

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

March 4, 2020 – 1:30 PM.
Chief State’s Attorney Office – Rocky Hill, CT

Present: K. Lawlor, K. Rich, T. Sneed, H. Bey-Coon, B. Burke, K. Butler-Kurth, E. Borecka, K. Clark, J. Fitzsimmons, K. Hanley, A. Johnson, B. Learning, N. Nesbitt, M. Manning, L. Messner, C. Robak, P. Schaeffer, S. Zanker-Rivera

Guests: J Garrow(Judge Conway)

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 January 2020 minutes were reviewed. Accepted with grammar edits.	There was a motion to approve the January 2020 minutes with the noted change. The motion passed. Nesbitt/Schaeffer M/S/P
Budget	The use of funds from January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, were presented to the group for approval. Use some of the funds for the Three Year Assessment Implementation. Create a stipend for the person who serves in the survivor and parent role. \$25 per meeting and mileage. Members will forward wording for an amendment to the By-Laws Use funds for people to conduct presentations and trainings(in-person and on-line).	There is a motion to prioritize the money for parent/survivor stipend, a Three-year assessment consultant, and the remainder for training. The motion passed. Rich/Lawlor M/S/P
Three Year Assessment	Three Year Assessment- The Task Force will need to develop a statewide needs assessment to conduct and write the Three Year Assessment which is due in May 2021. The Task fore will need to find a consultant to assist with the development of these assessment tools and/or conduct the assessment. The Task Force will need to develop a scope of the work in order to solicit a facilitator to complete the work. Members of the Task Force will let Kristen know if they want to serve on the Three Year Assessment committee.	L. Messner will forward some names. To explore the retention of a consultant to develop a needs assessment tool for the three-year assessment. The motion passed. Bulter-Kurth/Borecki M/S/P
Training Committee Report	<u>Committee Update:</u> The committee is looking at the 5 priority areas that were identified in the 2019 Outcome Measurement Survey MDT survey. Five Areas of Interest Identified in MDT survey: 1) Responding to sexually reactive children	

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	<p>2) Understanding the role of each discipline on the MDT 3) Understanding federal law enforcement’s response to child trafficking 4) Joint investigation process through disposition 5) Assessing for poly-victimization cases.</p> <p>A half-day training for the Federal Response to Human Trafficking is being developed. The Task Force discussed the changes in federal priorities around Problem Sexual Behaviors in Children which may affect our ability to conduct this training. There was a question if there is information that can be given to individuals/Teams to allow them to articulate concerns regarding not being able to train on this topic area? Abusive Head Trauma – A statewide training is being developed. The Training Committee secured the New Britain Police department’s auditorium that can accommodate the training on May 14 and May 15. The first date will speak to a case where a child survived and the second day will address a case of a child fatality New members have joined the committee. DCF Training Academy has 2 representatives, Bill Silva from the Connecticut Association of Schools. Cheyne Ferris a new Mental Health clinician. Andre Asnes and Rebecca Moles are both on the committee. By-laws- the committee is developing this to ensure that we are addressing any funding opportunities.</p> <p><u>Minimal Facts</u> 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 train the trainer session.</p> <p><u>LMS(Learning Management System)</u> – The Task Force indicated that this can be funded with some of the unencumbered funds that need to be spent by June 30, 2020.</p> <p><u>Finding Words</u> – The 2020 courses are scheduled for the last week of April 2020, the last week of June 2020, and the first week of November 2020. POST is going through some restructuring and will not be able to accommodate us in April and June. Those two courses will be held at Klingberg in Hartford and New Britain respectively. The November course will be at POST.</p>	
MDT Evaluation	<p>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 first evaluation will be the teams that are associated with the Hartford CAC.</p> <p>There is a need for new members on the committee. The committee is looking to streamline the evaluation and have an evaluation subcommittee that does the observations. Looking at Zoom for the committee meetings moving forward.</p> <p>Follow Up Evaluations - The committee would like to generate a report for gaps and barriers in a team and present it at the GTFJAC. This would allow for any issues with a statewide or agency-specific perspective to be presented at GTFJAC and addressed through members on the Task Force.</p> <p>The chairs presented at the VIP Summit in February 2020 on evaluating the MDTs in Connecticut. 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).</p>	
Other Business:	CJA Meeting- Kristen and Krystal will be attending the 2020 CJA meeting in Washington DC in mid-March 2020.	

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New Business:	<p>Working with children with disabilities – Katie Hanley met with Monica Vidro to gain a better understanding of the Forensic Interview process. They discussed resources available to this population. This would be key to ensure that those children using augmented communication devices would have the software to built in to report abuse, healthy relationships, sexual health.</p> <p>Future Presentation Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech therapist working with children with disabilities. 	
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