

GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

May 11, 2022 – 1:30 PM.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: The May 2022 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:		There was a motion to approve the March 2022 minutes. The motion passed. Anelli/Bey-Coon M/S/P
Budget	The current Village budget was presented. This budget will end in 2023.	
Presentation	Family First Prevention Act – Sharon Davis, DCF	Sharon will send the number and names of the Qualified Residential Treatment Centers in Connecticut.
MDT Evaluation	The Central documents were sent to GTFJAC for discussion at the May meeting. The chairs reviewed the document.	There was a motion to approve the Central MDT Evaluation. The motion passed. Bey-Coon/Doherty M/S/P
CJA Update	<p><u>CJA Application</u> The annual report is due on May 31, 2022, to the federal government and was to be submitted to the DCF Tri-Chair on May 6, 2022. The CJA coordinator submitted the application on May 2 to the DCF Tri-Chair. It was reviewed and updated by the tri chair this week and will be sent to the DCF Commissioner’s and the Governor’s office.</p> <p><u>CJA Annual Meeting</u> The annual Children’s Justice Act meeting occurred virtually on May 4-5, 2022. The GTF coordinator facilitated one of the breakout groups per her role on the CJA leadership team.</p>	
Legislative	Many of the organizations are finalizing their legislative summaries. This will be presented at the July meeting.	

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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>GTFJAC developed an RFP to send to the four identified individuals and other potential consultants. Which was reviewed at the January GTFJAC meeting, voted on by the GTF electronically, and distributed to potential consultants and the public. Two responses were received by the March 8, 2022 deadline. The responses were sent to GTFJAC for review before the meeting.</p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Tri-Chairs convened a small group to review and score the applications. 2. The group sent notice back to both applicants regarding restructuring their budgets. The group chose one group to meet with and provide additional feedback regarding their proposal. That meeting will occur on May 11, 2022. 	
Other Business:	<p>Finding Words will occur June 26-July 1, 2022. Beth Leaming has left the faculty as she is now a judge. The next training will occur in September 2022. Finding Words “the Booster” – This is proposed for November 2022. The proposed dates are November 2 or November 3.</p> <p>Stephen Sedensky is retiring and was one of the leads to bring Finding Words to Connecticut.</p> <p>Legislative Priorities. We can share legislative agendas with the members, and Kristen can send an email to the membership.</p>	
New Business:	<p>Future Presentation Topics:</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. • 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. • Legislative Update on the current 2022 session. <p>Letter of Thanks to GTFJAC members who are retiring this year.</p> <p>CCADV –CCADV received additional funds and will have a full-time family violence advocate as of July 1 in each program. There may also be a new director of Child Advocacy as of July 1, 2022. The organization has multiple meeting spaces in Glastonbury for meetings.</p>	
Announcements:		
	Meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm . There was a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. Anelli/Doherty M/S/P	

Respectfully Submitted

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