



Illinois Children's Justice Task Force

Children's Justice Task Force Quarterly Meeting

August 11, 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 9:09 AM.
- II. **Roll Call/Guests Introduced**
- III. **Public Comment per Open Meetings Act**
No public comment.
- IV. **Review of May 12, 2021 Minutes**
No Amendment to Draft Meetings.
- V. **CJTF Review of Task Force Purpose /CJTF Vacancies and Term Expirations - Paul Hamann 9:14AM**
- VI. **Update on Bylaws revisions**
5 CACs in Cook County – Should this be the Director of Chicago CAC, due to the volume of cases? Discussion Local CAC, CASA direct service provider. Strive for Regional representation

Subcommittee to work on this: Jill Glick, Carrie Cohan, Prestina Singleton, Kim Mangiaracino, Rhiannon and Ginny to be included. Invite Kara Hamilton to provide input in order to collaborate with the Director's Office.

DCFS Director Stakeholder Collaborative – Meeting conflicts with Task Force
- VII. **Officer Elections Discussion**
Discussion of current Officers

- **Vote Hillary Hines-Holl**

Motion passed to recommend candidate to the Task Force.

VIII. **Diversity Ad Hoc Committee Update**

Looking for a Bias Training for the Task Force.

Recommendation for

Kirwan Institute Ohio State University <https://kirwaninstitute.osu.edu/>

Janine Hill, Soar Strategies, Inc.

Paul Kent, Rush Medical School

Todd Belcore: [https://www.linkedin.com/company/chicago-international-social-change-film-](https://www.linkedin.com/company/chicago-international-social-change-film-festival/?lipi=urn%3Ali%3Apage%3Ad_flagship3_profile_view_base%3ByTMo4f27T8%2BCjtnP7Wcj9g%3D%3D&licu=urn%3Ali%3Acontrol%3Ad_flagship3_profile_view_base-background_details_company)

[festival/?lipi=urn%3Ali%3Apage%3Ad_flagship3_profile_view_base%3ByTMo4f27T8%2BCjtnP7Wcj9g%3D%3D&licu=urn%3Ali%3Acontrol%3Ad_flagship3_profile_view_base-background_details_company](https://www.linkedin.com/company/chicago-international-social-change-festival/?lipi=urn%3Ali%3Apage%3Ad_flagship3_profile_view_base%3ByTMo4f27T8%2BCjtnP7Wcj9g%3D%3D&licu=urn%3Ali%3Acontrol%3Ad_flagship3_profile_view_base-background_details_company)

Action Item: Check DCFS Virtual Training Center for available training.

Invite presenter for next meeting to give training to the Task Force. Check to see if Task Force funds can be utilized if necessary.

Kim Mangiaracino will chair Subcommittee:

Focus: Inclusivity for regional diversity and advocates of underrepresented groups

Federica Theus, Channing Petrak, Elba Karim

It should be noted that the subcommittee currently has no male participants and may be itself centered on particular majority representation.

IX. **Emerging Needs**

- **Safety Plans – Chantelle Porter**

Utilized when there is not an immediate, emergent necessity, probably cause of harm to remove the child. Voluntary, modifiable plan to keep children in the home during an investigation period of 60 days.

Often parents feel like they have no choice but to agree. Parents are not receiving the rights and responsibilities for the safety plan. Often these are coming back unfounded but the children were removed for up to 60 days.

Prolonged Safety plans are not in the best interest of the children. Different allegations have different timelines – ex: broken arm, chronic medical neglect

Help the workers do a good job. Parents don't always have legal representation.

Lack of communication is experienced from medical and law enforcement.

This is different than a care plan, where the family comes up with the plan and there is no real end date. This gap has been identified in the needs assessment.

Discussion related to an MDT approach, improvement of communication.

Is there data on which allegations have safety plans and how many of those actually are indicated vs PC.

ANCRA CAC Referral Standards:

1/51	Death
2/52	Head Injuries
4/54	Internal Injuries
12/62	Human Bites
16	Torture
18	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
19	Sexual Penetration
20	Sexual Exploitation
21	Sexual Molestation
22a,b,c,d	Substantial Risk of Sexual Injury
40/90	Human Trafficking

https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/aboutus/notices/Documents/CFS_1441-D_Safety_Plan_Rights_and_Responsibilities_for_Parents_and_Guardians.pdf

[https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/aboutus/notices/Documents/cfs_1441_child_endangerment_risk_assessment_protocol_\(fillable\).pdf](https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/aboutus/notices/Documents/cfs_1441_child_endangerment_risk_assessment_protocol_(fillable).pdf)

https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/aboutus/notices/Documents/CFS_1441-F_Safety_Plan_Responsibilities_for_Child_Protection_Specialists_and_Caseworkers.pdf

Action Item: Request for data and information, cross reference to the Needs Assessment and Recommendation
Revisit Senator Morris Legislation from 2016 and MDT manual and recommendations.

X. Action Plans

Task Force decided to focus on recommendations 6 &7 (Michal Brandt, Mary Stein)
 We will send out a Google Form for participants to elect their desired focus. If no response, then we will assign them to the committee that needs them.

Ethics Training needs to be completed by everyone.

XI. Project Child Update – Dr. Channing Petrak

Currently in Phase II – Social awareness, parent cafes, slide deck for curriculum related to co-sleeping death prevention. MDT portion working on training for Peoria County, 1 ½ Day simulation in Springfield in the next few months.

Project Child Grant to compare Cook County, Peoria, Vermillion County MDTs. Supported by the Task Force and utilized prior Needs Assessment to apply for the grant.

XII. Next meeting dates and times

- November 10, 2021 – Likely Virtual
- February 9, 2022 - TBD
- May 11, 2022 – TBD

Link to meeting information:

https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/aboutus/policy/Pages/com_communications_CJTF.aspx

XIII. 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.

XIV. Meeting motioned and approved adjourned at about 11:55 AM.

XV. Attendance and Voting Record

Name	8/11/21	Meeting Minutes	Region	Vote Slate of Officers
Atwood, Tamela	Present	Yes	4	Yes
Baptist-Spruiell, Sandra	Present	No Vote	1	Absent
Brandt, Michael	Present	No Vote	3	Yes
Christopherson, Mari	Present	No Vote	1 (Statewide)	Yes
Cohan, Carrie	Present	Yes		Yes
Cowart, Lark	Present	Yes	2	No Vote
Glick, Jill	Present	Yes	1	Yes
Hamann, Paul	Absent		1	Absent

Name	8/11/21	Meeting Minutes	Region	Vote Slate of Officers
Hofmann, Molly	Present	Yes	3	No Vote
Karim, Elba	Present	Yes	2	Yes
Ma, Cassandra	Present	No Vote	1/2	No Vote
Mangiaracino, Kim	Present	Yes	4 (Statewide)	Yes
Marinier, Misty	Present	Yes		Yes
McNamara, Kathy	Absent		2	Absent
Petrak, Channing	Present	Yes	3	Yes
Porter, Chantelle	Present	No Vote	2	Yes
Singleton, Prestina	Present	Yes	1	Yes
Stein, Mary	Present	Yes	1	Yes
Stoffer, Brian			1	
Theus, Frederika	Present	Yes	1/2	Yes
Torres, Rhiannon	Present	Yes	2	Abstain
Trotter, Dion	Present	Yes	1	Yes
Zic-Schlomas, Virginia	Present	Yes	1	Abstain
Davis-Barsh, Shirley	Absent			
Hamilton, Kara	Absent			
Stutz, Tierney	Absent			
Talbert, Charles	Present			
Turpeau, Antwan (Potential Member)	Absent			

Guests

Hilary Hines-Holl, Potential Member
 Mechiko White, CASA of Southwestern Illinois, Potential Member
 Margaret Scotellaro, Medical Director DCFS
 Krista Peterson – Cook Count States Attorney, Potential Member

Respectfully submitted,

Rhiannon Torres, Secretary
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