Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
Friday February 19th, 2016, 11:00 a.m.
Hall of Justice
925 Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48909

MINUTES

Members Present: *Chair John Hohman, Colin Parks (Member Designee for Director Lyon), Jennifer Pintar, Robert Sykes, Jr., Fred Gruber, Shannon Lowder, Susan Hull, Betsy Boggs, Kelly Ramsey, Melinda Deel, Danita Echols, Veda Thompkins, Dorene Allen, Tana Bridge, Lani Forbes.*

Nonmembers: *Sheldon Mayer, Carol Hackett Garagiola, Deborah Buchanan, Traci Kress, Guy Thompson, Julie Knob, Elizabeth Henderson, Ryan Deel.*

Members Absent*: Julie Nakfoor Pratt, Robin Eagleson.*

Public: Krisy Kuhl, Melissa Sutler, Kim Christiensen.

01. Welcome

Judge Hohman called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Members and guests present introduced themselves. The new appointees, Tana Bridge, Eastern Michigan University Professor and Dorene Allen, Midland County Probate Judge, each began their terms January 1, 2016 introduced themselves.

02. Public Comment

A presentation was provided by Krisy Kuhl on "Darkness to Light Child Abuse Prevention." Discussion was made with regard to the GTFCAN being unable to utilize funding for prevention measures. Colin Parks stated he would discuss with Krisy Kuhl other programs that could benefit from the prevention training.

03. Consideration of Minutes

Motion by Robert Sykes Jr. for the Task Force to approve minutes from the GTF meeting held on 12/11/2015.
Motion 2nd by Lani Forbes. Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.

04. Financial Report – Lani Forbes/Sheldon Mayer

The financial report was provided to the Task Force. A total of $6001.03 was not accounted for and would be reported to the full Task Force at the

May meeting as information was not provided to the coordinator in time for the February meeting.

Committee Reports –

05. <u>Citizen's Review Panel (CRP) – Jennifer Pintar</u>

The final draft of the CRP report was completed and the recommendations were sent to MDHHS for review with anticipation the review and response can take six months. The committee will reconvene to determine what the committee will target as goals to be worked on by the Citizen's Review Panel over the next three years.

The Panel will request approval for funding to send two members (one member was approved at the December 2015 meeting) to the National Citizen's Review Panel Conference in Arizona in June 2016.

Motion made by Susan Hull for the Task Force to approve the travel funding request. Motion was seconded by Betsy Boggs. The Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.

<u>Project Funding Committee – Lani Forbes</u>

The Task Force was informed that all funds in FY 20106 have been committed and there would be no funds available in 2016 for grants

<u>Summit Committee – Sheldon Mayer</u>

The Summit will be held May 5-6, 2016 at the Grand Traverse Resort with Key Note speaker, E. Benjamin Skinner. The Task Force will hold an abbreviated meeting on May 4, 2016 from 4:30 to 6:15 pm with a plated dinner to follow. Members of the Task Force are requested to invite their significant other to the dinner.

A panel discussion will be held during the lunch hour on May 5, 2016. Susan Hull and Colin Parks were asked to participate in the panel discussion. They were also asked to refer other speakers for the Summit Committee to pursue to participate in the panel discussion. The GTF coordinator will follow up with identifying and inviting additional presenters.

<u>Legislative Committee – Robert Sykes Jr.</u>

The committee has not received request for comment on any pending legislation at this time.

Training Committee – Jennifer Pintar

Julie Nakfoor Pratt was unable to attend today's meeting, but was able to supply a written report for the members to review. The Training Clearinghouse has been operational for more than a month and has received over 300 visits to the website. A request was made in the written report for another member of the Task Force to take over as chair for this committee. No decision has been made regarding a new chair for the committee.

Protocol Committee – Jennifer Pintar

A written report was provided prior to the meeting. The Protocol Committee met on February 18, 2016. The goal of the committee is to continue working on the revisions of the Forensic Interviewing Protocol. The protocol committee is in the process of forming a subcommittee to begin work on the revisions.

Mental Health Standards Committee – Shannon Lowder

The committee is searching for new members. The Relias agreement should be finalized within the next few days.

Child Protection, Well-Being, and Permanency Committee – Fred Gruber

A written report was sent prior to the meeting. Training will be held with a tentative title of "Court Wards and the School Experience" on June 24, 2016 at the Hall of Justice. SCAO has offered to handle contacting the speakers, speaker contracts, registration, parking, lunch, and printing the handouts. The committee will convene prior to the general meeting to prepare a list of speakers, topics they would present, and discuss the agenda for the program. The target audience will consist of jurists, attorneys, administration, educators, and parent advocates.

Adoption Committee – Betsy Boggs

The Adoption Committee would like to collaborate with members of the Citizen's Review Panel to reconstitute the Adoption Committee. The chair of the committee will be contacting Judge Tacoma to inquire if he would like to remain on the committee. Deborah Buchanan will forward copies of the reports on disrupted adoptions from MDHHS through Colin Parks.

07. New Business – Workgroup on Potential Roles of GTFCAN in Implementing Recommendations of Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children (TFPSAC) – Carol Hackett Garagiola

Workgroup members have agreed upon a work plan and timeline. Materials have been sent out to workgroup members for review in preparation for the March 3, 2016 workgroup meeting. The goal of this workgroup is to develop and present to the GTFCAN, before the May 2016 meeting, a prioritized proposed plan for potential roles for the GTFCAN in implementing the recommendations of the TFPSAC.

08. MDHHS Update – Colin Parks

The Safety Conference was held in December 2015 with approximately 440 staff attending (primarily front line child welfare staff). Another safety conference is in the planning stage for December 2016. The goal of the conference is to boost the workers skills around child safety.

MDHHS has received funding for a CPS workload study and training is currently being provided to the workers. The results of this study should be received by early summer 2016. The purpose of the caseload study is to assess the current caseload ratio.

The Safe and Together rollout has been completed and is now in Business Service Center Four. Completion of roll-out will occur by the end of FY 2016. Guidance around the Safe and Together practice, also identified as the Domestic Violence Enhancement will be provided in the MiTEAM Case Practice Protocol.

09. GTF Coordinator Report – Sheldon Mayer

The coordinator had no new information to provide.

10. GTF Chair Report – John Hohman

The Chair indicated the three-year assessment of the Task Force activities will be due in May. Judge Hohman stated he would be forming a work group comprised of Task Force Committee Chairs to complete the document.

A reminder was given to the Task Force members of the Executive Order (EO) 2013-4 (the EO which created the Task Force) compels members of the Task Force to refer all legal, legislative, and media contacts to MDHHS.

11. GTF Future Meeting

May 4, 2016 at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa.

12. Adjourn

Motion was by Tana Bridge to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dorene Allen. Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.