

# GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

July 10, 2019 – 1:30 PM.

Connecticut Children's Alliance, 75 Charter Oak Ave, Hartford, CT

Present: K. Rich, T. Sneed, H. Bey-Coon, B. Burke, E. Borecka, M. Doherty, K. Butler-Kurth, K. Hanley, S. Kristoff, B. Leaming, J. Leventhal, N. Nesbitt, M. Manning, C. Robak, P. Schaeffer, F. Vos Winkel, Y. Young, S. Zanker-Rivera

**Guests:** J. Fitzsimmons, E. Truskolaska, J Garrow(Judge Conway), A. Purvis, R. Prajapan, S. Cancel, 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 1:33 PM
Approval of Minutes:	The May 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved.	There was a motion to approve the May 2019 minutes. <b>The motion passed. Hakima Bey-Coon/Margaret Doherty M/S/P</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	A presentation by Dr. Emily Truskolaska from the University of Bialystok and the Department of Criminology in Poland. She presented on the topic of Child Abuse. Topics included 1.Strategies of action with regard to perpetrators of domestic violence 2. Interviews of child victims of sexual crimes, and 3. human trafficking. She reviewed the laws and practices in Poland related to these topics.	
<b>CCA Update</b>	The 4 <sup>th</sup> annual Response to Recovery: A Child Abuse conference occurred on May 23 <sup>rd</sup> at CCSU, and there were 525 people in attendance. The conference went well. Corey Jensen a therapist from Oregon who did a presentation on sexual offenders was highly requested and she will be brought back to work with teams in several regions in The Fall. She presented videos of her work with sex offenders which was extremely informative. The videos included reports from sex offenders who shared information about their grooming process. Several people who attended her training shared how informative her workshops were and that it is a good idea to bring her back for additional training in the State as she has a wealth of information on this topic. Four of the CACs will be going through accreditation next year and is in the process of prepping for that process. The centers going through this process is Danbury, Windham, Stamford, and Waterbury, Yale recently went through this process and has offered their support to those who will be going through the process next year. Voca funding is helping centers provide enhanced medical services to clients. Yale shared how they are using these fundings to support the medical needs of their clients. This funding is helping to resolve 85 – 90% of the gaps in medical services needed for clients accessing a CAC. There is a version of the Outcome measurement survey being developed for youth, These surveys currently exist for team members and parents.	
<b>Training Committee Report</b>	Finding Words: The past training went well. There were 38 participants, three of whom were forensic interviewers. The next course will be on November 4 <sup>th</sup> . We increased faculty this year, but continue to seek to build their resources so if anyone has any recommendations for trainers please contact Michelle or Krystal. They will be looking to update some of the videos being utilized so they are more current.  Training Committee: Discoverers and First Responders training are finalized. They will be doing training for current trainers and	

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	new trainers in the Fall. There needs to be a tracking system for all training. There was a request to get access to the curriculum for review. Currently, there are 10 people who will need to be retrained.	
<b>MDT Evaluation</b>	The monthly meeting occurred today and reviewed feedback on the standardized protocol. There are additional elements that need to be revised based on feedback from MDT members.	
<b>Other Business:</b>	None	
<b>New Business:</b>	A discussion about training topics for future meetings occurred. One recommendation is to do a review of the Minimal Facts training in September. There was a discussion about forensic interviewing and doing a review of that process. There was a request to make it a presentation that includes participants of the course so they can share their feedback on how the training has impacted their work with children. Doing training about updated laws and legislation that impacts the work of this group. Request for an update on the education mandate for schools.	Faith Vos Winkel will share a PDF with information about laws that were enacted this legislative session. She will share with Kristen to distribute to the group.
<b>Announcements:</b>	None	
	Meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm.	There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded. <b>The motion passed.</b> <b>Faith Vos Winkle/Tammy Sneed M/S/P</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Yvette Young  
HART Coordinator