

Missouri Task Force on Children's Justice Minutes
May 11, 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 February 2023 Meeting--Approved
Introduction of TF Members and welcomed new members
Those present:
Virtual: Judge Gonzalez, Jill Rosloniec, Russ Dempsey, Greg Holtmeyer, Chief Carson, Kelly Schultz.
In person: Leanne Reese, Chris Jensen, Lindsey Parton, Terra Frazier, Clay Chism, Aimee Meyer, Stacy Goodwin, JJ Gossrau, Rachel Jones, Rick Gaines, Lisa Mizell.
Guests: Misty Dothage, DESE; Nancy Capps OSCA; Kara Wilcox and Liz Tietsort CD; Mikal Jungmeyer-Geiger MBHC; Whitney O'Bryan, Eden DeGonia, and Jessica Parker Social Work Department Marshall Public Schools.
- 10:05 a.m. Kara from With Insight giving update on grant process. Through meetings with the Finance Committee and Goal Committee, a template for budget has been developed that appears simple to use and also captures the needed budget information for review from the Finance Committee. Also developed is a CJA Grant Reporting Template and sample for conference/training survey. The grant application has been updated with questions that focus on diversity, equity and inclusion (1.3, 2.3, and 4.3). Kara and Cari will now meet to finalize documents, update the website with the new grant application, and communicate changes to grantees. This meeting is set for May 17. We hope to have all new materials ready for next grant cycle.
- 10:30 a.m. Youth Behavioral Health Liaison Program--JJ Gossrau and Mikala Jungmeyer-Geiger. Power Point attached due to technical difficulties. The Missouri Behavioral Council has partnered with DMH for the Youth Behavioral Health Liaison service. Established July 2022 with 27 positions federally funded. Monies were put in MO budget to assist funding in FY 23. Since July there have been approximately 200 referrals. Most referrals come from schools and law enforcement. There are currently 114 counties served in MO. Referrals can also come from courts, JOs, CD and other state agencies. They coordinate services with local systems of care for children and youth with behavioral needs. They coordinate appropriate resources and help them get access, answer mental

health and behavioral questions, and link age-appropriate services. See PP for how to refer.

11:30 a.m.

Marshall Public Schools McKinney-Vento Project--Lindsey Parton and Team. Power Point attached due to technical difficulties. Marshall Public Schools developed the SAFE program (Seeking Acceptance for Everyone). During 20-21 school year, MPS identified over 200 students that were McKinney-Vento eligible. Those who are eligible are suffering from economic hardships and are McKinney-Vento eligible. One program they have is "Stuff the Bus". They park a school bus outside of Wal-Mart at the beginning of the school year so individuals can donate school supplies to students in need at MPS. Project Share brings together over 50 community organizations to provide access to medical, dental and vision services before school starts each year. Also haircuts and school supplies are available. Hoot Resource center opened in 2016 to assist families with accessing home amenities while they may be in transition. It is in a house setting. Offers food, laundry, hygiene products, computer access, resource referrals and case management. They created an on-line training module to train their staff at MPS on how to recognize and serve McKinney-Vento families. This is unique to MPS at this time, but they hope to be able to share so that other schools can input their own information to train their staff. It is interactive and easy for staff to use.

12:00 a.m.:

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12:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Task Force Business:

- Legislative update—We would like this committee to report out each meeting on what is going on with potential and current legislature.
- Recruitment Committee—Dan has resigned due to other commitments. For a diverse political pool, we need someone other than a Democrat.
- Critical Events—Liz Tietsort and Dr. Frazier—We have an opportunity to join the Child Fatality Review Panel (state) in a critical event review process that could have statewide impact on policy and legislation in Missouri. Members of both Task Forces would be assigned reports electronically for review (similar to the CANRB process). The reviewers would then come together once a quarter to discuss findings and trends. We feel this could have a greater impact. It was discussed that the TF would fund the logistics and also agreed that a discussion with Kara Bixby to consult on a tool, data collection and presenting findings. TF is in support. More information to come.
- Subcommittee choice—Please let Cari know of changes or additions.

- Finance Committee—recommendations on additions to grant proposals. Lisa and Stacey have joined committee.
- **Missouri KidsFirst requests \$43,750 for the ChildFirst Training** in St. Louis from 10/23-27 (5 day forensic interviewer training). All four members of the Finance Committee scored the request at an average of 97.5/100. **The recommendation is to fully fund the request for \$43,750.--Approved**
- **Gateway Alliance Against Human Trafficking requested \$18,000 for a hybrid training session at UMSL** on July 28, 2023. The Committee had concerns about various elements of the budget submission and requested additional information. This information was received but still not sufficient. All four members of the committee scored the request with an average of 76.25/100, however **it is the recommendation to not fund this project due to the lack of budget detail or explanation. Denied**
- **Missouri KidsFirst requests \$125,000 for the Year 1 Implementation of the multi-year MDT Enhancement Project** we asked them to take on. The proposal is to hire a MDT Program Specialist to address building the MDT Facilitator role, provide professional support for revisions to the training curriculum and to advance the goals of overall better MDT health. The funds sought are for both the personnel costs and stipends for MDT pilot sites, along with regional training costs and consultant fees. All four members of the committee scored the request at an average of 98.75/100. **The recommendation is to fully fund the request for \$125,000. Approved**
- **Children’s Mercy Kansas City requests \$17,186 for a Medical Evaluation of Child Maltreatment Program** involving the development of “micro-lessons” online primarily for Children’s Division staff and in-person training on medical issues for MDT members. All four members of the committee scored this request at an average of 99/100. **The recommendation is to fully fund the request for \$17,186. Approved**

Next CJA Meeting: August 10, 2023 –Governor’s Office Building Jefferson City