

Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect

Friday, February 17, 2017
Hall of Justice
925 Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI

Proposed Minutes

Members Present: Judge John Hohman (chair), Judge Dorene Allen, Dr. Tana Bridge, Lori Budnik, Lani Forbes, Susan Hull, Dr. Shannon Lowder, Julie Nakfoor Pratt, Danita Echols, Fred Gruber via telephone, Judge Robert Sykes, Veda Thompkins, and Judge Kelly Ramsey.

Members Absent: Colin Parks (designee N. Lyon), Melinda Deel, Betsy Boggs, Jennifer Pintar

Nonmembers Present: Tonya Randall, Elizabeth Henderson, Julie Knop, and Carol Hackett Garagiola.

Public: No one present from the public

- **Welcome**

Chair Judge Hohman welcomed everyone present for today's meeting.

- **Public Comment**

No Comments were received.

- **Consideration of Minutes for December 9, 2016**

Judge Allen motioned for the minutes to be approved; Lani Forbes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Budget and Funding Project Committee-** (L. Forbes)

Provided an update on the 2015 sub-grantee's accomplishments with the funds awarded by GTF. Three recipients received the sub-grants Child Abuse and Neglect Council Great Lakes Bay Region, Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center, and Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

Updates from the 2016 sub-grantee recipients is currently being collected.

By May 2017, expenditures should be solidified to look at what funds are available if any for sub-grantees.

Discussion held regarding Summit Budget and increasing the Summit budget from the CSS&M line item. Judge Sykes motioned for the Summit budget to be increased, Lani Forbes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Citizen's Review Panel Committee-** (L.Forbes)

The CRP committee provided to Colin Parks their final recommends for implementation. A meeting will be scheduled between the committee and Colin to review the status of implementation.

The CRP committee will begin the focus meetings again in 2018.

The National Citizen's Review Conference is scheduled for May 2017. Discussion was held to the merit of attendance at the conference. Susan Hull motioned for approval of up to 2 CRP committee members, as selected by the CRP Chair to attend the National Conference, Dr. Lowder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Committee-** (Judge Sykes)

No updates at this time.

- **Mental Health Standards Committee-** (Dr. Lowder)

Their sexual abuse work group is currently creating content for a training, and identifying a provider to utilize the content for training.

David Mandel gave permission to video tape his presentation at the 2017 Summit. The committee continues to look for ways to provide the Safe and Together model to mental health therapists.

The committee is still working in collaboration with MDHHS on contracts for evaluations.

Luther Lovell, MDHHS Director of Wexford/Missaukee Counties provided the committee with efforts by MDHHS as it relates to secondary trauma. The committee has additionally connected with Alicia Cosgrove, in hopes of learning statewide secondary trauma efforts.

- **Child Protection, Permanency, and Well-Being Committee** (F. Gruber)

No updates at this time

- **Training Committee-** (Judge Allen)

The Summit agenda was provided to the Task Force.

Judge Allen contacted a graphic designer for creation of a Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect logo. The logo was presented to the Task Force for discussion. A motion was made approving the concept of a logo; the motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. Efforts will continue to create a logo.

- **Protocol Committee-** (J. Nakfoor Pratt)

One more revision is needed by the Forensic Interviewing Protocol work group, and it will then be submitted for edit and printing. Once the revised protocol is completed, there will be a need for the revision to be trained.

- **Data Committee-** (Dr. Bridge)

The Data Committee will be charged with assisting the Task Force in seeking out data that is needed to support recommendations and answer questions.

- **MDHHS Report-** (T. Randall)

Mandated reporter pamphlets that the Task Force previously assisted in funding, are being distributed. The goal is for the pamphlets to be revised on an annual basis.

- **Chair Report** (Judge Hohman)

Appointment/Reappointments to the Task Force are still under review at the Governor's office.

Update on CJA grant definitions.

To date a response has not been received by Governor Snyder or Director Nick Lyon as to whether they will be able to attend the 2017 Summit.

Steve Yager was invited to the 2017 Summit to recognize his excellence in child welfare. An inquiry will be made on how to establish an annual award to be presented at the annual Summit.

- **GTF Strategic Plan Review** (Judge Hohman)

New member handbook is being created.

The Task Force has a good sense of where they would like to be, the road map of how to move forward needs to be further developed.

Discussion was conducted when a meeting can be held to evaluate progress of the strategic plan.

- **New Business**

No new business.

- **Next Meeting**

Full Task Force Meeting scheduled May 24, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, Acme, Michigan.

- **Meeting was Adjourned**