



Illinois Children's Justice Task Force

Children's Justice Task Force Quarterly Meeting

May 12, 2021

Virtual Meeting due to Shelter in Place Order via Zoom

Virginia M. Zic-Schlomas Presiding

Effective July 14, 2020 an update to the Open Meetings Act requires the following:

- Councils meeting via videoconference must keep a verbatim recording of their meetings (record their meetings) to remain compliant with the Open Meetings Act.
- All votes must now be recorded via roll call

Link to the recording:

- I. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone about 9:03 AM.
- II. **Roll Call/Guests Introduced**
- III. **Public Comment per Open Meetings Act**
No public comment.
- IV. **CJTF Review of Task Force Purpose /CJTF Vacancies and Term Expirations - Paul Hamann**
Char Rivette and Annette Millville's terms are ending in July.
Char recommended that another person representing Cook County CAC area replace her. Annette requests the statute be reviewed to see if a Cook County prosecutor's office be reviewed to ensure proper representation.

Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary Officer appointment terms are ending in July. Virginia M. Zic-Schlomas's (Chair) Membership Term is also ending. Vote to extend Chair's term. Motioned and unanimously approved.

Discussion related to bylaw revisions. Suggestion to present a change to the bylaws for a term more than 2 years, for the Chair and officers and clearer effective dates. Precedent for extended Officer terms. Revisions should address transitions of officer positions and continuity of knowledge. Terms for Officer positions should align with Membership term dates and emeritus role should be considered. This is also an opportunity to build in diversity and inclusion efforts into the bylaws.

Statute Requirements (20 ILCS 505/39.2): Specific categories of representation. Rules of procedure requires Executive Director of Illinois CASA and Executive Director of Children's

Advocacy Centers of Illinois. No term limits set forth in the statute. Term limits are in the bylaws.

Michael Brandt to review and draft revisions for consideration at August meeting.
Paul to send copy of bylaws to everyone.
August Agenda Item – Presentation on change to the bylaws and vote on term revisions.

- V. **Presentation – 2021 3-Year Assessment - Steven Budde/Elba Karim**
Detailed presentation of 3 Year Needs Assessment and related feedback and discussion.
- VI. **Presentation – 2021 Recommendations - Ginny Zic-Schlomas/Paul Hamann**
Discussion of recommendations to DCFS and revisions to the final submission. Motion to accept final revisions was approved by vote.
- VII. **Update by CDRT (Child Death Review/Citizens review panel) - Mary Joly Stein**
Presenter was not able to attend. Postponed.
- VIII. **Update by SCAN (Statewide Citizen's Committee on Child Abuse & Neglect) -Veatrice Crawford/Cyndy Savage Brown**
Presenter was not able to attend. Postponed.

August Agenda Item – Update on Project Child by Channing Petrak

- IX. **Next meeting dates and times**
- August 11, 2021 - Virtual
 - November 10, 2021 – TBD
 - February 9, 2022 - TBD
 - May 11, 2022 – TBD
- Link to meeting information:
https://www2.illinois.gov/dcf/aboutus/policy/Pages/com_communications_CJTF.aspx
August Agenda Item – Discussion on actions related to recommendations being submitted.
- X. **March Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve version sent during the meeting. Unanimously approved.
- XI. **New Business**
Create a Self-Identification Survey for Diversity and Inclusion for Task Force Members
Membership – Charles to follow up on Kim's Member recommendation.
- XII. **Meeting motioned and approved adjourned at about 11:55 AM.**

XIII. Attendance and Voting Record

Name	5/12/21	Region	Vote – Extend the Chair's Term for Two Additional Years	Vote on Recommendations
Atwood, Tamela	Absent	4	Absent	Absent
Baptist-Spruiell, Sandra	Present	1	Yes	Yes
Brandt, Michael	Present	3	Yes	Yes
Christopherson, Mari	Present	1 (Statewide)	Yes	Yes
Cohan, Carrie	Present		Yes	Yes
Cowart, Lark	Present	2	Yes	Yes
Glick, Jill	Present	1	Yes	Yes
Hamann, Paul	Present	1	Yes	Yes
Hofmann, Molly	Present	3	Yes	Yes
Karim, Elba	Present	2	Yes	Yes
Ma, Cassandra	Absent	1/2	Absent	Absent
Mangiaracino, Kim	Present	4 (Statewide)	Yes	Yes
Marinier, Misty	Absent		Absent	Absent
McNamara, Kathy	Absent	2	Absent	Absent
Milleville, Annette	Present	1	Yes	Yes
Petrak, Channing	Present	3	Yes	Yes
Porter, Chantelle	Present	2	Abstain	Abstains
Rivette, Char	Present	1	Yes	Yes
Singleton, Prestina	Absent	1	Absent	Absent
Stein, Mary	Absent	1	Absent	Absent
Stoffer, Brian	Absent	1	Absent	Absent
Theus, Frederika	Present	1/2	Yes	Yes
Torres, Rhiannon	Present	2	Yes	Yes
Trotter, Dion	Absent	1	Absent	Absent
Zic-Schlomas, Virginia	Present	1	Subject	Yes

Name	5/12/21	Region	Vote – Extend the Chair’s Term for Two Additional Years	Vote on Recommendations
Davis-Barsh, Shirley	Absent			
Hamilton, Kara	Present			
Stutz, Tierney	Present			
Talbert, Charles	Present			
Turpeau, Antwan (Potential Member)	Absent			

Guests

Margaret Scotellaro, DCFS Medical Director
 Francisca Fils-Aim, Pie Org – Present March
 Stephen Budde, Juvenile Protective Association
 Kristin Dennis, JPA

Respectfully submitted,

Rhiannon Torres, Secretary
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