



CARTF

SpringHill Suites, Boise

April 6, 2018

MINUTES

Joshua Wickard- Public Defender (Chairman)

Bart Adrian, MD – Pediatrician

Doug Giddings-Idaho County Sheriff

Galen Carlson- Prosecuting Attorney

Hon. Mark Rammell- Criminal Magistrate Judge

Hon. Steve Clark- Civil Magistrate Judge

James Baugh-Children with Disabilities

Jennifer Bergin- Attorney

Jill Robertson– Parent

JoAnn Gemar – Homeless Education Liaison

Jennifer Tachell– Educator (Vice-Chairman)

Lisa Nordstrom- Child Advocate Attorney

Melissa Osen– Foster Youth

Michelle Weir – DHW, Child and Family Services

Miren Unsworth- DHW, Family & Community Services

Molly Vaughn– Victim Services Coordinator

Nadine McDonald – Juvenile Justice

Sheila Sturgeon Freitas, PhD– Mental Health

Susan Bradford, MD – Pediatrician

Tahna Barton – CASA

Anthony James - Administrative Support

ABSENT

Guests: N/A

Chairman Joshua Wickard called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

The minutes of the January 2018, February 2018 and March 2018 CARTF meetings were reviewed for corrections and adoption. Galen Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2018, February 2018 and March 2018 CARTF meetings with the necessary corrections. The motion was properly 2nd by Doug Giddings and unanimously approved.

Anthony James briefed the Task Force regarding the reappointment status of CARTF members whose terms were set to expire in April 2018. Dr. Bart Adrian informed the Task Force that he intends to nominate the Medical Director of CARES, Dr. Kathryn Reese, to replace him on the Task Force. He will be reaching out to inquire about her interest.

Chairman Wickard opened the floor for continued discussions regarding Child Mortality & Fatality. Chairman Wickard acknowledged that, based on specificity the Task Force's mandates, there are some hurdles with respect to any actions that can be taken by CARTF.

Chairman Wickard expressed that he would like the Child Fatality Review (CFR) Team to include data distinguishes between stillborn and live births.

Tahna Barton stated that she is working with neighboring states to obtain Idahoans fatality information. Ms. Barton stated that in the interim she would access local records for the information.

Michelle Weir explained that **BioStats** receives information on Idaho children who have passed away in other states. This information then triggers a review from the Child Fatality Review Team. Ms. Weir stated that her office is looking at legislation for the Maternal Fatality Review Board.

Mr. James Baugh inquired as to how to revise Idaho Birth and Death Certificates to reflect additional information. Ms. Barton suggested that the certificates be changed through the legislative process.

Dr. Adrian suggested that the Task Force approach the Office of the Governor about a review to revise the Certificates.

Mr. Baugh stated that previous attempts to codify the Fatality Review Team were unsuccessful due to a concern regarding subpoena powers. Ms. Jennifer Bergin stated that the overall issues were the second guessing of the decisions made by within local communities (i.e. local law enforcement, coroner's office, etc.) and that parents who have lost children could face additional trauma.

Chairman Wickard inquired about the legislative history of the Fatality Review Team, specifically, who initially sponsored legislation authorizing and establishing the Fatality Review Team. Mr. Baugh reminded the Task Force that the new elections could potentially mean a new audience to the Task Force and CFR Team and could present an opportunity to expand the role of the Task Force.

Mr. Baugh reminded the Task Force that the existence of the Task Force is a prerequisite to receive federal Child Justice Act funds and that unless the new Governor wants to forego federal funding, the Task Force will continue in some form.

Ms. Bergin concurred and noted that most states have accepted federal funding under the Act and that the majority of Idaho political candidates in the upcoming elections support the receipt of funds under the Act.

Ms. Weir informed the Task Force that federal funding from the Children's Justice Act fund CARTF and the CFR Team and that the CAPTA Grant funds a variety of efforts to include:

- Department Case Record Reviews
- Workforce Development
- Operations and training
- ICWAC

The total funding is between \$170K-\$185K annually. Ms. Weir stated that federal funding supports approximately 60% of Idaho's child welfare programs.

Ms. Galen Carlson stated that since the last CARTF meeting, she and Dr. Susan Bradford met with a local pediatrician to try to get background information on the early legislative process and work done with respect to establishing the Midwifery Board. She stated that the doctor and his colleagues were initially completely opposed but realized that a compromise was needed in order for the medical community to have any input in the legislative process. The laymen community felt that not allowing them to practice midwifery impeded their ability to earn a living.

She also stated that the doctor expressed a desire for a well-educated midwifery community and advocated for a better relationship between the medical community and the midwifery community. Ms. Carlson stated that the doctor recognized that ultimately, the Board is unable to do much unless parents utilizing midwifery services act.

Ms. Galen noted the doctor expressed that he has a good relationship with the Treasure Valley midwifery community and that The Treasure Valley midwifery community is able to reach out to other Midwifery Board Members.

Ms. Carlson stated that the doctor opined that the mentorship model is archaic due to a lack of checks and balances. A key concern of the doctor is that lay midwives can prescribe oxytocin, oxygen and antibiotics without any formal medical training and that legislative realm does not view child birth as the practice of medicine.

Dr. Bradford stated that she has testified against legislation authorizing midwives to prescribe antibiotics to infants.

Mr. Baugh stated that on a statewide basis, midwives are very organized and disciplined.

Dr. Adrian noted that nurse midwives operating out of birthing centers must undergo case reviews and that in a clinical environment, poor outcomes are remedied through reeducation, training or termination. Lay midwives are not subject to this requirement.

Ms. Carlson stated that the local pediatrician also mentioned that lay midwives "use and abuse" the phrase "the baby just flipped" as an excuse when there are poor outcomes. the doctor asserts that without scrutiny or oversight, lay midwives will continue to push the boundaries of safety and ethics.

Ms. Carlson stated that lay midwives want to be called "Certified Professional Midwives."

Sheriff Giddings reminded the members of the Task Force that the issue is highly emotional and is not always legitimate to the current law, status or protocol.

Chairman Wickard asked the membership how did the issues surrounding the practice of midwifery relate to the judicial handling of abuse and neglect cases and the CARTF mandate. In response, Mr. Baugh stated that CARTF principally deals with cases of abuse or neglect. Instances of child deaths as a result of unsafe practices can fall under the Child Fatality Review Team.

Chairman Wickard stated that he wants the CFR Team to track the information in a meaningful way so that it can be included CARTF/CFR Team reporting and provide recommendations on how to avoid these type of child deaths.

Ms. Carlson stated that it was her impression that both the local doctors she met with understood that she was there to discuss midwifery issues in her role as a member of the Task Force. Ms. Carlson stated that while she understood the emotional nature of the issue, she was approaching from the standpoint of collecting information from the different communities in order to make meaningful recommendations. Ms. Galen stated that if the issues are midwifery are not connected to the mandate(s) of the Task Force, she is still interested from a prosecutorial perspective as well as that of a concerned citizen of the State of Idaho. Ms. Carlson stated that she is willing to share the information she gathers as she believes that it will be helpful to the CFRT.

Ms. Carlson stated that Dr. Bleagh believes that at a sunset clause in the current midwifery legislation creates an opportunity.

Chairman Wickard stated that his preference is for Ms. Carlson to share any information she gains.

Dr. Shelia Sturgeon-Freitas informed the Task Force that in terms of neglect, the Sustainable Child Development Community looks at neglect from conception to the first 1,000 days. She stated that, legally, issue of child neglect/child trauma it could be a slippery slope.

Ms. Weir informed that Representative Luker presented concerns to the legislature about the broadness of the definition of the term 'neglect' in Idaho for child abuse in authored a legislation that was approved, which authorizes a study on the definition of neglect commencing in July 2018.

Ms. Barton stated that CFRT is the entity that gathers the data. Advocacy groups can then use the data gathered to make recommendations.

10:30am – 10:45am Break

Anthony James provided the Task Force with an update on the planning for the 17th Annual Keeping Children Safe Conference. The conference is scheduled for 22-23 October 2018. An Invitation For Bids (IFB) was issued. Multiple responses were received. Bid results are as follows:

The Grove	Did not meet requirements
The Boise Center	Did not meet requirements
The Riverside	Meet requirements

Anthony informed the Task Force that the originally planned speaker, Ms. Myra Ferechil, is unable to speak at this year's conference and requested additional guidance for potential speakers.

Dr. Sturgeon-Freitas stated that Doug Graves and Heather Simonich were willing to speak on Trauma Informed Care (TIC) at the conference.

After a brief discussion regarding applicability, Chairman Wickard requested that Dr. Sturgeon-Freitas reach out to Doug and Heather to make the topic more expansive to the planned audience.

Chairman Wickard stated that the Task Force will move forward with Heather and Doug as potential speakers for the conference

Anthony informed the Task Force that he will reach out to Ms. Heather Simonich and Mr. Doug Graves as well as Ms. Kristin Souer to inquire about their availability to speak about Trauma Informed Care at the conference.

Ms. Carlson stated that she has spoken with Ms. Tamara Pitts and obtained a list of Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs) throughout the state.

Ms. Michelle Weir informed the Task Force that the following items are due for 2018:

- Annual Report
- Grant Application
- 3 Year Summary Report and Goal Setting

Ms. Weir highlighted the Task Force goals outlined in the previous 3 Year Summary and Planning report. Ms. Weir stated that the Task Force needs to consider the following:

- Are the current goals are continuing
- Are modifications to existing goals needed
- Are there new goals

Ms. Weir presented the Task Force with a copy of the 2017 Annual Report. The Annual report also included goals, projects, activities and outcomes with respect to achieving the goals.

Chairman Wickard stated the key agenda item for the April 2018 meeting is to develop the Task Force's goals for the next three years. Ms. Weir informed Chairman Wickard that the deadline for submission is May 31st and that the Governor's Office is required to sign assurances and that the Office of the Governor requires 4 weeks to process for signature.

Chairman Wickard directed Anthony to schedule a longer meeting time for the May 2018 meeting.

Judge Clark recommended that the Task Force impose an internal deadline for reviewing the previous reports and providing feedback.

Ms. Weir stated that she will forward an electronic copy of the previous reports to the Task Force membership.

Ms. Carlson stated that the local YMCA reached out and requested a 30-minute presentation on how to recognize the signs of abuse and neglect in addition to reporting requirements.

Ms. Weir suggested that the Task Force goals be incorporated into the monthly meetings.

Dr. Bart Adrian made a motion to appoint Dr. Susan Bradford to the Child Fatality Review Team. The motion was properly 2nd by Sherriff Giddings. The motion was unanimously passed.

The Task Force members agreed to provide feedback on the Task Force's Annual Report and 3-Year Summary and Goal Setting by 5pm, April 20, 2018.

The monthly meeting adjourned at 11:55am.