

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

Quarterly Meeting

May 17, 2018 – 1:30PM.
Chief State Attorney's Office, Hartford, CT

Present: T. Sneed, H. Bey-Coon, K. Butler-Kurth, E. Borecka, K. Clark, M. Doherty, S. Hamilton, A. Johnson, S. Kristoff, J. Leventhal, S. Mancini, P. Pisano, K. Rich, P. Schaefer, F. Vos Winkel, S. Zanker-Rivera, Y. Young

Guests: P. Pisano,

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order		The meeting was called to order at 1:33PM
Approval of Minutes:	Approval of March 2018 minutes.	There was a motion to approve the March 2018 minutes. The motion passed. Doherty/Sneed M/S/P 1 Abstention
Retreat Recommendation #1: Four ad-hoc groups will be established to replace all the existing workgroups and committees.	1. Training (volunteer lead: Margaret Doherty) Meeting monthly at CAFAF. Making great progress. 1) Grant from Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center to develop a new 2-day Connecticut specific training which will be broader than Minimal Facts. Work is in progress and draft outlines will soon be ready for vetting. 2) Survey results from all MDT members about desired training topics. Top 4 results: 1.Responding to sexually reactive children 2.Understanding the role of each discipline on an MDT 3.Understanding federal law enforcement's response to child trafficking cases 4.Joint investigation process through disposition 3) The training committee is working on establishing a budget for SFY 18-19 and a training plan, given the results of the MDT member survey. 4) The need for a statewide training calendar to be posted somewhere, probably on the Connecticut Children's Alliance's website. 5) Getting up and running 2 subcommittee: Finding Words and Minimal Facts. Ensuring that the subcommittees are making a plan for the next year and tracking graduates to ensure that they are still using protocol. 6) Better support of recordkeeping for all training attendees (Minimal Facts, Finding Words, and any others, especially "train the trainers" formats) to document that funds are being used to train people are who doing the work, using the training. Also to identify which disciplines need additional training (gaps). Next meeting is Monday, June 18 is the next meeting 2-4PM. There is a desire to ensure that we are focusing on statewide trainings vs sending individuals out of state for training.	

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	<p>Medical Evaluation - There is a conflict with what is in MF and what is needed for the medical evaluation. Yale has looked at this in relation to roles in the emergency departments. The Safe SANE nurses have also raised some questions around the narrative practice. Perhaps this can be a joint meeting to understand the medical perspective and Minimal Facts. The MF Discoverer's</p> <p>2. Systems Gaps and Barriers (volunteer lead: John Leventhal) Looking to collect 5-6 data points and review over the next few months. This has been sent to NCATrak for inclusion in the data collection. The committee would look at the data points and prioritize the gaps and look to solve those issues. Victim Services continues to meet. There is a small group around gaps in Medical Evaluations. Will look to access some new funds for this area. There will be an Advocacy Meet and Greet that will occur next week in Hartford at Klingberg. This is to ensure that folks who are providing services are aware and know each other.</p> <p>3. Child Fatalities (volunteer lead: Faith Vos Winkel) There was a proposal for funding and support to develop a community level child fatality review process that was distributed at the meeting. Many other states have a community based child fatality review entities. There was a Commission that was established on a federal level to eliminate child abuse and neglect fatalities. There was an issue around what was reported as a child maltreatment fatality. The proposal is to fund a part time position for 7 years to look at data. The position would be funded at \$25,000 annually. The objectives and deliverables were presented at the meeting. MDT/CACs would get a timely notification of infant death along with resources that are not normally available(child welfare, educational, medical records could be accessed) Is there a consideration to racial, ethnic and socio – economic disparities? MDT- What is the role beyond seeing cases at the table? Education in the community, Education of team members. MA is the only state that has this review at the local level. Philadelphia has 12 Fatality Review Panels.</p>	<p>Send out Child Fatality proposal to GTFJAC.</p> <p>Asking GTF members to look at possible funding sources.</p> <p>Krystal to send out information from other states on how this is addressed.</p> <p>Look at having MA sending someone to educate on their process.</p>
<p>Recommendation #2: Discuss possible restructuring of the GTF meeting schedule and agenda.</p>	<p>By-Laws: A is the bylaws revised as of March 10th, B has the track changes, and C is the cleaned up version. Bylaws need to be revised due to changes recommended in the Retreat. There were no changes on page one, Change chairperson to include or their designee. No changes to article 2 or 3. Include reference to the statute in the bylaw in the appropriate sections. Article 4 had several changes, add the word survivor after victim in letter H. Go to page 2 and change the lettering under article four. Change his or her throughout the document to their. Discussion about adding CAC or MDT representation to the membership. Should it be the Director of CCA or their designee. Recommended to add a MDT Coordinator and a CAC director. Faith recommending a tri-chair structure to include the Chapter Director of CCA. Separate parent and parent group on the list. There is a request to add a representative from the State Child Advocate. Add list from the grant and add their designee to the language.</p>	<p>Updated By-Laws will be sent to members.</p>
<p>MDT Evaluation</p>	<p>Bridgeport Report: There was some concern around the level of response from the Bridgeport Police Department. They have denied cases for acceptance. They have stated that they do not have the resources to review the cases.</p> <p>The commissioner of DCF and Tammy Sneed have had meetings with the chief of police. The local State Attorney has met with the police department. There are cases that are coming forward with on-going abuse based upon cases not be accepted.</p>	<p>There was a motion to accept the report of the Stamford team. The motion passed.</p>

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	<p>What would be the response from the GTFJAC? Can we do a public statement? Or should this be from multiple member agencies on the task force. Maybe a letter from the Co-Chairs of the Task Force to the chief, mayor and the OCA as a CC. Do families have the recourse civilly if their children are re-victimized based upon these non accepts. Should we convene a workgroup to review and generate a proposed response? Is there comparable data from other large cities? CCA and OCA will meet to discuss this systemic issue.</p> <p>Stamford report: This was presented to the task force.</p>	<p>Schaefer/Mancini M/S/P</p>
<p>GTF Coordinator Update:</p>		
<p>Other Business:</p>	<p>July meeting to start at 1:30PM on July 11, 2018</p> <p>Agenda items</p> <p>By-Laws Prioritize the order in which we take on issues. Looking at Education for the Task Force. Vacancies 30th Anniversary of GTFJAC will occur in 2018.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>		
<p>Announcements:</p>		<p>There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded. The motion passed.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
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HART Coordinator and
Kristen M. Clark,
GTFJAC Coordinator