



Illinois Children's Justice Task Force

Children's Justice Task Force Quarterly Meeting

November 10, 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: <https://vimeo.com/644855476> Case sensitive password: CJT%1110

- I. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone about 9:00 AM.
- II. **Roll Call/Guests Introduced**
- III. **Public Comment per Open Meetings Act**
No public comment.
- IV. **Review August 11, 2021 Minutes**
No amendment to draft minutes. Motion passed to approve the minutes
- V. **CJTF Review of Task Force Purpose /CJTF Vacancies and Term Expirations**
Paul Hamann reviewed Task Force purpose.
Introduction of newly confirmed member Hillary Hines-Holl who fills the Defense Attorney role.
- VI. **Update on Rules of Procedures Bylaws revisions**
Task Force discussed the revisions to the Bylaws. Generally, the group aims to capture the intent of the Task Force and take care not to be too specific but rather capture the intent and allow for flexibility.

Highlights:

- Medical and Mental Health should be separate providers
- There should be a Child Abuse Pediatrician, Health Professionals (PA , Nurse Practitioners, etc.). Only 14 Child Abuse Pediatricians in Illinois and several are retiring.

- Mental Health – Primary responsibility is child abuse cases, allow for detail.
- Domestic Violence connection in the current child abuse cases.
- Intersectionality of domestic violence, substance abuse and mental illness should be considered.
- Specific CACs should not be named.
- GAL – Distinction between GAL and Attorneys/ GAL preference to be an attorney with significant experience with Juvenile court.

Action Item: Invite a Guest speaker on DV and its intersection to Child Abuse and how does DCFS handle domestic violence. Mary Stein and Chantelle Porter may be able to find someone.

Action Item: Draft Rules of Procedure to vote on at next meeting. At least 7 days prior to next meeting. February 2nd. Next meeting is 2/9.

VII. Diversity Ad Hoc Committee Update – Kim Mangiarancino

Kim presented on the CJTF Member Matrix to capture our data.

Danielle Fischer – Is the DEI lead.

Include the categories that DCFS tracks/considers.

Privacy concerns – records, are they reportable.

Action Item: Kim to have another meeting and add Kara Hamilton and Charles to understand what DCFS expects.

VIII. Action Plans

Paul presented Recommendations 7 & 8

Recommendation 7:

- Increased communication ie: Zoom, integrated, use of on-line documentation, upgraded imaging availability
 - Allows more access to justice. Allows for more legal access for parents
 - Promote the use of telecom
 - Remove obstacles to access to utilize this kind of technology
 - Digital submission of documentation
 - AIOC – Work to promote
 - Financial impact to all involved,
 - Adapt Open Meetings Act to support virtual attendance, where possible.
- Subcommittee – Mari Christopherson, Jill Glick, Chantelle Porter, Mary Joly to gather some information, Paul can help.

Action Item: Agenda Item - Recommendation 8 discussion for next meeting.

IX. Project Child Update – Dr. Channing Petrak

Acknowledgement of Dr. Fajara's contribution upon her passing.

X. **Collaboration with SCAN Citizens Review Panel**

Veja Crawford provided reaction comments to our meeting. Commitment to work together.

XI. **CDRT update**

Mary Joly provided updates related to:

- Safe Haven Law update – align to allow surrender of a newborn
- Specific injury questions for investigators
- Chicago Police records
- Better development of SACWIS System

XII. **New Business**

None

XIII. **Next meeting dates and times**

- February 9, 2022 – Likely Virtual; Night Ministry willing to host anyone who wants to attend in person. Travel costs will not be reimbursable due to the Shelter in Place Order. There is parking available.
- May 11, 2022 – TBD

Link to meeting information:

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

XIV. **Meeting motioned and approved adjourned at about 11:52 AM.**

XV. **Attendance and Voting Record**

Name	11/10/21	8/11/21	Region
Atwood, Tamela	Present	Present	4
Baptist-Spruiell, Sandra	Absent	Present	1
Brandt, Michael	Present	Present	3
Christopherson, Mari	Present	Present	1 (Statewide)
Cohan, Carrie	Present	Present	
Cowart, Lark	Present	Present	2
Glick, Jill	Present	Present	1
Hamann, Paul	Present	Absent	1
Holl-Hines, Hillary	Present		
Hofmann, Molly	Present	Present	3
Karim, Elba	Present	Present	2
Ma, Cassandra	Present	Present	1/2

Name	11/10/21	8/11/21	Region
Mangiaracino, Kim	Present	Present	4 (Statewide)
Marinier, Misty	Present	Present	
McNamara, Kathy	Present	Absent	2
Petrak, Channing	Present	Present	3
Porter, Chantelle	Present	Present	2
Singleton, Prestina	Present	Present	1
Stein, Mary	Present	Present	1
Stoffer, Brian	Absent		1
Theus, Frederika	Present	Present	1/2
Torres, Rhiannon	Present	Present	2
Trotter, Dion	Absent	Present	1
Zic-Schlomas, Virginia	Absent	Present	1
Davis-Barsh, Shirley	Absent	Absent	
Hamilton, Kara	Present	Absent	
Stutz, Tierney	Absent	Absent	
Talbert, Charles	Absent	Present	
Turpeau, Antwan (Potential Member)	Absent	Absent	

Guests

Jason Wynkoop, Chicago CAC

Emily Sifferman, Child Abuse Pediatrician Advocate Children's Hospital

Veia Crawford, SCAN

Respectfully submitted,

Rhiannon Torres, Secretary
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