

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

February 2, 2017 – 2:00pm.  
Chief State Attorney's Office – Rocky Hill, CT

**Present:** T. Sneed, S. Sedensky, K. Clark, H. Bey-Coon, K. Butler-Kurth, L. Cordes, M. Manning, T. Montelli, B. Pellissier, K. Rich, Y. Young

**Guest:** M. Manning

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
Meeting called to order	Meeting called to order at 2:04PM	
Welcome	Michelle Manning, Stamford Prosecutor	
Approval of Minutes:	Approval of November 2016 minutes.  among other things was added into the MDT evaluation section.	There was a motion to accept the minutes. <b>The motion was moved and properly seconded. 2 Abstentions The motion passed. M/S/P Rich/Sedensky</b>
Budget:	Village and DCF budgets will need to manage any surplus at the end of this fiscal year.  There was discussion around the unencumbered funds from the Village and DCF. The amount is approximately \$20,000 for Village funds and \$20,000 for DCF CJA amounts.  Discussed the submission of proposals for the use of funds.  There was discussion regarding some self-care models that might be able to identified for us with the GTFJAC. Is there a way we can make a commitment to this? There was a session at the last statewide conference. Additionally there was a training at Huntsville who did a session on self-care that was well received.	Kristen will send out the email to the chairs regarding the submission of proposals for use of funds.
Committee Reports:		
Executive Committee	GHCAC: St. Francis will continue to operate a CAC in the Greater Hartford area. The 5 teams are now looking to work with Klingberg on a new CAC. The teams are now an advisory board that will continue when the new CAC is formed. There was discussion around the recent history of the development of the new CAC.	
Finding Words	Proposed Dates: Spring, 2017 -- April 24th to the 28th.  October, 2017 -- October 16th to the 20th.  Monica Vidro and Leah Smith will be added as group facilitators. Suzanne	

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	<p>Jolissaint has resigned from the committee.</p> <p>When Words Matter will occur in June 2017 in Arkansas.</p> <p>Mentoring:  Application Process- Who does the form go to? The applications will go to Kristen.  Develop a referral form and reviewing a feedback.  Develop an invoice system. –Comptroller Question.</p>	<p>Work group to develop a referral form and review the feedback form in the next two weeks.  Kristen will connect with Village Finance Department.</p>
<p>HART Update:</p>	<p>There were 202 referrals 114 Girls, 17 boys and one transgendered. This year, 56 of the cases were seen by MDTs. 2 were labor trafficking cases. There is a new slide in the training around labor trafficking victims.</p> <p><b>Trainings/Groups</b>  Over the past several months several training have occurred, curriculum revisions occurred and hundreds of people were educated about Human Trafficking. The following information highlights the accomplishments in this area over the past several months:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Intro to CSEC and DMST Trainings continues to be offered on a regular basis. In 2016, 64 trainings were conducted reaching 1,809 participants.</li> <li>2. The Caring for high risk youth and child victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSEC) and Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) and the 2 Day Understanding Girls Training will over the next few months</li> <li>3. The CSEC and DMST of Boys and Male Bodied Youth curriculum was rolled out and we conducted trainings for CCP in New Haven in the Fall and we currently have requests for this training from other foster care providers.</li> <li>4. Mentoring providers will be scheduling the Introduction to DMST training for their mentors and staff over the next few months.</li> <li>5. Our Introduction to DMST Curriculum for Law Enforcement is completed and a TOT occurred in November. We have 19 individuals who have completed a TOT for this curriculum. This training has been provided for Law Enforcement staff over the past few months.</li> <li>6. We currently have 64 Not a Number Prevention group facilitators in CT. There are currently 6 groups in progress with 32 youth participating.</li> </ol> <p><b>Additional Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2016, 56 DMST cases were seen by the MDT teams in CT, which is</li> </ul>	

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	<p>a significant increase from the previous year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HART Liaisons are currently entering data into our PIE system.</li> <li>• The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Response to Recovery: A Child Abuse conference is being scheduled for May 10, 2017. A call for proposals for workshop presentations will be going out soon.</li> </ul> <p>Focus on training for of youth. Developing a new training for youth.</p>	
MDT Evaluation Committee:	<p>Norwalk and Torrington are in their final stages and will be sent to GTFJAC for vote.</p> <p>New Britain is almost finalized.</p> <p>East Central and Middlesex are providing their feedback to the committee soon.</p> <p>Milford and New Haven are the next to be evaluated.</p> <p>MDT Standards – The committee Co-Chairs sent a letter the Executive Committee CO-Chairs asking for some clarity from the larger GTF around creating the standards. At the November meeting the standards were withdrawn from the GTFJAC meeting and there was a need to continue to work on edits for the document. The Co-Chairs at this point have asked that the entire document be on hold until there is clarity from GTF on the process. Should the GTF Executive Committee give some guidance in this area? There may need to be a full day retreat around this document. Perhaps there should be an action plan around how these documents get developed.</p> <p>There was discussion around the process, composition of the committee and ensuring that the correct people are around the table committed to the committee and the work products.</p> <p>Max Wilensky has also been approved by the MDT Committee and will be sent to GTFJAC for approval.</p>	
Training Committee:	<p>\$9,660 has been committed by the training committee.</p> <p>The chair is moving to a new organization. Margaret Doherty has agreed to serve as a temporary chair. Hakima will join the training committee.</p> <p>Minimal Facts: There was discussion around securing palm cards and booklets. This should be able to be secured with \$2000.</p> <p>There was discussion around NCA trak.</p>	<p>There is a need to finalize the encumbered training funds. There is a need to name a new chair.</p> <p>There is a motion by S. Sedensky to approve the minimal facts up to \$2000 for palm cards and booklets. <b>M/S/P Sedensky/Montelli</b></p>
Membership Committee:	<p>GTF Retreat Work Groups</p> <p><u>Victim Services and Advocacy Group</u> – Will meet after the retreat.</p> <p><u>Forensic Group</u> – There is no update.</p>	

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	<p><u>MDT/CAC Group</u> – Will meet after the retreat.</p> <p>Retreat – There is a desire to host the retreat in a location other than the CSAO. This will involve an additional fiscal note. The EC approved the speaker’s fee in November. Food was also approved in November with no fiscal note.</p>	<p>There was a motion of a cap of \$3500 for food and location of the retreat. <b>M/S/P Rich/Sneed</b></p>
GTF Coordinator Update:	Reviewed the current CJA priorities and budget. This will be sent out to GTFJAC for review	
CCA Coordinator	<p>Teams reviewed 454 cases.</p> <p>New London coordinator left his position about 4 weeks ago. They are looking at developing a job description for the position.</p> <p>OMS- team surveys will go out next week.</p> <p>Learning Management System – On line webinars that are customized for the state. Develop a new team member orientation seminar. OVS is creating videos and can provide some contacts in this area.</p>	
Old Business:		
New Business:	Diversity - As we look at cases and teams, GTF, Forensic Interviewers we need to ensure that this is being reflected across the board. This need to be added as part of the dialogue.	
Announcements:		<p>There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded.</p> <p><b>Sedensky/Pell M/S/P The motion passed.</b></p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen M. Clark  
GTFJAC Coordinator