

GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

November 9, 2022 – 1:30 PM.
Zoom Meeting

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

Agenda Item	Discussion (brief summary)	Action (and by whom)
Meeting called to order		The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM
Approval of Minutes:		There was a motion to approve the July 2022 minutes. The motion passed. Rich/Brown M/S/P
Budget	<p>The current Village budget was presented. This budget will end in 2023.</p> <p><u>Unencumbered Funds:</u> The Village Comptroller reviewed budgets, and a Line Item for Prior Year’s Surplus appears on the budget. The GTFJAC Chairs have addressed this and laid out a plan for using those funds. Due to careful spending and management of this contract, some unencumbered funds are available between now and September 15, 2023. The GTF is looking for suggested uses for these funds. Funds should be used for one-time expenses such as to provide/support/develop in-state training, technical assistance, specialized equipment, program materials, etc. Funds may not be used for prevention programs, treatment services, and funding individual families’ basic needs. Special consideration will be given to efforts that will have a consequential impact and encourage collaboration among community organizations. Suggestions should be submitted to Kristen M. Clark at kclark@thevillage.org by December 30, 2022.</p> <p>Proposed Forensic Interviewer Mentoring Program. Current Finding Words faculty would like to mentor. \$3,000 of the Unencumbered Funds for Three Mentors to provide service in this area. would be allocated towards that effort. An email will be sent to GTF and include the brochure created regarding this program. This will be sent to GTFJAC for a vote electronically regarding this request.</p>	
MDT Evaluation	The committee is updating the Standards and Protocols. The committee is in the process of completing Windham and New London. The committee is still looking to diversify the committee, and any interested people should contact Krystal.	
HART	<p>One hundred new referrals came through in April-June 2022. This is the highest that the state has seen for a single quarter. Victims are being groomed online, and they are extorted, sexually assaulted, and pulled into trafficking. Currently, there are 221 cases(without last quarter). There has been a need for services for these victims.</p> <p>There should be some legislation in this area.</p>	Tammy asked GTFJAC to do an activation in January 2023.

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	<p>There have been grants however, some agencies do not have the service providers to meet the needs and did not pursue them. Some of the providers who did pursue and win grants have received additional funds to re-open and expand services.</p> <p>State Police and US Attorney - New Internet Safety Trainings will be available for both parents and children in the next few months.</p> <p>January is Human Trafficking Month – Tammy is challenging agencies to raise awareness within their areas. Send any efforts to Tammy for inclusion in her HART Helps Newsletter.</p> <p>Eliza asked for a poster to be placed in her waiting room for parents to view. Tammy indicated that OVC had created some good resources that will be shared with Kristen to send to GTF.</p>	
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 committee met with the potential consultant and provided a smaller scope of service. 2. The consultants will be provided with the updated request, and a meeting will be scheduled. <p>The task force received the updated response for the consultant. Tammy reviewed the progress since our July meeting. The document is focused on actionable items that the consultant can work on with the MDT Evaluation Committee and The Task Force.</p>	
Other Business:		
New Business:	<p><u>Future Presentation Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send suggestions to Kristen Clark. • Female Genital Mutilation will occur in January 2023. They will provide updates. • Legislation – The start of the new session and proposed legislation that would impact GTFJAC-related topics. 	
Announcements:		
	Meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM . There was a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. Sneed/Rich M/S/P	

Respectfully Submitted

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