

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

Quarterly Meeting

July 20 2017 – 1:30PM.
Chief State Attorney's Office, Hartford, CT

Present: S. Sedensky, T. Sneed, H. Bey-Coon, K. Butler-Kurth, E. Borecka, K. Clark, L. Cordes, G. Flett, A. Johnson, S. Kristoff, S. Mancini, T. Montelli, N. Nesbitt, K. Rich, P. Schaeffer, J. Levanthal, Y. Young, S. Hamilton, Jen Abrentaro(DMHAS). M. Kramer(OCA)

Guests: P. Pisano, E. Mello, L. Downs, Michelle Desjardis

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Meeting called to order		The meeting was called to order at 1:40PM
GTFJAC Retreat Report Out	<p>Facilitator did an overview of the retreat process. Discussed partnership between GTF/CAC. Looked at the priorities moving forward for GTF. This is an opportunity to look at what we do and is it time to do something different. What do we want to think about moving forward? Take the next 6 months to look at the priorities and use the proposed 4 workgroups to frame the priorities.</p> <p>Recommendation #1: Use the next six months to develop a framework and plans for the next federal grant application which is due May 2018. Four ad-hoc groups will be established to replace all the existing workgroups and committees as follows:</p> <p>1. MDT/CAC Evaluation & Quality Assurance (volunteer lead: Paula Schaffer) This ad-hoc group will develop a plan for how the CT and NCA standards and the MDT evaluation process can be aligned and potentially streamlined and how data is collected and utilized.</p> <p>2. Training (volunteer lead: Margaret Doherty) This ad-hoc group will assess what training is provided both GTF and CCA including Finding Words, Minimal Facts, MDT training; explore sustainability options, and identify training needs and gaps. How would we sustain these trainings if we did not have the federal funds?</p> <p>3. System Gaps & Barriers (volunteer lead: John Leventhal) This ad-hoc group will look at system/service gaps and barriers as well practice fidelity issues (e.g., forensic interviewers, medical interviews, etc.) that have been previously brought to GTF; develop a systemic process for GTF to discuss and track system gaps/barriers on a regular basis and; identify strategies for GTF to develop a common policy platform or agenda. – Some folks bring system gaps and issues to the GTFJAC. What are we doing to address these? Standing agenda item?</p> <p>4. Child Fatality Response (volunteer lead: Faith Vos Winkel) This ad-hoc group will explore the potential of a developing a local pilot and a plan for implementation.</p> <p>All of the other committees are stopped and will get rolled into these workgroups. MDT Evaluation Committee will continue to complete the final evaluations. The Victim Services Committee will also continue and participate in the ad hoc group. Finding Words will occur in October 2017. Reviewed all the committees that</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve recommendation number 1. The motion passed. Johnson/Bey-Coon M/S/P</p>

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	<p>are currently on the GTFJAC agenda and looked to see which will continue their work. The new ad-hoc groups would be convened in September and each group would present a plan to the full GTF by February so that priorities and a budget can be voted on in March.</p> <p>Recommendation #2: Discuss possible restructuring of the GTF meeting schedule and agenda.</p> <p>Retreat participants noted several issues: there never seems to be enough time on the agenda to have substantive discussion of issues; most of the substantive discussions occur at Executive Committee; the role of the Executive Committee; frequency of GTF meetings given that if a meeting gets cancelled GTF could go for six months without meeting; system barriers need to be a standing agenda item with action and accountability; meetings should include education on emerging issues and the membership and terms of membership need to be reviewed. Should the GTFJAC full meeting do more of the substantive work?</p> <p>Face to Face vs Phone meetings. Webinars, Interactions etc.</p> <p>Extra meetings between September and December and an extra meeting between December and March.</p> <p>Move the September GTFJAC meeting to Thursday, October 5, 2017.</p> <p>Use the November and February executive committee meetings for additional GTFJAC meetings.</p>	
Approval of Minutes:	<p>Approval of March 2017 minutes.</p> <p>Review of February 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the March 2017[minutes. The motion passed. Mancini/Cordes 3 Abstentions M/S/P</p>
Budget Update	<p>Village Update- Review of the Village budget.</p> <p>Excess Funds – Discussed the process for submission of proposals. The proposal submission period was February 9 thru March 1, 2017. The process has been to send proposal requests to GTF executive committee chairs for their initial review and questions (cc:d on this correspondence). Once reviewed, the items are sent to GTF Executive Committee for review, questions and recommendation. Once recommended by the Executive Committee, the proposals are sent to the full GTFJAC for approval.</p> <p>Proposal was received regarding a colposcope for the Danbury team. This written request was received after the deadline for submissions and cannot be encumbered under the current funds held at the Village. Discussion around use of funds at DCF. There was conversation regarding transferring those funds to the Village in this fiscal year or next fiscal year as a way to cover this cost. GTF coordinator will continue to monitor the unencumbered funds at the Village.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding a request to support the new CAC in Hartford and their purchase of some Forensic Interview equipment. This verbal request was received after the deadline for submissions and cannot be encumbered under the current funds held at the Village. This was discussed along with the item above.</p>	<p>There was a Motion to approve up to \$6,000 for a colposcope for the Danbury Team. The motion passed. Sneed/Rich M/S/P 1 Abstention</p> <p>There was a Motion to approve \$7,000 for Forensic Equipment at Klingberg CAC. The motion passed. Sedensky/Bey-Coon M/S/P 1 Abstention</p>

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GTF Coordinator Update:	Discussed CJA application submission and CJA meeting. At the meeting there is a combination of peer to peer sharing, task force management, report and application submission tips. Peer to Peer sharing example: Discussed the Handle with Care program from one state. When a child has an incident at home that involves police or DCF, then a contact is made with the child's school to alert them to handle this child with care as there may have been some trauma experienced the night before.	
CCA Director Update:	Learning Management System – Signed a contract with a work group and will need to start to upload some of the trainings. The first training will be a MDT member orientation training. 2018- Annual Response to Recovery conference. OMS – Satisfaction surveys. This is going through an upgrade at the National level.	
HART Coordinator	<p>Data -- We received 51 referrals in Q1 of 2017 (4 boys and 47 girls)</p> <p>Trainings/Groups</p> <p>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"> 1. The Intro to CSEC and DMST Trainings continues to be offered on a regular basis. Since April of 2017, 31 trainings were conducted reaching 912 participants. 2. We are still looking for training opportunities for The CSEC and DMST of Boys and Male Bodied Youth curriculum. Mentoring providers will be scheduling the Introduction to DMST training for their mentors and staff over the next few months. 3. We continue to provide our Introduction to DMST Curriculum for Law Enforcement 4. The Spanish TOT occurred in May. We now have several trainers who can present to monolingual Spanish speaking audiences. 5. A training curriculum for EMS staff has been developed. 6. We currently have 62 Not a Number Prevention group facilitators in CT. Since April, 5 groups were completed reaching 28 youth. 7. Youth Awareness Curriculum has been developed. Several trainings will occur this summary to test the curriculum. Final revisions will be made in August and a TOT will occur in the Fall. <p>Additional Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2nd annual Response to Recovery: A Child Abuse conference was a success. • Two screenings of the “I am Jane Doe” documentary occurred on April 26th in Norwalk, and June 15th in Bethel, CT. • DMST Foster Care Parent Breakfast Event with Survivor speaker “T” was a success. • HB7309: An Act Concerning Human Trafficking, HB7310: An Act Concerning Sex Trafficking were passed. • A HART Retreat will occur on September 22, 2017. 	
Committee Reports:		
Executive Committee:	<p>Klingberg CAC – The Hartford and MDT-14 teams will be the first teams served by the new CAC at Klingberg. The advisory board meets bi-weekly and they will do an open house for teams in July and a larger open house for the community will occur in September. One of the challenges is around data and access to NCATrak moving forward.</p> <p>Lawrence and Memorial Hospital and Day Kimble Hospital– The RFP was submitted and proposals are in. There is a team that is looking at these and will make a recommendation to the commissioner. The teams are both still functioning until a new contractor is selected. This should be completed by October 2017.</p>	

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	CAC Legislation – This legislation passed and was signed in July. This will go into effect July 1, 2018. John informed the group that Nina Livingston is worried that smaller programs may have issues passing the medical criteria for NCA accreditation. Teams would have a year if there was an issue with accreditation to ensure they can meet the standard. NRCAC does training to help teams prepare for accreditation and would be a resource. Medical Peer Review was a topic area of concern.	Kristen will send out the legislation to GTFJAC.
Finding Words Committee:	April course was completed. October 16-20 is the next course. When Words Matter - Arkansas was the location of the national conference. ChildFirst is training all of New York. Dr. Wilson – Neuro-biology of trauma was a good training that should be brought back to Connecticut.	
MDT Evaluation Committee:	<u>MDT Evaluation</u> Kristopher Deming has resigned as the evaluator. The Village is in the process of looking for someone new. Linda Roderick will now be the evaluator. Maxine Wilensky attended her first meeting on Tuesday July 11th Brittany Bonchuk and Tracy Baden have left the committee. <u>Evaluation Updates</u> <i>Asking for clarification about Areas of Improvement</i> Danbury MDT, New Haven MDT, Middletown MDT, and Milford/Ansonia MDT <i>Sending coordinator Areas of Improvement -- Waterbury MDT</i> <i>Scheduled Evaluations -- Windham MDT July 21</i> <i>Upcoming Evaluations</i> Bridgeport – Sept and Stamford – Nov	Committee to send universal issues to Dr. Leventhal to work with the Systems gaps work group.
Training Committee:	There were no new training requests. Current requests will need to be finalized by June 30 and receipts submitted by July 10, 2017. Prosecutors will be attending an abusive head trauma conference in September. <u>Minimal Facts</u> : State Police will be training all their personal in the First Responders curriculum. There continue to be requests for trainings for both curriculum. NCATrak – PIE remains on hold.	
Membership Committee:	Need to review current vacancies on the task force. This can be discussed at the retreat. <u>Victim Services</u> – Need to ensure that the new ad hoc group looks at the Mental Health piece.	
Child Fatalities:	The review board meets monthly.	
Other Business:	CFSR- Can have DCF come and meet with the GTFJAC around participation in the process.	
New Business:	30 of GTFJAC will occur in 2018. 50 Years at the Yale Child Abuse Center- Will have a pediatric college from Chicago come in and do a talk.	
Announcements:		There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded. The motion passed. Nesbitt/Borecka M/S/P

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen M. Clark,
GTFJAC Coordinator