

Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect

Wednesday, May 21st, 2014, 5:30 p.m.

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

Acme, MI 49610

Tower A

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Kenneth Tacoma, Director Maura Corrigan, Carol Hackett Garagiola, Designee for Director Corrigan, Shannon Lowder, Lori Budnik, Lani Forbes, Danita Echols, Betsy Boggs, Gary Anderson, Susan Hull, Jennifer Pintar, Linda Hallmark, Robin Eagleson, Robert Sykes, Julie Nakfoor Pratt, Lisa Wenger, . DHS: Colin Parks, Karyn Ferrick, Sheldon Kinney, Jenifer Vorce, Kelcy Ensign. SCAO Noah Bradow and Kelly Howard.

Members Absent: Larry Watkins, Frederick Gruber, Terrance Gilsenan.

1. Welcome

Judge Tacoma welcomed the members and DHS representatives to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves to Director Corrigan. Director Corrigan spoke of MYOI Project Casey stating this was the most robust program in the country. Two of sixteen Safety initiatives in Michigan were said to be nationally recognized. Director Corrigan thanked the task force for its support of the safety initiatives. Additionally, Director Corrigan thanked Kelcy Ensign for her work stating she was grateful Kelcy worked as an Analyst for Colin Parks, adding she was also glad to have Colin Parks due to his leadership, vision, and initiative. Director Corrigan stated C. Parks had done a wonderful job of knowing what was needed to improve safety for children and it was a joy to watch him work. Judge Tacoma stated Fred Gruber would not be attending the meeting and stated he was sorry he wasn't able to attend. Judge Tacoma added this was the first meeting for Danita Echols as a fully appointed Task Force member and she had an extremely wonderful biography.

2. Consideration of the Minutes

Motion by Lani Forbes for Task Force to approve minutes from GTF meeting on 03/07/2014.

Motion 2nd by Susan Hull. 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 \$43,171 to spend before September 30, 2014. An additional \$4,000 to \$6,000 is expected to be added to this total for the time J. Vorce exited the position until the time S. Kinney entered the position of State Coordinator as no payment was spent for the wage of the position. Judge Tacoma requested all proposals for the use of remaining funds be submitted at the next GTF meeting scheduled for July 18, 2014.

Motion by Robert Sykes to accept the budget report as received and filed.
Motion 2nd by Betsy Boggs. Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.

4. DHS Update

Colin Parks reported for DHS:

- Discussed safety initiatives for Michigan.
- Safe Sleep Act was signed by Governor Snyder last week.
- Current reporting period for MSA 6 ends June 30, 2014.
- Implementation of MiSACWIS.
- Mandated Reporter Initiative.

5. Committee Reports

Citizen Review Panel – Jennifer Pintar

The Committee update was sent out to all. The review panel in Flint was concluded and next is Alpena. Grand Rapids went very well as people came and expressed themselves. We will wait to see what is next after June 3rd in Alpena.

Summit Committee – Judge Hallmark

Judge Hallmark reported no written report was provided and welcomed everyone. She offered it was wonderful working with J. Vorce, S. Kinney, and K. Ensign. The resort was great about accommodating. Judge Hallmark stated many were nervous about the numbers for attendance this Summit, however, there was a record 243 confirmed attendee's this year. Vouchers could be submitted for meals and Friday morning there would be a continental breakfast offered. Judge Hallmark concluded by saying Dr. Perry would not be joining the Task Force for dinner this evening, but he was in the building.

Legislative Committee – Judge Sykes

The Task Force approved the formation of the committee in July 2013. The committee has not been formally asked to review anything for today's meeting. Judge Sykes added someone needed to contact the Governor's Task Force directly if they want us to review legislation. Judge Sykes closed by saying the committee is ready, willing, and able to serve.

Training Committee –

Julie Nakfoor-Pratt discussed the extension of the SCAO contract from one to three years stating it came down to old fashioned pros and cons. She called on Noah Bradow to provide his PowerPoint presentation. J. Nakfoor Pratt added the change to a three year contract would just make this contract more consistent with other contracts. J. Nakfoor – Pratt stated she was not stating the Task Force had to go with a three year contract. Under the Executive Order it mentions every three years we are doing evaluations.

Motion by Susan Hull to approve a three (3) year Interagency Agreement for SCAO.
Motion 2nd by Lani Forbes. Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.

Mental Health Committee – Dr. Shannon Lowder

Dr. Lowder stated the committee was still in the process of formulating the cost for the web based training. This form of training would be more cost effective and will take approximately 12 months to complete the training for rollout.

Child Protection, Well Being and Permanency committee – Lori Budnik

Judge Tacoma stated Fred Gruber had called and expressed his regret he was unable to make the meeting. The committee stated they had stalled in their efforts. Judge Tacoma instructed them to meet and narrow their focus.

Adoption Committee – Betsy Boggs

The goals have been outlined and the committee continues to attempt to identify data sources about distressed and dissolved adoptions. Judge Tacoma sent out a survey to Michigan Probate Judges and good feedback was provided. B. Boggs stated ideas/thoughts on this subject were welcome.

Protocol Implementation Work Group – Carol Hackett Garagiola

Carol Hackett Garagiola reported that the committee is enlisting the support of groups and the buy in of leadership for the protocol initiative. We would like to use their logos on the letterhead. The initiative would include a pre/post survey. We would like to work with someone for the questionnaire and the measures of the efficacy in investigations with the main question being “has the use of the protocol made a difference?” The goal would also include developing local protocols with PAAM providing assistance with local communities. J. Nakfoor-Pratt added the committee is working on a corrected draft of the letter describing the protocol initiative, and discerning the entities/agencies to be contacted. Carol Hackett Garagiola stated Julie Welch from PAAM suggested Deb Poole as the researcher, as Deb Poole completed the original research on the protocol.

Motion by Carol Hackett Garagiola to continue with GTF protocols initiative as described to the Task Force.

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

6. Old Business

Consideration of Funding Request – Children’s Summit 2014 – Lisa Wenger

Lisa Wenger and D. Echols requested funds of \$2300.00 for the 2014 Children’s Summit. A motion to approve the funding was requested. No motion was made. Funding request was denied. Apologies were extended to Lisa Wenger and Danita Echols. Judge Tacoma stated he appreciated the effort of the presentation to the Task Force and added the GTFCAN did not fund local issues.

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

There has been some change in the status of the Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force creation since the last GTF meeting in March 2014. The appointments for this new task force may be announced soon. Legislation, HB 4493, that will eliminate the language in Erin's Law (2012 PA 593) that prohibits reimbursement of travel expenses for this task force remains pending.

09. GTF Chair Report – Judge Tacoma

Judge Tacoma stated he and the Coordinator Sheldon Kinney had traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana for the CJA Annual Meeting. He added overall there was some excellent information received. Michigan is a top state with regard to how they are handling things, and from the view of the chair, we are doing well. We need a report to the Governor. Please talk to Sheldon. Roll around what you want to add to the report. Some member's terms expire this year. If you are interested in renewing to serve another term we will be contacting you. There will be a regular Coordinators report. We need to raise Michigan's Profile. If you are able to think of ways to do this as well, please let us know.

10. GTF Coordinator Report – Sheldon Kinney

Sheldon Kinney stated he was happy to be in the position and had a great deal to learn. There had been a lot going on since he was promoted into the position of the Coordinator and he was still attempting to acclimate himself into the position. He stated he received a large amount of information with regard to the CJA grant at the meeting in New Orleans. He additionally added the protocols completed by the GTFCAN were now on the Federal website as it was determined they had not been submitted. S. Kinney stated he would remain in close contact with the feds to ensure the GTFCAN was remaining high in visibility with all opportunities. S. Kinney stated the 2014 CJA grant had been submitted several weeks prior so the GTFCAN was set with another years funding.

11. GTF Future Meeting Schedule

It was reported the next meeting of the full task force will be July 18th, 2014 at 11:30am at the Michigan Hall of Justice.

12. Public Comment

No public comment.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Lani Forbes to adjourn the Full Task Force meeting.

Motion 2nd by Betsy Boggs. Full Task Force motion carried unanimously.