



CARTF

The Riverside Hotel, BOISE

January 8, 2016

MINUTES

Kirt Naylor - Child Advocate Attorney (Chairman)

Bart Adrian, MD – Pediatrician

James Baugh-Children with Disabilities

Phares Book, PsyD –Psychologist

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:

Joshua Wickard- Public Defender

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. CARTF looks over 2014 folders. CARTF reviews November 2015 minutes, Tachell moves to approve as is, McDonald seconds, all in favor, so moved.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Unsworth says paid almost all the bills for the 2015 conference and it will be about \$33,000. Last year we spent about \$47,000 in MDT grants. CARTF has about \$121,000 in current grant cycle.

Unsworth has a budget set for the feds that goes out in May and she will send it out to CARTF.

Unsworth states that she will work on renewing Peper's CARTF contract over the next few weeks.

GAL ATTORNEY REPLACEMENT

Naylor makes the suggestion that geographical diversity is important on CARTF which we have currently but suggests that the GAL representative be local.

Naylor has some suggestions, one of which is Mike Alya. Wickard knows Alya as well. Wickard also suggests Lisa Nordstrom. Nordstrom works as counsel for Idaho Power but does a lot of work as GAL for CASA pro bono. Wickard has reached out to her and will continue those discussions.

Still time for consideration. Naylor is on CARTF through April.

Unsworth states that for purpose of the governor's office we will need a resume and letter of interest from whoever we ask to serve.

REVIEW OF CP PROCESS

Identification of CP case is based on whether a child has be neglected, abused, or abandoned. They are started one of 3 ways: referral to DHW through intake center and assigned a priority 1-3 if it meets the criteria. DHW receives 24,000 referrals, 9,000 of those receive safety assessments, and 2,000 of those come into foster care. The second way is through imminent danger. Only Law Enforcement can declare imminent danger in Idaho and the child needs removed. DHW can do it through endorsement of a judge if they feel law enforcement should have declared imminent danger but did not. The last way a case is initiated is through Rule 16.

Within 48 hours a shelter care hearing is set up and is designed to make sure the kids are safe. From that 13% of the kids do not go home. Protective supervision is sometimes a result of these hearings. Children are allowed to go home with parents under supervision but they must comply with a case plan. In Idaho, a child over 12 has his own representation. Children under 12 should have a GAL.

After the shelter care hearing the next step is pre-conference and adjudicatory hearing. By in large negotiation takes place during pre-conference but if not it goes to a hearing. Neglect is very broad in definition and most commonly used and abandonment does not come up very often. Unstable home environment is also used quite a bit statewide and does have a tendency to skew state data.

The next hearing is the case plan hearing. This is necessary for reunification. If substance abuse or mental health treatment is needed as part of the plan, clients are encouraged to get started right away.

Next is the 6-month review. There can be any number of reviews between case plan and permanency hearing but the 6-month review is required.

Lastly is the permanency hearing which ends with reunification, termination of rights, or guardianship. About 70% of cases end with reunification. Termination trials need clear and convincing evidence. Once the judge issues a ruling there is 14 days to issue an appeal and if so it goes straight to the Idaho Supreme Court and they are final decision. It moves quickly at that point. If it is clear that reunification will not be a result often guardianship is pushed for early on in the case plan process.

This is typical of Ada County but certainly is done differently is other counties with less resources.

2016 CONFERENCE

Still on track for Deb Alsaker-Burke to visit in February and we can talk about at that time partnering with Supreme Court child protection committee during conference. Robertson asks about bringing Lt. Idaho. David Grossman. Another idea is to do multiple speakers with break-outs.

STRATEGY

February 5- start at 8 with Deb Alsaker-Burke then Barry Peters at 9:30. Will need to move Barry Peters, Kirt will ask if he can move to March. Wickard will ask Pacheco with Ada County Sheriff Department to come in February.

March- Laura Nechochea with IVC at 9:30. Move Barry Peters to March at 10:30.

NOTES and NEWS

Tahna Barton states that Jerrilea Archer has stated when there is an opening she has interest in coming to CARTF as law enforcement representative.

February meeting will start at 8:30 AM.

Baugh says he spoke with Tammy Edie who is head of pharmacy division of Medicaid in Idaho and she has done some very extensive analysis of their claims division and she would be interested in talking to us about use of psychotropic drugs for kids in foster care.

NEW BUSINESS

Unsworth updates CARTF on grant given to Sara Thomas (state appellate public defender) to attend a week long training. Between 2012 and 2015 there were 23 children who exited the system via commitment to DJC. Those who went to the training will start next week to conduct case reviews to learn about the kids and look for opportunities to share data and communicate.

ADJOURN

ACTION ITEMS:

CARTF will meet February 5 at 8:30 AM at SpringHill Suites in Boise