

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

Quarterly Meeting

March 8, 2017 – 2:00PM.
Chief State Attorney's Office, Hartford, CT

Present: S. Sedensky, T. Sneed, K. Anelli, K. Butler-Kurth, E. Borecka, K. Clark, C. Cunningham, L. Cordes, M. Doherty, A. Johnson, S. Kristoff, S. Mancini, T. Montelli, N. Nesbitt, K. Rich, F. Vos Winkel, J Levanthal, P. Nunez, Y. Young

Guests: P. Pisano, M. Manning

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order		The meeting was called to order at 2:10PM
Approval of Minutes:	<p>Approval of September 2016 minutes. Under Village budget, change period to coma in \$11, 636. Changed spelling of Kurth, Winkel and Doherty</p> <p>Review of April 2016 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.</p>	There was a motion to approve the March 2016 minutes. The motion passed. Cordes/Rich 1 Abstentions M/S/P
Budget Update	<p>Village Update- Review of the Village budget.</p> <p>Discussion regarding where the savings came from. Carry over from previous years as well as not having a Finding Words course. DCF Budget - \$20,000 Unencumbered funds. This can be spent through September 30, 2017.</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>CCMC Colposcope – Yale purchased a colposcope that is the same model that was at \$13,000 without all the bells and whistles. There may be a need to look at the funds they have already at \$15,000 to cover the purchase. There was discussion regarding some of the add-ons that were requested. Will need to see if the full amount is needed. The GTF suggested to fund up to the amount requested.</p> <p>Discussed the 2nd proposal around Brain Trauma and Dr. Chris Wilson. This was suggested by Chief Flaherty and Hakima Bey-Coon also viewed the speaker in the past. There was discussion regarding use of this expert vs a Connecticut expert. There were no proposals submitted for CT experts but there was a suggestion regarding around having them submit proposals for the HART/CCA conference. That conference may have the ability to do stipends. The trauma training would be a day long training at POST in June 2017 that would be opened up statewide with a 300 person capacity.</p>	<p>There was a Motion to approve up to \$7,000 for a colposcope for CCMC. The motion passed. Sedensky/Butler-Kureth M/S/P</p> <p>There was a Motion to approve \$4,000 for at Trauma Training. The motion passed. Borecka/Montelli M/S/P</p>

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	<p>HART/CCA Conference – theme of training around male victims as a primary focus. There will be breakout sessions. National and local trainers. RAD will do a 2 part training per the evaluations last year. Resiliency on teams is another topic area.</p> <p>Proposal was received today, March 8, 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 \$4,000 for at Trauma Training. The motion passed. Vos Winkel/Cordes M/S/P</p>
GTF Coordinator Update:	<p>Reviewed the Priorities. Added CACs to title under section A. Ensure that there is a letter I.</p> <p>Discussion around Legislation area – The topic seems broad. Discussed that legislation is gathered from a variety of sources throughout the session. Some years the area addresses bills that have had resolution and other years when the session ends in June, it may just include bills raised. Additionally, some year’s key bills that are raised and fail are also included.</p> <p>Do we need to look at our participation in areas such as NCA Trak? Court Improvement Plan and CFSR are needed to have more information presented at the GTFJAC meeting. Look to do some education around CFSR and CIP for the task force. GTFJAC will continue to request information regarding the state’s child and family services plan and the Court Improvement Plan.</p> <p>Look at ways our funds are currently being spent and look at the priority areas. Are there areas which we should be focusing on?</p>	<p>There was a Motion to approve proposed budget and priority areas for 2017-2018. The motion passed. Leventhal/Johnson M/S/P</p>
CCA Director Update:	<p>The case referral numbers by team were submitted for the quarter. Discussed the need to look at the referrals that are received at DCF that do not get to MDTs. Look at variables included in the NCA Trak and what is being used.</p> <p>OMS - Teams have been working diligently to complete the three surveys that are currently available (caregiver, follow up and team survey) Looking to develop a survey from the youth that have received the services.</p>	<p>Krystal will send variables for GTF to view.</p>
HART Coordinator	<p>HART data was verbally presented at the meeting.</p>	
Committee Reports:		
Executive Committee:	<p>GHCAC – Meetings are ongoing and the process is moving forward. Discussed some of the contractual transitions and the service delivery.</p> <p>Lawrence and Memorial Hospital – They will not continue their contract with the MDT as they do not have the resources to continue this. The contract expires in June 2017 and They will assist with the transition. A new RFP will be developed. The SACS office has been supporting this area and will continue.</p> <p>GTF Retreat – Discussed new date for the upcoming 2 day retreat. This will occur March 30-31, 2017 at First Cathedral Church in Bloomfield.</p>	

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	CAC Legislation – Children’s Committee developed legislation that passed out of committee. A copy was sent to GTFJAC for review. The original legislation had a public hearing last week. DCF and CSAO testified in favor of the proposed legislation. The original legislation eliminated the GTF Evaluation Committee. Revised legislation was submitted by the CSAO and portions were included in the legislation that was passed out of committee. The legislation was developed around the need to define CACs in statute and there was a desire from DCF to look towards accreditation. CCA was also approached when the Children’s Committee was drafting the bill. Provided information regarding around 32 other states that have this in legislation. Testimony was also provided by CCA. There is a need to convene a small work group around developing joint language. The original legislation 20 years ago had CACs in it which was removed and now it has come full circle.	
Finding Words Committee:	Next Course is April 2017. One of the faculty has stepped down. This course will also be the first course with the new law enforcement faculty.	
MDT Evaluation Committee:	<p>Evaluation – Norwalk and Torrington reports will be sent out. 5 teams are in the process and Max Wilensky has been approved by the committee and has been submitted to GTFJAC.</p> <p>Universal Issues – Equal access to medicals and mental health, consistency of case acceptance standards for teams are some of those issues. There needs to be a focus on some of the Universal Issues.</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve Max Wilensky as a member for MDT Evaluation Committee. The motion passed. Vos Winkel/Montelli M/S/P</p>
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.	
Membership Committee:	Need to review current vacancies on the task force. This can be discussed at the retreat.	
Child Fatalities:	Not covered due to time.	
Other Business:	Once the new state standards are completed, we will do a training on both state and National standards for teams across the state.	
New Business:		
Announcements:		<p>There was a motion to adjourn which was moved and properly seconded. The motion passed. Vos Winkel/Leventhal M/S/P</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

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GTFJAC Coordinator