement, DCF, forensic interviewers, medical and mental health, etc.) MDT Coordinators have been providing the names of people who might participate in the focus groups. <p>Will be reporting summary information back to the Tri-Chairs and GTF on themes and issues emerging from the data, in preparation for collective work on outcome measures and a possible report card to be done for the assessment. Data compiled will be used in our report that is required under the CJA.</p>	
CCA Membership Update	<p>Four CACs are going through re-accreditation and they all passed</p> <p>MDTS have started to use specific 737s. Currently starting with trafficking-specific 737s.</p> <p>Prevent Child Abuse Connecticut - Fatalities- Sleep deaths remained even. Fatalities related to Suicides, crashes, and homicides decreased initially when COVID began. However, in the fall there was a heightened concern as there was an upswing of the numbers. In October 2020, there was 4 youth under the age of 18 who died due to suicides. The In-person, Hybrid, and virtual school plans have had an effect on youth in Connecticut. There has been an increased level of depression among students. And an increase with students who had not previously exhibited any behaviors.</p>	
Training Committee Report	<p>Committee By-laws: These were updated at the last meeting in August. They will be reviewed at our upcoming meeting on Monday to include the FOI information we received at the last GTFJAC meeting re the posting of meeting dates, times, and locations. the committee recently discussed a nominating and voting procedure and will be written into our bylaws.</p> <p>Minimal Facts: Discoverers -- In October we conducted 4 MF Discoverers Trainings. There are 2 additional Trainings scheduled for November and December. We are currently planning to re-schedule CAFAF in November if possible. First Responders – There were 2 trainings. One for the Connecticut Public Defenders and the second was included in the Response to Recovery Virtual series. We are planning an additional First Responders Training for early December through this series.</p> <p>Kristen has developed Minimal Facts and Finding Words Post Training Surveys at the request of the GTFJAC Tri-Chairs. The surveys will include a Short-Term Survey given 6 months post-training and a Long-Term Survey that will be given 12-months post-training. The draft will be reviewed at the Training Committee meeting and sent to the Finding Words faculty for review.</p> <p>On the GTFJAC website, there is a training page that has information on the Minimal Facts training and how to request both in-person and virtual training.</p>	

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	<p>Response to Recovery Training: Kristen and Krystal are working on scheduling the training through January 2020. The following topics will be included: Federal Response to Human Trafficking(November 19th), Minimal Facts First Responders(December 2020), Implicit Bias(December 8th), Trafficking – Boys Curriculum or Labor Curriculum(January 2020)</p> <p>Finding Words: The Zero Abuse project will conduct the training the week of December 14, 2020. The Connecticut Faculty will be able to sit in on their session to see how it is trained virtually in hopes of conducting the training in Spring 2-21.</p> <p>TIPP Prosecutors Institute: Oct 2021 is the scheduled date and Michelle will work with ZAP to finalize the course offerings.</p> <p>Training agenda for FY 2020-2021: CCA sent out surveys that will assess the training needs of MDTs around the state.</p>	
MDT Evaluation	MOUs – These are in the final stages of updating. All of them have been updated and will be presented to the CCA membership.	
HART	<p>Internet Safety Training in Spanish will occur in November 2020.</p> <p>Data -There is a process that includes non accept cases to be included in the data. There are 56 cases over the last quarter and over 200 cases. There were more boys identified and youth that are at home at the time of victimizations.</p> <p>Plainville trained their entire faculty on child trafficking.</p>	
Other Business:		
New Business:	<p>Future Presentation Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech therapist working with children with disabilities. (This is on hold as Kate Hanley has left her position) • CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence – Future presentation • A person who works with children with Disabilities – There is a need to ensure that this position is filled on the task force. • Medical Exams for Child Sexual Abuse cases. – January 2021 Meeting 	
Announcements:	<p>January is Trafficking Awareness Month and HART will provide some awareness opportunities.</p> <p>November – Lunch Break with the Village – November 19th at noon – The topic area is Stress Management</p>	Kristen will send Lunch Break information.
	Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm . There was a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. Vos Winkel/Sneed M/S/P	

Respectfully Submitted

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