

Missouri Task Force on Children's Justice Minutes
February 10, 2022

WebEx and In-person—CD Offices

10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Lunch Provided

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Attendance: Chris Jensen
Approval of Minutes from November Meeting
Attendance: Cari Pointer, Kim Abbott, Hugh Harvey, Rachel Jones, Lisa Mizell, Jill Groff-Rosloniec, Leslie Schneider, Kelly Schultz, Shelly Shugart, Lindsey Parton, Tanya Burrell, Kara Wilcox, Sara Smith, Chris Jensen, Dan Patterson, Bill Carson, Leanne Reese, Danielle Corley, Clay Chism.
- 10:05 a.m. Updates from CJA Members:
Kelly Schultz is now the Director of Policy and Partnerships for the YMCA and would like to continue on the Task Force, but would also suggest that someone from Office of Child Advocate (OCA) join the TF. Danielle said that she is meeting with Becky from OCA next week and will talk to her. It is an open meeting, so they can also join prior to any commitment to the TF. Congrats on the new job, Kelly!
Dr. Burrell announced she got an exciting opportunity in Ghana and will be moving in April. We wish her well on any new adventures!
Danielle Corley announced the Children's Division new Director, Darrell Missey, has come aboard. We will be asking him to attend the next meeting. He popped in a bit into the meeting to say hello to the TF.
Cari Pointer updated the TF on the new Central Consult Unit for the Children's Division. This unit, CCU, will have specialists that can be utilized by the field to assist them over the phone with doing a consult and closing out reports where a child has been determined "Safe", on the SDM Safety Assessment that is now being used by CD. The CCU goes live on February 15.
Dan Patterson updated on the Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor that is part of MOPS. They have someone hired, but they are trying to figure out childcare issues that will allow her to do the requirements of the job. Dan stated that they are seeing a shortage in lawyers, especially in prosecution, due to law schools taking lower number of students and higher pay in the private sector. Brief discussion on funding an additional position for MOPS. We used to partially fund the Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor.
Rachel Jones gave an update from DMH. They will have a 988 Behavior Crisis Line—Current lines are going to be turned over to the 988 number. Hard roll-out in June. Soft roll-out is going on now. Any adult or youth in MO that has a mental health need can call this line to help get connected to their local community mental health providers and people who can either do mobile crisis response or help them access a place to get support and services. Another update is that they are adding additional youth behavioral health liaison position in the

state to the KC area and STL area. Then they are planning to use some of their mental health block grant funds to expand that and create a youth behavioral health liaison role.

10:15 a.m.

Kara Bixby from With Insight spoke about updates from our focus groups that were recently conducted. They have been analyzing data from past grantees that conducted trainings with CJA Funds and also collecting new data from the focus groups. The Grantee Focus group gathered for about 90 minutes via Zoom and some great information was gathered from their perspective and reflection on items from the past three years. They are now going to do a focus group on actual attendees from the trainings and programs. Kara also sent the TF an e-mail link for the TF members to send out to those who have attended their trainings, as well as the grantees.

Some evaluation recommendations that came from the focus group thus far include;

1. Develop a shared survey tool to measure training outcomes that grantees can implement.
2. Bring together grantees to provide input on the shared tool.
3. Roll out new tool as part of the August funding round.

Some admin recommendations included:

1. Update grant application
2. Ask Grantees for feedback on how to improve the grant process
3. Request that grantees report on a common set of outputs and outcomes; for example: Output: Number of participants from each discipline; Outcome: Results from a shared survey tool.

Next Steps:

- Finish collecting and analyzing data
- Draft report and gather feedback on it
- Finalize report for submission
- Discuss potential of continued work

Kara's presentation will be attached when Minutes are sent out.

11:00 a.m.

Liz Tietsort gave a brief overview of the current Critical Events Committee that meets monthly. It is any fatality or near fatality of a child with active agency involvement or they are in CDs care or that we have had prior recent history with that family. Liz does a brief overview of the case and brings to the committee to discuss and try and see if there are any steps that we can take internally to make improvements. Next steps include wanting a 2nd level review process that would be held quarterly. There are several different groups that meet for critical events so we would like to marry the groups into one. We would like our TF subcommittee to try and be included in this 2nd level group. Task Force supported this effort and as the 2nd Level Subcommittee comes to fruition, Cari and Liz will continue to see how the two groups could merge.

11:30 a.m.

Task Force Business:

- Subcommittee for Legislative Education—No new updates
- Legislative update—Dan, Russ, Judge Harvey, and Rachel will meet to see who is doing what duties as Kelly is not in the role anymore.
- Show Me a Helping Hand update—Greg—No Updates
- Budget Update—Cari—Met with finance people at CD and we have a good deal of money to spend. We are still operating on 2019 grants so we do have money that could be spent on new projects.
- Recruitment Committee: We will need to replace Dr. Burrell now that she is leaving for Ghana. Rachel will reach out to Dr. Burrell and Cari will also get with her to see what role we need for the TF.
- Finance Committee—recommendations on additions to grant proposals.
- Finance Committee approved to review a MJJA Spring Conference grant proposal. Marcia will send early next week and Cari will send to committee to score. Once we have recommendations, Cari will send to TF for a vote. Marcia did state she might add some new slots for scholarships as they are always wanted. She has also started a new initiative, Handle with Care, which the TF has shown interest in before. She may be requesting additional funding for that in the future.

Noon:

Lunch

12:30 p.m.

JoDene Bogart—CFSR—Cari will attach presentation when she sends out minutes. We are finishing up Round 3 of the CFSR and will beginning Round 4 in July-September of 2023. Missouri has opted for a traditional review which will bring a team in to Missouri to complete the review. Missouri has not passed Item 4 (Placement stability) and Item 5 (Permanency goal for the child). If they are not passed by April 30, 2022, fiscal penalties will be assessed until they are successfully met in Round 4. The CFSR uses a statewide assessment using case-level reviews and interviews with key stakeholders and partners. We discussed that the TF members might be able to play a role with stakeholder interviews. There will be 65 cases reviewed from three sites in the state—one metro and two additional sites. After the review all states have a Program Improvement Plan (PIP) to try and achieve compliance. JoDene and Cari will talk further on how the TF can assist with CFSR.

Next CJA Meeting: May 12, 2022, GOB 10-2