# GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

September 8, 2021 – 1:30 PM.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance:  The September 2021 attendance list can be found on the GTFJAC Website.

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| **Meeting called to order** | Kevin did a welcome.<br><br>There was an introduction of Zoom attendees, and attendance was taken. | The meeting was called to order at **1:36 pm** |
| **Approval of Minutes:** | | There was a motion to approve the July 2021 minutes. **The motion passed. Scanlon/Anelli M/S/P** |
| **Presentations:** | Leonela Cruz-Ahuatl,  Director, Project Rescue Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants | |
| **Budget** | The current Village budget was presented.  The surplus that ended on June 30, 2021, will remain on the budget report moving forward as a separate line item.  The DCF budget was presented. We have $735 less in our budget moving forward from the CJA grant. | |
| **Three Year Assessment** | Recommendation # 3.  Data:<br>Identify types of crime that are seen at the teams and track outcomes for those cases.  Krystal, Kevin, Beth, and Michele can look at some of these data sets to ensure they match.<br>Treatment: – We can track:<br>    The clients who are receiving treatment and what types they are receiving.<br>    The time it takes for a client to receive treatment after being referred. NCA may be able to assist in this. However, this varies throughout the state.<br>    The consistency of a client engaging in treatment.<br>        How soon the child was seen.<br>        Missed sessions and attended sessions.<br>    Type of Mental Health Services<br>        Is it evidence-based?  -  MDT Evaluation committee may be able to assist.  There have been some Standard MOUs.<br>    OVC applications can be tracked if insurance is not available.<br>    Identify Gaps In Services –<br>        Does this mean accessibility due to geographic limitations?<br>        Access to treatment in the client's area? OVS is surveying Gaps and Services and can provide information when this is finished.<br>    Access to appropriate services.  Make sure there is a system in place based on the ability to deliver services by the providers (Not just what they said they could do, but what they can actually do). | |

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| | Recommendation # 4. Reviewed the names suggested. <br> <u>Scope of Service</u> – Where do we want them to begin to do the work. Where should we focus? <br>     Teach a segment at Finding Words twice a year for an hour. <br>     Teach a 90-minute course at Response to Recovery. <br>     The consultant can provide recommendations about internal work for the task force and our ability to grapple with this work. <br>     Also offer suggestions on the external work. <br>     The consultant can develop a GTFJAC self-assessment and system assessment. <br> GTFJAC can develop an RFP to send to the four identified individuals and other potential consultants. This RFP can be edited at the next GTFJAC meeting. The tri chairs can review the 1st draft, and then the full task force group can edit. <br> Re-Center is a nonprofit that does this type of work and works with one of the identified consultants. | |
| **Legislation** | <u>AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.</u> We will pull together a working group of content experts: coaching Coalitions, content experts, and other folks working on this issue. Kelly Annelli, Bridget Koestner, Faith Vos Winkel have agreed to participate in a working group. A draft of the guidelines will be presented at the next GTFJAC meeting. <br><br> <u>Support for National Child Abuse and Neglect Definition Bill:</u> <br> We have been asked to review and support a bill to create a national definition for Child Abuse and Neglect by Senator Murphy's office. <br> We can not lower our standards of definition in Connecticut to the level of other states. Leading through Senator Murphy could allow a greater voice for members of the Task Force to have input. We can push to elevate standards to ensure that the standard definition is uniform across the country. We are setting a high floor and not a ceiling to make sure that we can still maintain that ceiling. Members felt that it would be beneficial to explore a national definition to keep children safe. We can reach out and have further conversations with the Senator's expert in this area. Individual members of GTFJAC can reach out to provide their agency's perspective on the legislation. | Please send suggestions to Kristen. |
| **CCA Membership Update** | Three centers were re-accredited this year. <br> There are new NCA standards that have been revised and will go into effect in 2023. Tony and Krystal can do a presentation on this once NCA releases them. <br> CCA has hired three new staff, and they will attend an upcoming GTFJA meeting. | |
| **MDT Evaluation** | The first four evaluations do not include case reviews as there was difficulty receiving case protocols from some disciplines. This will be noted on the first four evaluations. A new process for conducting the qualitative case review will be developed in advance of the next evaluation that will be conducted. <br><br> Next Steps: Tolland and East Central teams have been completed, the team will send in their response, and the documents will be sent to GTFJAC for discussion at the November meeting. The next team review will occur this fall and include additional teams that are part of the Hartford CAC. | |
| **HART** | If you would like to be added to the HART Listserv, please get in touch with Tammy Sneed at [TAMMY.SNEED@ct.gov](mailto:TAMMY.SNEED@ct.gov) | |

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| **Other Business:** | Legislative Priorities. We can share legislative agendas with the members, and Kristen can send an email to the membership. | |
| **New Business:** | Future Presentation Topics:<br>• Send suggestions to Kristen Clark. | |
| **Announcements:** | | |
| | Meeting adjourned at **3:30 pm.** There was a motion to adjourn. **The motion passed. Anelli/Vos Winkel M/S/P** | |

Respectfully Submitted

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