



CARTF

The Riverside Hotel, BOISE

April 1, 2016

MINUTES

open - Child Advocate Attorney

Bart Adrian, MD – Pediatrician

James Baugh - Children with Disabilities

open– Mental Health

Doug Giddings - Idaho County Sheriff

Kailamai Hansen – Foster Youth

JoAnn Gemar – Homeless Education Liaison

Jill Robertson – Parent

Jennifer Tachell – Educator (Vice-Chairman)

ABSENT

Mindy Peper - Administrative Support

GUESTS: Lisa Nordstrom; Kathy Downes

Joshua Wickard - Public Defender (Chairman)

Miren Unsworth - DHW, Family & Children Services

Susan Bradford, MD – Pediatrician

Hon. Steve Clark - Civil Magistrate Judge

Jennifer Bergin - Prosecuting Attorney

Tahna Barton – CASA

Hon. Mark Rammell - Criminal Magistrate Judge

Nadine McDonald – Juvenile Justice

Molly Vaughn – Victim Services Coordinator

WELCOME

Joshua welcomes everyone and our guests. Peper reviews the action items. Rammell moves to approve the March 2016 minutes as is, Tachell seconds, all in favor and so moved.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are in phase 13 of the grant and have spent about \$62,000 so far. After expected costs we should have about \$22,000. Out of that need to consider the costs for printing the CFR Team report and travel to the Washington DC conference for two CARTF members.

GUEST- KATHY DOWNES, INCAC

Downes is the state coordinator and her job is to make sure that each CAC is getting training and funding.

On a national level the national CAC just updated their standards, training and peer review requirements, and best practices. State chapters have until 2017 to make sure they are meeting those new standards. There is a lot of focus on CSECT victims which is child trafficking as well as VOCA funds and getting some of that funding at a state level to help the CACs.

At a regional level the Western Regional training center is bringing cognitive focused trauma training to Idaho this fall. They are also bringing some advanced child forensic interview training into the state.

At a state level, we have 4 accredited CACs and 4 developing CACs. Rumor has it there is also some work going on in Lewiston and Lapawai area for child

forensic services. This is an underserved area. Rexburg also working hard—they have their MDT and protocols in place and Bear Lake area has a new director. They are providing some interviews but still reach out to Pocatello at times.

Downes reviews the school poster that was introduced by Texas for reporting in school.

CARTF watches the new INCAC video and the reason behind the video. Downes covers some of the INCAC statistics for 2015. Nordstrom asks if CACs provide lawyers and Downes states no but can link them with other appropriate resources and agencies like Family Services Alliance and so on.

Downes covers the grant for advanced child forensic interview training that she hopes will be in late October. It is approximately \$12,000 for the 3-day training. Unsworth clarifies with Downes that INCAC and Bright Tomorrows both operate under the same entity. The training is to happen in Boise and covers 15 interviewers. It does not cover the travel of participants. Trainer is from NICHD in Alabama.

Wickard asks if there are other areas of need in Idaho for CACs. Downes states because Lapwai only plans to serve the tribe Lewiston is still underserved.

Downes shares all the state activities that will be happening this month.

Regarding the Keeping Children Safe conference Downes shares some names and background for trainers who might serve as good speakers for the conference on the topic of child interviewing. Bergin states she thinks this topic will be relevant and helpful to our MDTs. Topics of not tainting the evidence and assessing the safety will be helpful as well as general awareness of what is going on. Julie Kenniston also presents with Justin Fitzsimmons and that is option. Peper needs to find out when Julie Kenniston and the hotel is available and try to coordinate.

Wickard brings up an idea of holding the annual conference in another area, say Lewiston or CDA, to bring awareness, inspire, motivate, and show support. Perhaps we could hold a monthly meeting or the basic NICHD training in Lewiston or other area outside Boise and invite local members to visit with CARTF.

MDT GRANTS

CARTF reviews the CASA Fifth District grant for travel and training in Washington, DC to the National CASA Conference. The requested amount is \$3200 for two people. Barton covers the details of the grant. Barton plans to attend topics covering recruitment, volunteer retention, and her counterpart will

attend the older youth and aging out of foster care track. Unsworth brings up that our grant must focus money on the investigation and judicial handling of child abuse. Where we spend our money must meet that narrow requirement. We will need some clarity on how the older youth advocate traces back to the judicial handling. Once CARTF receives an updated application then CARTF will reconsider it.

MAY AGENDA

- CFRT Report
- CFRT and CARTF recommendations
- Tonya Newberry, Boise PD
- 2016 Conference

CFRT TEAM REPLACEMENTS

CARTF reviews the letter of interest and resume of Penny Shaul for CFR Team. Rammell motions to accept Shaul's nomination and Bergin seconds. All in favor and so moved. Wickard will contact Shaul and let her know about her appointment.

CFR Team wanted to know if they could use a media release and perhaps press conference to get the word out about the CFR Team report. Also thought it would be a good idea to invite the head of the stakeholders to a meeting and release the findings to them. Could hold these meetings in 2 or 3 places throughout Idaho. Would be a good idea to ask Tammy Perkins if the Governor's office would be able/willing to draft and share a press release.

NOTES and NEWS

Nordstrom tells us some about her background in child advocacy. This leads to a discussion about the funding (or lack of) of CASA districts in Idaho, national CASA standards, and quality of CASA programs.

Vaughn says the Boise CARES/FACES wanted her to pass on a thank you for the new recording equipment. It has been very helpful and in making a big difference.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

ACTION ITEMS:

Peper-
Conference speaker/ hotel dates
May meeting
CASA grant

CARTF-
Recommendations for CARTF and CFR Team

Wickard-
Contact Shaul about her nomination

CARTF will meet May 6 at 9:00 AM at SpringHill Suites in Boise