



CARTF

Springhill Suites, BOISE

March 6, 2015

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

Marcia Hernandez– Foster Youth

JoAnn Gemar – Homeless Education Liaison

Jill Robertson– Parent

Jennifer Tachell– Educator (Vice-Chairman)

ABSENT

Mindy Peper - Administrative Support

GUESTS: Debra Alsaker-Burke, ISC Administrative Offices of the Courts

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, MINUTES

Naylor welcomes everyone. Motion to accept February 2015 minutes made by Tachell, second by Wickard, all in favor and so moved.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

No new updates.

STRATEGIC PLAN

CARTF reviews updates to strategies made since February meeting. Peper makes notes of changes to 1a, 5, 5b, 6b, 6f, and 6g.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Unsworth summarizes SB1095. It makes a number of amendments to the sexual offender registration, both criminal and civil. Proponent of these changes is Dept of Correction. It is held in committee. Adds language previously cited in criminal code to the definition of aggravated circumstances in the CPA.

Naylor called Mr. Barry Peters for his opinion on HB113. Naylor received a letter the Peters wrote regarding HB113. The bill includes the language of “care, custody, and control of their children” helps ensure that the tradition of parental rights continues in Idaho. Peters’ letter summarizes these points as well as addresses the need for the statute and possible unintended consequences. Peters urges Senators to vote in favor of the bill. CARTF discusses HB113. It goes to hearing Monday morning.

CHILD DEATHS AND RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS OF MEDICAL TREATMENT

Dr. McPherson agreed to write IMA opinion on child deaths and religious exemptions. Bradford will email it to Naylor. Naylor is working on a draft of the letter that will be sent to the governor. Naylor summarizes the contents of the letter.

Naylor spoke to Barry Peters regarding faith healings and religious exemptions. Naylor shares with him the letter from Dr. McPherson and Peters felt that was very reasonable and workable.

PROSECUTOR'S AWARD

Nominations are due by May 1. Peper will send out reminder to mailing list about nominations.

BOISE FACES

Site visit will be after lunch in April. It is located cross parking lot from Trader Joes and next to Chipotles, on right as going up Capital Blvd toward Capitol Building. Check and see if hotel will shuttle us.

ISC CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE, DEB ALSAKER-BURKE

Alsaker-Burke works at administrative office of the courts of the Idaho Supreme Court in the area of child protection which includes the child protection committee, guardian ad litem programs, data trending, and youth drug courts.

Naylor covers what CARTF has discussed this far on HB113, including Peters letter. Burke shares that the staff attorney Michael Henderson has indicated that the concern is the part of HB113 that gives guardians the fundamental rights of parents. Also, the current case law does not support education being included in fundamental parent rights. Could possibly make dissolving a guardianship harder.

Regarding who is party in a CP case there is very little clarity or statutory language. It is treated very different in each county throughout the state. This is not an issue and has been questioned for several years. Naylor asks how CARTF can get into the discussion or help resolve the issue. Burke encourages CARTF to become aware of all the options that various stakeholders are discussing. It would take getting everyone to agree on what the statutory language would look like. This issue is addressed as well in the CARTF 3-year assessment, just as it has been in the last few 3-year reports.

Burke states there is now funding for 20 lawyers in the state to get certification in child welfare law specialty. CARTF discusses the benefits of this certification as well as other uses of funding that would benefit rural counties.

Burke states that the CP committee's opportunity to host a multidisciplinary training (judges, attorneys, guardian ad litem, DHW) is limited, though increasingly their responsibility is to train lawyers in CP. Burke asks if there is some way to work with CARTF on this. Naylor suggests that perhaps every other year was more judicial/court-system focused. One possible topic could be effective representation of parents in CP cases. Another possible topic is ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act). This is a possibility for this year or next.

ISC CP is getting a new case management system. Pilot starts in Twin Falls in May. Ada County will see it sometime early fall. This will be rolled out gradually throughout the state.

RENEWALS/ NEW NOMINATION

Peper reviews the information she received from Ann Beebe at the Governor's office and has asked those partial term members to send an email to Naylor/Peper regarding their desire to continue for another four years and their current contact information.

CARTF has a new nomination for the foster youth representation seat on the task force. Kailamai Hansen has a nomination for appointment. Naylor asks for a motion to send the nomination to the governor for appointment. Tachell makes the motion, Wickard seconds, all in favor and so moved. Naylor will let Hansen know about the nomination and send her the link to the application.

ACES

The North Idaho group referred to in the February 2015 minutes will not apply for a grant from us this year as they have received full funding from other sources.

HOTEL

Tachell makes motion to accept The Riverside Hotel for the October conference, Giddings seconds, all in favor and so moved. Peper will contact the hotel and get it booked for October 20 for 300, rounds of 8. Be sure there is plenty of foyer space for food and registration and promo tables and plenty of space for 300 in the conference room.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTIONS ITEMS:

Peper-

- **Boise FACES- see if shuttle can take us**
- **Contact Anne Beebe with renewal letters and updating dates on vacancies for Joshua Wickard, Tahna Barton, Miren Unsworth, Jennifer Tachell, Jennifer Bergin, and JoAnn Gemar. Also get new nomination over to Beebe.**
- **Schedule hotel choice for October- The Riverside Hotel in Boise**
- **Follow up with Deb Alsaker-Burke regarding October conference**

Unsworth-

- **Send link of OPE study on legal representation from JLOC to CARTF**

Wickard/Unsworth-

- **Help Barton get copy of Preparing Youth in Court video**

April Agenda-

- **FACES visit, shuttle**

CARTF will meet April 3, 8:00 AM, SpringHill Suites in Boise