

Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
Friday July 18th, 2014, 11:00 a.m.
Michigan Hall of Justice
925 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48915

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Kenneth Tacoma, Carol Hackett Garagiola, Designee for Director Corrigan, Shannon Lowder, Fred Gruber, Terrance Gilsonan, Danita Echols, Betsy Boggs, Gary Anderson, Susan Hull, Linda Hallmark, Robin Eagleson, Robert Sykes, Julie Nakfoor Pratt, Lisa Wenger, . DHS: Colin Parks, Sheldon Kinney. SCAO Noah Bradow and Kate McPherson.

Members Absent: Jenifer Pintar, Lori Budnik, Luann Forbes.

1. Welcome

Judge Tacoma welcomed the members and DHS representatives to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Consideration of the Minutes

Motion by Judge Robert Sykes Jr. for Task Force to approve minutes from GTF meeting on 05/21/2014.

Motion 2nd by Carol Hackett Garagiola. Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Report

S. Kinney gave the financial report. Copies of the current budget were provided to all Task Force members. The budget remains in good shape, and the task force has \$46,430.73 to spend before September 30, 2014. A request was made for an amended financial report to be provided which would show what items had been paid. Sheldon Kinney agreed to modify the financial report prior to the next meeting to make the reporting more transparent.

Motion by Robin Eagleson to accept the budget report as received and filed.

Motion 2nd by Susan Hull. Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.

4. DHS Update

Colin Parks reported for DHS:

- MiSACWIS. An electronic update will be sent to the GTFCAN soon. Information was not available at this time.
- Sanders decision. One parent doctrine.
- Mandated Reporter Training.
- Human Trafficking Protocol.

5. Committee Reports

Summit Committee – Judge Hallmark

Judge Hallmark reported no written report was provided and thanked Gary Anderson for his participation with the Summit Committee. The next Summit will incorporate more networking and discussion has begun with regard to moving the Summit to the fall. Boyne and Grand Rapids, as well as Grand Traverse are being discussed. Sheldon will begin checking into hotels. Suggestions for topics were requested. Send your responses to Gary Anderson, Judge Hallmark, and Sheldon Kinney. Judge Hallmark thanked Robin Eagleson and Noah Bradow for volunteering to sit on the committee.

Citizen Review Panel – Robin Eagleson

The Committee has gone to Grand Rapids, Flint, and Alpena and will be traveling to Marquette in the Upper Peninsula August 7th. At this time, we are considering going back to Flint as the participation was not what was anticipated. The recommendations the committee was going to make to the GTFCAN in August will be delayed.

Legislative Committee – Judge Sykes

Judge Sykes stated HB 4493 amends Child Protection Law (CPL) to include other employees of institutions of higher learning. Judge Sykes requested a motion for the GTFCAN to send letter in support of HB 4493.

Motion made by Julie Nakfoor Pratt. 11 votes for the support, 1 vote against.

Judge Sykes requested this vote be put on the agenda for the next meeting when more of the members of the Task Force were present.

Motion by Terrance Gilsenan for vote to be placed on October 24, 2014 agenda.
Motion 2nd by Dr. Gary Anderson. 11 votes for and 1 vote against. Motion carried.

Judge Sykes stated HB 5411 requires a parent be present or authorization of a parent/court order when children are talked to by Children's Protective Services. Judge Sykes stated this was not appropriate as often it is the parent who is the abuser. Judge Sykes requested the committee be allowed to send a letter to the sponsors of the HB 5411 stated the GTFCAN opposes HB 5411.

Motion by Julie Nakfoor Pratt to send letter opposing HB 5411.
Motion 2nd by Dr. Gary Anderson Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.

Judge Sykes stated the state of Michigan is considering requiring mandatory training for mandated reporters. Dr. Anderson stated it was important to wait for the Department of Human Services to roll out the training and keep the issue visible.

Training Committee – Julie Nakfoor Pratt

A report had been sent out to the full Task Force for review prior to the meeting. Julie Nakfoor Pratt stated she would send out evaluation language for a three year contract. Julie stated she would research what the target audience was for the CJA Grant and adopt language in an interagency agreement for \$300,000.00 a year for 3 years. Judge Tacoma asked if there was a motion.

Motion by Fred Gruber supporting \$300,000.00 for 3 years.
Motion withdrawn

Noah Bradow introduced Kate McPherson to the Task Force.

Sheldon Kinney reminded the Task Force the SCAO Contract in discussion would not change until 2015. The current contract would be a one year extension to give time to make the necessary changes to the language of a three year contract.

Mental Health Committee – Dr. Shannon Lowder

Dr. Lowder stated the rate which the State of Michigan pays for psychological evaluations has not changed since 1969. The Department of Human Services has maintained a pay range of \$150.00 to \$1500.00.

Dr. Lowder added they are losing members in the committee. She added the number 1 goal for the Mental Health Committee has been therapist for children and birth parents, adding there were approximately 500 contractors in the state. Dr. Lowder stated she would contact the training committee for an evaluation of the goal.

Child Protection, Well Being and Permanency committee – Fred Gruber

A written report was submitted. Fred Gruber welcomed Deanna Finnegan, Sandy Metcalf, and Angela Cole to the committee.

Adoption Committee – Betsy Boggs

No report provided as there was nothing to report. Cathe Hoover from DHS will be providing reports on disrupted adoption. The committee will be meeting with SCAO regarding data collection and further information on dissolved adoptions. The data will be compiled at the end of October.

Protocol Implementation Work Group – Julie Nakfoor Pratt

The implementation team is still in the works. Contacts have been made regarding placement of logos on GTFCAN letterhead. At this time, logos are not being offered, however progress is being made.

Protocols are being sent to the local offices.

6. New Business

New Appointments – Judge Tacoma

Appointments will be made December 2014. All appointments are going to reapply. Lisa Wenger is leaving the GTFCAN. Director Corrigan will receive reappointments. Timing of reappointments is uncertain.

7. Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force Report – C. Hackett Garagiola

Appointments of 15 people were made and the first meeting is July 24, 2014 and this time will be used to formulate a work plan. There is a link to legislation. Everything has to be wrapped up in one year. Carol requested funding for \$250.00 per meeting for lunch as the TFPSAC does not have funding to pay for lunches and the meetings that are scheduled will be over the course of eight hours each meeting. Funding was requested for four meetings.

Judge Tacoma requested a motion for meal funding up to \$1000.00 or \$250.00 per meeting.

Sheldon Kinney stated he was in conversation with Catherine Luby regarding the ability of the GTFCAN to authorize the funding due to the prevention aspect attached to the TFPSAC.

Motion by Robin Eagleson to approve the funding.

Motion 2nd by Lisa Wenger. Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.

Funding will be provided upon approval by the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, Children's Bureau

08. Proposal for funding request – Dr. Gary Anderson

Dr. Anderson presented a written proposal for a total of \$16,920.00 for the completion of the mandated reporter pamphlet series.

Motion by Judge Sykes to approve the funding.

Motion 2nd by Dr. Lowder. Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.

Sheldon Kinney suggested the GTFCAN wait to authorize any additional proposals until such a time as an audit is able to be completed on the finances.

Judge Tacoma called for a motion to adjourn the request for proposals.

Motion by Fred Gruber to adjourn funding request.

Motion 2nd by Robin Eagleson. Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.

09. GTF Chair Report – Judge Tacoma

Judge Tacoma stated he and the Coordinator Sheldon Kinney would pass on providing a report to the GTFCAN due to time.

Judge Tacoma requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

11. GTF Future Meeting Schedule

It was reported the next meeting of the full task force will be October 24th, 2014 at 11:30am at the Michigan Hall of Justice.

12. Public Comment

No public comment.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Robin Eagleson to adjourn the meeting.

Motion 2nd by Dr. Louder. Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.