



CARTF

Teleconference

January 6, 2017

## **MINUTES**

**Joshua Wickard**- Public Defender (Chairman)

**Bart Adrian, MD** – Pediatrician

**James Baugh**-Children with Disabilities

**open**– Mental Health

**Doug Giddings**-Idaho County Sheriff

**open**– Foster Youth

**JoAnn Gemar** – Homeless Education Liaison

**Jill Robertson**– Parent

**Jennifer Tachell**– Educator (Vice-Chairman)

**ABSENT**

Mindy Peper - Administrative Support

GUESTS:

**Lisa Nordstrom**- Child Advocate Attorney

**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**

Wickard welcomes everyone. Rammell moves to accept the October 2016 minutes, Bergin seconds, all in favor and so moved.

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE, UNSWORTH**

Tabled until February 2017.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Feds issued a requirement that say states that are receiving CJA funds must include a sex trafficking piece in their CPA. It affects CARTF because CARTF receives CJA funds. Unsworth also sent the legislation out to Idaho Children's Trust Fund.

Unsworth said state just started collecting data in July regarding kids involved in sex trafficking when they are part of the child welfare system. The numbers right now are low. Unsworth asks Bergin and Wickard if law enforcement or courts are doing any data collection. Bergin is not aware of any data collection. Wickard says that what he has noticed that in juvenile court there will be discussion that give red flags and he then reaches out to the probation officer to see if there is more information.

Bradford asks if there are any resources that she can use to identify and know what to do when she thinks a child might be involved in sex trafficking. Unsworth says there are several training links that national advocacy groups have developed and she will send them out to CARTF.

Unsworth says that they received feedback from the feds on their last 3-year report and there were several questions about how the task force engages with the tribal community. Unsworth asked if CARTF should draft a letter to the tribal community to make them aware of the task force and let them know about the start-up funds for an MDT. CARTF feels this is a good idea. Clark suggests we ask tribal members to come and visit with us and investigate how the ICWA is working. Unsworth and Peper will work together to draft a letter/ invitation to tribes.

DHW is moving legislation forward for independent living funding. It is a rule change that drops the eligibility age to 14 and allows the DHW to start working with the kids earlier regarding transitioning out.

The interim committee that looked at child welfare system met six times. Their last meeting was November 28, 2016. A formal report has not been released but it is known that they wrapped up several things and will probably request funding to have another interim committee next summer. Potential legislation they considered included what kind of notice parents receive and advisement of rights. They also looked at priority of placement. Nordstrom asked if there was any discussion about changing priority of placement based on how long a child has been in a foster care home. Unsworth says there was much discussion and that it will be an ongoing conversation.

### **CONFERENCE UPDATE**

Peper gives update on numbers and expenses. Giddings enjoyed the conference and felt all went well. Rammell said he heard many positive comments. Nordstrom really enjoyed it. Wickard said the topic and speaker was good. He feels having one speaker and one topic that can carry the day was good. Tachell said the venue at The Riverside Hotel is a good fit for us and we should try to stay there in the future. Peper says they have penciled us in for October 9 and 10, 2017. Tachell says maybe we should wait to hear from the YES group and tie that into our conference.

### **FEB-APR AGENDA, GUESTS, STRATEGIES**

Feb 3- Dr. Mathew Cox

Mar 3- Det. Mike Miraglia

Apr 7- Peper will get in touch with Debbie Alsaker- Burke about coming soon.

Wickard will get in touch with Judge Ellis about coming soon.

Also, see if someone from one of the tribes can visit with us Feb-Apr.

Unsworth, Wickard, and Tachell have met and have ideas about the direction of CARTF projects, to include the YES program and trauma informed courts.

Unsworth states that the YES (youth empowerment services) group has broad implications and involves many stakeholders in regards to mental health accessibility of children, which can include CARTF. Given our mandate and the cross over services it might be beneficial to have one of the YES people to come talk to CARTF. Unsworth states Pat Martell would be a great person to come talk to CARTF about the project and the work groups that are underway. Unsworth will reach out to Martell and see when she can come.

In addition to the YES program, CARTF can also begin to look at trauma informed courts and reach out to MDTs as well as the judicial system.

### **TASK FORCE UPDATES AND CHANGES- OPEN POSITIONS**

Open positions include a mental health representative, foster youth representative, and a prosecuting attorney representative.

Regarding a mental health professional, CARTF has asked a few people but they have said no. Rammell suggests we ask Dr. Book for recommendations. Wickard says he knows a few people and he will speak with them. Clark says that Brad Lambson might be a possibility and Clark will get in contact with him. Bergin says Mellissa Osen who has a master's degree in Social work and is a counselor might be a good idea. Bergin will contact her to see if she has interest. Bradford mentions a psychiatrist in Twin Falls that might be a possibility. Adrian says he was moved to St. Lukes West as administrative head over adult and child psychiatric mental health. Unsworth says the parameters are broad—it just says a mental health professional. Gemar suggests it might be beneficial to have someone who is treating the offenders. Gemar says that she can get ahold of Tori Torgersen and feels that she would be a good fit.

Wickard asks if anyone has any names for the foster youth representative. Unsworth says she will ask the foster youth advisory board if they know someone who would have interest and would be available to participate with CARTF.

CARTF reviews and discusses the two nominations, Carlson and Coose, for CARTF prosecuting attorney representation. After much discussion, Clark moves to accept the nomination of Carlson and Bradford seconds. Recorded vote: Baugh- aye, Bergin- aye, Giddings- aye, Unsworth- aye, Gemar- aye, Adrian- aye, Nordstrom- nay, Bradford-aye, Clark-aye, Wickard- abstains, Tachell-aye. Wickard will get ahold of both Ruth Coose and Galen Carlson and then Mindy will submit the nomination to Anne Beebe. Carlson will need to fill out an application online.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

## **ADJOURN**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

PEPER-

Work with Unsworth on tribal letter/invitation

Call Deb Alsaker-Burke for April

Contact Ann Bebee at Governor's Office

**CARTF will meet February 3 at 9:00 AM at SpringHill Suites in Boise**