



Illinois Children's Justice Task Force

Children's Justice Task Force Quarterly Meeting February 9, 2022

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

ZOOM CALL-IN INFORMATION:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86705003406?pwd=WjhQaFA3dnozY1lHTHY3SmxScDBvdz09>
Meeting ID: 867 0500 3406 | Passcode: 211127

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting via **ZOOM** (due to Illinois Shelter-At-Home Order of the Governor)

- I. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone about 9:00 AM.
- II. **Roll Call/Guests Introduced**
- III. **Moment of Silence**
Recognition of Deidre Silas, a DCFS who was killed in the line of duty.
- IV. **Public Comment per Open Meetings Act**
No public comment.
- V. **Review November 2021 Minutes**
Minor corrections to draft minutes. Motion passed to approve the minutes
- VI. **CJTF Review of Task Force Purpose /CJTF Vacancies and Term Expirations**
Paul Hamann reviewed Task Force purpose.
Ginny Zic-Schlomas went over subcommittee participation. Subcommittees are mandated by the federal regulations that govern us.
- VII. **Update on Rules of Procedures Bylaws revisions**
Judge Michael Brant presented the proposed changes to the Bylaws.
Charles presented Children's Bureau slide that shows the required positions.
Task Force discussed the revisions to the Bylaws.
Voted to Vote on Bylaws.

Motion Passed to approve Bylaws after Committee Vote.

VIII. **Diversity Ad Hoc Committee Update – Kim Mangiaracino**

Committee met to discuss matrix. Send out annually for participants to complete. Used for consideration for our own membership needs. Concerns raised to FOIA, Public Meetings and privacy discussed. Kara Hamilton and Charles provided additional information about what DCFC will be requiring.

Top portion of the form to be filled out with identifying (expertise).

AGENDA ITEM: Anonymous Google Form with sensitive data to be an agenda item with time set aside to complete during meeting.

ACTION: Rhiannon to create Google Drive for documents.

ACTION: Kim Mangiaracino to send Rhiannon.

IX. Review of response to recommendations from DCFS

- We will have access to bias training discussed in #4
- #8 How will this been ensured (follow up from Charles/Kara)

X. **Report on all committee CRP meeting** GZS

- Update on CDRT –
 - Update on SCAN
- CJTF Recommendations due to Shirley Davis by end of March

XI. **New Business**

Discussion on investigation safety and task force role

IL and Florida are the only 2 states that do not have a Children's Trust Fund for resources. Judge Bryant to research what other states do.

Process review to prevent dangerous situations. MDT Coordination may be helpful – in working with the team members. Police who don't have the child protection background/workers who don't have law enforcement protections.

CAC not just a place for child interview but also as a MDT. Obstacles – turn over, lack of communication, poor investigations. Medical Triage of hotline calls.

Recommendations due by end of March – Decision points, earlier involvement with medical professionals earlier (hotline). Tamala. Tierney, Jason to meet to see how the task force can assist/provide recommendations.

March 4th 9:00 – Special Meeting to discuss recommendations. Notes and thoughts to Paul by next 2/16.

Membership – Check in on people who haven't been attending. Courtesy Reach out to check on ability/interest.

National Run Away Safe Line – Paul CCBYS; Younger youth calling in for assistance. Paul to invite speaker.

Legislative Update – Can we invite from DCFS to Tamala to find out who the person would be. Ask them to come on a regular basis.

Agenda Item – Channing Petrak will be leaving the task force

Champions for Children March 1 & 2. DCFS slots available, Westin in Itasca.

XII. Next meeting dates and times

- Special Meeting March 4th to discuss DCFS Recommendations
- May 11, 2022 – Night Ministry (if permitted by all protocols)

Link to meeting information:

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

XIII. Meeting motioned and approved adjourned at about 12:10PM

XIV. Attendance and Voting Record

Name	Bylaw Vote	2/9/22	11/10/21	8/11/21	Region
Atwood, Tamela	Yes	Present	Present	Present	4
Baptist-Spruiell, Sandra	Yes	Present	Absent	Present	1
Brandt, Michael	Yes	Present	Present	Present	3
Christopherson, Mari	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	1 (Statewide)
Cohan, Carrie	Yes	Present	Present	Present	
Cowart, Lark	Not Present	Present	Present	Present	2
Glick, Jill	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	1
Hamann, Paul	Yes	Present	Present	Absent	1
Holl-Hines, Hillary	Not Present	Present	Present		
Hofmann, Molly	Yes	Present	Present	Present	3
Karim, Elba	Yes	Present	Present	Present	2
Ma, Cassandra	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	1/2
Mangiaracino, Kim	Yes	Present	Present	Present	4 (Statewide)
Marinier, Misty	Yes	Present	Present	Present	
McNamara, Kathy	Yes	Present	Present	Absent	2

Name	Bylaw Vote	2/9/22	11/10/21	8/11/21	Region
Petrak, Channing	Yes	Present	Present	Present	3
Porter, Chantelle	Yes	Present	Present	Present	2
Singleton, Prestina	Yes	Present	Present	Present	1
Stein, Mary	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	1
Stoffer, Brian	Absent	Absent	Absent		1
Theus, Frederika	Yes	Present	Present	Present	1/2
Torres, Rhiannon	Yes	Present	Present	Present	2
Trotter, Dion	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	1
Zic-Schlomas, Virginia	Yes	Present	Absent	Present	1
Davis-Barsh, Shirley		Absent	Absent	Absent	
Hamilton, Kara		Present	Present	Absent	
Stutz, Tierney		Absent	Absent	Absent	
Talbert, Charles		Present	Absent	Present	

Guests

Vea Crawford, SCAN

Respectfully submitted,

Rhiannon Torres, Secretary
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