

GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

July 13, 2022 – 1:30 PM.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: The July 2022 attendance list can be found on the GTFJAC Website.

Agenda Item	Discussion (brief summary)	Action (and by whom)
Meeting called to order	Tammy did a welcome There was an introduction of Zoom attendees, and attendance was taken.	The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm
Approval of Minutes:		There was a motion to approve the May 2022 minutes. The motion passed. Anelli/Scanlon M/S/P
Budget	The current Village budget was presented. This budget will end in 2023. The excess funds will be discussed further in September 2022.	
Presentation	Ashley Starr Frechette, the Director of Health Professional Outreach and The infant mortality project.	
MDT Evaluation	<p>The committee has recruited the following proposed new members:</p> <p>Monica Vidro Madigan, LCSW is a seasoned professional in the field of child abuse. Monica holds a Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in Social Work with a specialization in children and families. She began her career in 2001 at the Yale Child Abuse Clinic where she is still employed. Monica is currently the Lead Social Worker and Forensic Interviewer in the Yale Child Abuse Clinic. She has conducted more than 1,000 forensic interviews. In addition to her direct clinical work Monica also provides trainings to professionals across the state and is a CT Finding Words Faculty member.</p> <p>Georgette Q. Harrison earned her Master of Arts and Master of Education degrees in Counseling Psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University. As her interest in working with the youngest children and their families grew, she pursued an Infant-Parent Mental Health Post-Graduate Certificate from the University of Massachusetts - Boston. She is currently the Director of Clinical and Community Partnerships at the Child Guidance Center of Southern CT, a community-based mental health clinic serving the towns of Greenwich, Stamford, Darien and New Canaan. She has served as the Mental Health representative for the Stamford Child Advocacy Center’s Multi-Disciplinary Team since 2020. In addition, she routinely provides community presentations for providers and parents on child mental health topics, and provides individual, dyadic and family therapy to families in both English and Spanish.</p> <p>Ms. Harrison is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of CT. In 2013, she was trained in Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP), an evidence based practice for children aged 0-5 who have experienced at least one traumatic event and are experiencing mental health, attachment, or behavioral problems, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. In 2017, she was trained in Attachment-Regulation-Competency (ARC), a framework for intervention with youth of all ages and their families who have experienced multiple or prolonged traumatic stress. She has since become the internal agency trainer for ARC and provides yearly training and ongoing consultation for staff.</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve Monica Madigan. The motion passed. Anelli/Brown M/S/P</p> <p>There was a motion to approve Georgette Harrison. The motion passed. Borecki/Anelli M/S/P</p>

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Three Year Assessment	<p><i>Recommendation #4: Begin to address racial disparities and implicit bias through training, policy/protocol changes, and updates to MDT standards and evaluation criteria.</i></p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Tri-Chairs convened a small group to continue the selection process. 2. The consultant was interviewed on May 11, 2022. The consultant was open to meeting the requests of the committee. 3. The committee met again to further define the service scope. The committee looked to narrow the requirements and further clarify the request. 4. The committee developed three bullet points that were presented at the July 2022 meeting for discussion. 5. The consultants will be provided with the updated request, and a meeting will be scheduled. <p>The MDT Evaluation Committee would work with the DEI consultants to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review MDT Evaluation Committee bylaws and work with the committee to ensure the process for identifying members is inclusive • Review the standards and protocols and work with committee members to integrate new DEI requirements • Review the evaluation documentation and work with the committee to update the language and include a DEI section • Work with committee to develop a short training on DEI as it relates to the work of MDTs and CACs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the GTFJAC Bylaws • Develop training for GTFJAC on how decisions are made and ensure the use of a racial justice lens. <p>There was a question on how the consultant would interact with the full GTF as this Recommendation #4 came out of the original three-year assessment and was looking at addressing the issue broader than the MDT Evaluation Committee. Training could be developed that can be offered to the full GTF around how decisions are made, and our documentation using a racial justice lens. The last bullet should include GTFJAC to ensure that the full GTF participates in some training related to this issue. There was a question regarding reviewing GTFJAC bylaws as well as MDT Evaluation Bylaws. It was reiterated that the work should not be solely completed within the MDT Evaluation Committee and should include the larger Task Force. Clarification: The first bullet is to ensure that the process for identifying MDT Evaluation Committee members is inclusive and but we should also ensure that the day-to-day work is functioning well.</p> <p>In order to ensure we are being thorough, we should look at doing this work in phases. This may include this work being more ongoing past the current fiscal year, and it may be a multi-year effort.</p>	<p>Add the additional components that were raised within the July GTFJAC meeting. Review of the GTFJAC bylaws and do overall training of the full GTFJAC.</p> <p>Set up an additional meeting with the consultants and adjust the timeline.</p> <p>There was a motion to approve the bullet points, including two additional areas that were discussed during the meeting. The motion passed. Westbrook/Lawlor M/S/P</p>
Other Business:	<p>Finding Words will be the week of September 12, 2022, in New Britain, CT.</p>	
New Business:	<p><u>Future Presentation Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send suggestions to Kristen Clark. • CCDAV has several presentations, including the Coercive Control Law that went into effect this year. • APSR- This will be presented at the September 2022 meeting by Fred North of DCF. • The Task Force can review the use of non-accredited centers for interviews. Also, discussing the use of centers by homeland security. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVS Training Topic – Koren provided a list. Compensation Program, Court Process, CT SAVIN, Victims’ Rights, Orders of Protection – Complete an overview of the OVS process. • Team Up Coaching Boys Into Men – CCADV(Miguel) 	
Announcements:		
	Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm . There was a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. Rich/Brown M/S/P	

Respectfully Submitted

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