

**Missouri Task Force on Children’s Justice Minutes**  
**February 8, 2024**  
*Governor’s Office Building*  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
*Next CJA Meeting: May 9, 2024, GOB*

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Attendance: Lisa Mizell  
Approval of Minutes from August and November 2023 Meeting--  
Approved
- Those present in person: Lisa Mizell, Dr. Terra Frazier, Aimee Meyer,  
Rick Gaines, Kelly Schultz, Leanne Reese, Judge Tracy Gonzalez
- WebEx: Ben Butler, Rachel Jones, Chief Carson, Judge Hugh Harvey,  
Lindsey Parton, Russ Dempsey,
- 10:05 a.m. Updates from Task Force Members
- 10:15 a.m. Fiscal Update—Arlene and Hannah provided explanation of finances and  
expenditures. Handout was provided and will be attached to Minutes. See  
recording for more detail.
- 10:25 Tammy Walden--Handle With Care Project. Tammy updated the TF on  
the progress Handle With Care Project.
- 11:05 a.m. Lauren Hall—Family First.
- 11:45 a.m. Camille –Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board (CANRB)—We need  
more applicants for our six review boards across the state. There are three  
in Jefferson City, one in KC, one in STL and one in Springfield. The  
boards in JC meet in person. Board members will review up to nine or so  
cases a month for the CANRB review day. It is a commitment of one set  
day a month depending on what board you are on. This is a Governor’s  
appointed position. Application will be attached to Minutes.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. CLOSED SESSION  
Task Force Business:
- Legislative update—Will send notes with minutes

- Critical Events—Cari—Currently in contract negotiations for a tool.
- New Member Update—Jan Zimmerman and Dr. Adrienne Atzemis were presented and approved for membership.
- Annual Report in full swing; Kara Bixby is assisting with a new format for report. **Does anyone need to update bios?**
- Finance Committee:

**Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS)** submitted a funding proposal for their **Family and Sexual Violence Conference in Columbia from 5/21-23**. This is their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and we funded the same last year, for the first time. MOPS seeks funding for 25 scholarships to attend for individuals who would not otherwise be able to attend the event. They clarified that the actual tuition cost was \$250 and not the \$287.50 per attendee as reflected in the grant request, which makes the scholarship request \$743.25. This amount multiplied by the 25 scholarships sought totals \$18,581.25. The original request for funding was for \$19,518.75. The request was scored by all six members of the committee, with an average score of 92.2/100. With the subsequent clarification of tuition costs, **the committee recommends funding this request in the amount of \$18,581.25**. Approved

**Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS)** submitted a funding proposal for their **Statewide Trainings of MDTs**, consisting of up to 16 dates in 4 regions of the State. The request is not specific about the dates and locations of trainings, but 5 had already been scheduled. The proposal sought \$7,844 in funding. All six members of the committee scored the grant proposal, with an average score of 93.3/100. **The recommendation is to fully fund the request for \$7,844**. Approved

**Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS)** seeks funding for the **Child Sexual Abuse Trial School to take place 9/17-19 at a location now in Columbia, MO at the Stoney Creek**. They initially sought \$25,025 for the costs associated with this multi-day training for up to 65 individuals who are members of the MDT. All six members of the committee scored the request, with an average score of 97.8/100. Amendment to original due to addition of location about additional costs. Addendum discussed and approved. **The recommendation is to fully fund the request in the amount of \$26,130**. Approved

**Missouri Juvenile Justice Association (MJJA)** submitted a grant application for the **Handle With Care Missouri** program. The Task Force approved funding in 2022 for the development of the website and initial start up of the statewide initiative. Their service is currently available in 8 counties. Their current funding expires 1/31/24. They seek funding to cover a gap in funding between 2/1/24 and 9/20/24 for the School Response Coordinator position. Title II funds will be available to fund this position beginning 10/1/24. The request is for \$44,745 in funding, which is mostly salary and benefits for this position. All six members of the committee scored the request with an average of 97.7/100. **The recommendation is to fully fund the request in the amount of \$44,745**. Approved

**Missouri Juvenile Justice Association (MJJA)** seeks funding for their **2024 MJJA Spring Educational Conference 5/15-17 in Springfield**. The requested amount of \$21,736 is roughly

43% of the total event cost and would provide scholarships for up to 40 individuals and to pay one speaker fee. Five of the six members of the committee scored the request with an average score of 95.4/100, with one committee member abstaining. **The recommendation is to fully fund this request in the amount of \$21,736. Approved**

**Missouri KidsFirst** submitted a proposal for funding the **ChildFirst EX: Expanded Forensic Interviewing Training (with Train the Trainer) 4/16-18 in St. Louis**. The request is for \$16,218 which represents the expected total cost of the training, including proposed travel stipends, for up to 9 individuals to attend. Five of six members of the committee scored the request, with one member abstaining, and yielding an average score of 99.2/100. **The recommendation is to fully fund the request for \$16,218. Approved**

**Children's Mercy-KC** submitted a proposal for \$189,926 for needed **updates to the Child Protector App**, previously funded in part by CJA Task Force. In 2017, the Task Force funded \$49,163 in conjunction with the CJA Task Force in the State of Texas for the development of the Child Protector App. The applicant seeks to add new and updated content to the program and to "modernize the hosting platform", which is to say that it would become a "progressive web app versus a mobile app." They propose 15 new animations and 30 new images, along with updates on the current best medical information about bruising, among other changes. The general reception of the Finance Committee was that this was a very good idea, however, due to reservations by some committee members about the amount of the request, additional information was sought and received from the applicant. Texas CJA is not going to be contributing to this update. The animation/programming/hosting have been completed by the same individuals since the inception. The subcontractors/independent contractors provided the hospital hourly rates and approximate numbers of hours for the project, which was provided to the committee. The producer of the animations has quoted \$20,710 for his services. The app developer has quoted \$140,000. Three different doctors are expected to be involved in the project with each spending approximately 100 hours in the endeavor, which makes up the other \$29,216 of the request. Discussions were had about fully funding the request, possibly requiring quarterly updates, requiring that they acknowledge that the program is funding by Missouri's Task Force on Children's Justice and possibly funding only part of the request. It was decided by the Finance Committee to bring this request to the full CJA Task Force to determine whether it would be funded.

Quorum was not made at meeting and an electronic vote was offered. Voting closed on 2/14/2024 at 12 p.m.

Nays: 6

Yays: 8

Abstentions: 2

Four members did not vote

Request is **APPROVED for \$189,926**. Quarterly updates will be requested of CMH about progress.