

GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

March 10, 2021 – 1:30 PM.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: The March 2021 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 1:34 pm
Approval of Minutes:	Add Eliza to the attendance Add November in the motion to approve Section Add all teams that the Klingberg CAC reviews.	There was a motion to approve the January 2021 minutes. The motion passed. Vos Winkel/Asnes M/S/P
Presentations:	Mariya Taher mariya@sahiyo.com presented Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting and the work being done in Connecticut around this topic. This was a brief snippet of the presentation that has been conducted through awareness events around the state and even in the GTFJAC Response to Recovery conference series and was well received. The focus this year has been developing educational forums on the topic in 2021. Legislation in this area will be developed and raised in 2022.	
Budget	Current Fiscal Year: Barry Adams from the Village presented the budget that the Village manages. Discussed the budget timeline in regards to spending funds. We will have three years to spend the current funds in our account. We will have information on the budget standing for the April 2021 Special Meeting.	
Three Year Assessment	<p>Eight Focus Groups and a meeting with the MDT Coordinators were facilitated since the last meeting. This was a narrative survey and garnered robust comments. The consultant’s final Three Year Assessment document will be an extensive document that will be a quick read.</p> <p>For the CJA Federal Government Requirements: We need to look back at the last three years and review progress in this area. We will look back at our recommendations from the 2018 review and provide updates. Additionally, each member agency will be surveyed to see how the organization has addressed the three areas in the federal legislation. This request will be sent to members in April 2021 via email.</p> <p>Discussed a few suggestions that were provided through the survey, including but not limited to: innovation, policy, constitutional amendments, child welfare oversight body.</p> <p>Special Meeting, Wednesday, April 14, 2021, from 10 AM to Noon. The recommendations and CJA priorities will be presented at this meeting. There is a framework for the recommendations that the GTF coordinator will align with the Three-Year Assessment.</p>	Special Meeting, Wednesday, April 14, 2021 , from 10 AM to Noon.
CCA Membership Update	2020 Data Review – This information was reported out as noted in the Outcome Measurement Survey (Caregiver-328 and MDT-451) and NCATrak data.	The final report will be sent to GTFJAC for information.

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	<p>There were 200 fewer clients from 2019. There are several cases per abuse type. The new reporting system has a data dictionary and speaks to poly victimization. For reference, DCF disposed of 1336 allegations of sexual abuse in 2020. DCF also saw a drop of 23% in referrals received and a 27% drop in accepted referrals in 2020, relative to 2019.</p> <p>There was a discussion around grooming behavior and the increased rate of incidences. This is not currently tracked in NCATrak. DCF does track substantiations around grooming, and that information could be provided. Questions might be able to add to the OMS section. In the training section, there was a narrative around the need to increase training in schools and discusses topic areas similar to grooming. There have been some comments around inconsistency around reporting in schools. And the Child Advocate will soon release a report on sexual misconduct in Connecticut’s schools. Some proposed legislation will require GTFJAC to develop some one-page information around safety for parents and youth.</p>	<p>Internet Safety Training will be re-sent to GTFJAC.</p> <p>Grooming is a topic area that we can reach out to Chris Newlin.</p>
<p>Training Committee Report</p>	<p>Membership: We have two names of members from POST that have been included on the committee. Other professionals are interested in joining, and specific disciplines are missing. We need to attempt to identify and select from additional law enforcement, mental health, education.</p> <p>Minimal Facts: Training requests are coming in. Hartford Public Schools - On February 24, 2021, the school nurses were trained. On March 31, 2021, the HPS Administrators will be trained. There is a request for training from the Underground, which Kristen and Sue L. will conduct. There is a request from CAFAF for a training for foster parents on April 23, 2021. On March 4, Laura Wilkerson and Matt Greenstein led training for the CT State Police Recruiting class. There were nearly 120 cadets in training.</p> <p>The graphics of the Minimal Facts Powerpoints are being updated for improved visual interest. A draft has been shared with committee members. A final draft of the updated PowerPoint will be forwarded to the committee once finalized. The content of the curricula has not changed, just the visuals.</p> <p>Finding Words: A Faculty Meeting was held in March 2021 - Discussed the upcoming training schedule for 2021. The faculty wanted the Zero Abuse Project to conduct another virtual training this spring and summer. Krystal will reach out to ZAP to check the schedule. The next in-person training would occur in fall 2021 and most likely in November 2021.</p> <p>Post Training Survey: The Finding Words faculty have been asked to generate 2-3 questions in their area. These questions will be forwarded to Michelle Manning for inclusion in the survey. Once this occurs, we will be able to finalize this project. The plan is to administer at six months and then again at 12 months post Finding Words and Minimal Facts Training.</p> <p>TIPP – Michelle has met with ZAP to continue planning. On the second day of the 2 –day training, in an experiential exercise, prosecutors will break up into small MDT-style groups and work on a case from investigation through the conclusion of prosecution. The 1st day will include a variety of topics, lecture-style, geared towards prosecution. Michelle wants to target prosecutors who are newer to working on the MDT cases for this 2-day training.</p>	

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	<p>Response to Recovery Virtual Conference: Here is the schedule for March and April 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Process 101 – March 19 (10-11:30) • Building Empathy: The power of connected children in a disconnected age – March 25th • Creating Trauma-Informed Spaces- March 30th (10-11:30) • Legislative Process 101 - April 1st (10-11:30) • Intro to ACES and Trauma-informed Care- April 8th (10-11:30) • Vicarious Trauma and Self Care Strategies - April 14th (10-11:30) • Identifying and Balancing Compassion Satisfaction, compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma- April 22nd (10-11:30) • Teachable Safety Skills: Replacing Myths with Facts - April 29th 	
MDT Evaluation	<p>Evaluations –The committee will group the teams based upon the CACs they associated with MDT14, and the Hartford team will be the first evaluation.</p> <p>The committee will be recruiting members for diversity and inclusion of discipline and geographic areas. The committee will be split into two different parts, and the committee will have members look at the evaluation through the eyes of the specific discipline. The 2nd piece would be for just observers who would go out to teams and complete this piece.</p> <p>The committee has had a second meeting each month to ensure that feedback is provided to coordinators in a timely fashion.</p>	
HART	<p>Youth Awareness Training and Internet Safety Training have been made available. There are 800 slots per training. Please share. Some grants are available that have been sent to HART.</p> <p>149 cases for 2020. There was a lull at the beginning of COVID, and the cases ramped up towards the end of the year.</p>	
Other Business:	<p>Legislative Priorities. We can share legislative agendas with the members, and Kristen can send out an email to the membership.</p> <p>Disabilities – Oak Hill has traditionally sat on this committee. Mark Hedrick, from Oak Hill, has agreed to sit on GTFJAC in this role. He had a conflict for the March 2021 meeting.</p>	
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 	
Announcements:		
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm. There was a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. Vos Winkel/Rich M/S/P</p>	

Respectfully Submitted

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