

Missouri Task Force on Children's Justice Minutes **February 9, 2023**

WebEx and In-person—Governor's Office Building

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

Lunch Provided

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Attendance: Chris Jensen and Lisa Mizell (Chairs)
Approval of Minutes from December 2022 Meeting
Remind Cari to RECORD
- 10:05 a.m. Updates from CJA Members
Rick talked about the lack of placement for those youth who have exhausted all other placements in foster homes and residential due to behaviors and are having to spend the night in Children's Division offices. There is no record of delinquency acts due to the residential placements not making police reports. This ties the hands legally of the juvenile office to act. It is an on-going crisis in STL right now.

Leanne stated that they have expanded their program into Taney County!
- 10:15 a.m. MKF Update on MDT Project—Meg Boyko and Jessica Seitz presented on the updates on the MDT Project. The Power Point and other materials were provided on the e-mail sent out prior to this meeting. Several listening sessions were held last August and MKF got some valuable feedback. They hired Habitat Communication and Culture to analyze and interpret the data. That assessment was presented and explained by Meg. Assessment was also included in e-mail sent prior to meeting. Next steps include developing a strategic plan. There is a Day of Strategic Planning with statewide stakeholders on February 14, 2023. After that meeting, Habitat will draft a Strategic Plan for the MDT enhancement Initiative. A project manager will also be hired. Pilot sites will discussed and chosen. There has been a lot of interest in being a pilot site.
- 11:00 a.m. MOPS—Kayla Womble spoke to the Task Force about trainings coming up for MOPS. She discussed the Sexual Abuse Trial School and also a Cursory Training coming up in the 14th Circuit in March. She also would like to do additional trainings on a variety of topics across the state. There were some questions regarding making sure that trainings were not being redundant to other similar trainings being offered by different agencies. Kayla said she tries to contact the different areas to see the need and what is already being offered.
- 11:45 a.m. CLOSED SESSION
Task Force Business:
- Legislative update—Kelly and Jessica gave updates on bills currently moving through the legislature. Some bills that were noted included:

HB 367 Removes civil statute of limitations on child sexual abuse.

HB 454 Modify the offensive enticement of a child from age 15 to 17 and would modify age of offense for prostitution. Help identify child trafficking.

SB 359 regarding GAL

- New Member updates—Four new nominees—All were approved by TF for next steps in formal approval process.
 - Pinkie Maxell, STL CD;
 - Judge Tracy Gonzalez, Boone County;
 - Aimee Myer from Homestate Health Community Advocate for Juvenile Justice;
 - JJ Gossrau Department of Mental Health Director of Youth/Young Adult Services.
- Show Me a Helping Hand update—Greg—November 2-3. Greg attended a conference in San Diego where he found some speakers to come to Missouri for the conference. He will be contacting. To assist in getting the info out to LE, Greg will get info to Chief Carson to distribute.
- Finance Committee—recommendations on additions to grant proposals.
 - **DSS, CD CSFR Parent Engagement Enhancements** – JoDene Bogart presented to us last meeting about the CSFR process and the desire to improve parent participation. We encouraged her to apply for funds to provide gift cards as an incentive to parents with lived experience. She requested \$1298.40 representing gift cards, activation fees and postage for 16 participants. All four members of the committee scored the request with an average of 90.25/100. **The recommendation is to fully fund the request for \$1298.40. APPROVED**
 - **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS) Statewide Trainings for 2023-** MOPS proposes 8 statewide trainings in 2023 by the Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor focused on Cursory Interviewing of Children and the Investigation/Prosecution of Physical and Sexual Child Abuse. The request is for \$4335, breaking down to only \$541.87 per training. Three of the four members of the committee scored the request an average of 89/100. Points were deducted for lack of detail in the evaluation methods and budget estimates. **The recommendation is to fully fund the request for \$4,335. APPROVED with one “nay” vote**
 - **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS) Child Sexual Abuse Trial School** – MOPS intends to provide this training in September and requests scholarships for 60 professionals in the total amount of \$21,300. Three of the four members of the committee scored the request an average of 89.33/100. Points were deducted for lack of detail in the evaluation methods and budget estimates given that they had no

dates or location selected. **The recommendation is to fully fund the request for \$21,300. APPROVED**

- **Missouri KidsFirst ChildFirst EX-** MO KidsFirst proposes to present the ChildFirst curriculum in Kansas City on October 3, 4 & 5 at a cost of \$18,406. 15 scholarships are sought for the 3 day training and the event will also include a one day Peer Review Training for up to 20 participants. All four members of the committee scored the request an average of 96.75/100. **The recommendation is to fully fund the request for \$18,406. APPROVED**

- **Missouri Juvenile Justice Association (MJJA) Spring Educational Conference-** MJJA requests funding for the Spring Educational Conference in St. Louis May 24-26. Additional budget information was requested and received by the committee. MJJA only proposes that CJA fund a portion of the event. They request \$22,568 for scholarships for 40 attendees covering the attendance fee and lodging. Three of the four committee members scored the request an average of 88.33/100. **The recommendation is to fully fund the request for \$22,568. APPROVED with three abstaining.**

Adjourn at 12:15

Next CJA Meeting: May 11, 2023 –Governor’s Office Building Jefferson City