



CARTF

November 3, 2023

Hampton Inn, Boise/ Hybrid

MINUTES

Joshua Wickard- Public Defender (Chairman)

Andie Blackwood- DHW, Family & Children Services

Lena Biondolillo- Children with Disabilities Representative

Sheila Sturgeon Freitas, PhD- Mental Health

Curtis Carper- Law Enforcement Representative

Maddi Aimes- Foster Youth

James Curb – Homeless Education Liaison

Jill Robertson- Parent

Susan Nalley- Victim Services Coordinator

Jennifer Tachell- Educator (Vice-Chairman)

Susan Bradford, MD – Pediatrician

OPEN- Child Advocate Attorney

Hon. Steve Clark- Civil Magistrate Judge

Kyle Bringham- Prosecuting Attorney

Tahna Barton – CASA

Hon. Mark Rammell- Criminal Magistrate Judge

Nadine McDonald – Juvenile Justice

Teresa Vance- Administrator of the Courts Representative

Mindy Peper – Task Force Support

Indicates **Absent (A)** **Virtual (V)**

Welcome

Wickard welcomes everyone. CARTF reviews October 2023 minutes. **Clark makes a motion to approve October 2023 minutes with noted change to page 2, paragraph 2, Vance seconds, all in favor and so moved.** Tachell covers the meeting norms.

CARTF Grant Cycle 2- 2023

The grant subcommittee covers grant from 1st District CASA for a request of \$4500. The subcommittee recommends funding. CARTF discusses the possibility of bringing this training to Idaho for a larger group. Barton says it is hard to fill a class of 25 due to the time commitment. Sturgeon Freitas says that there are a lot of people who are trained in Idaho. Blackwood says many of the department people trained in Idaho are in the North hub. Wickard states may not work for a conference but instead as an academy type event. If it becomes an interest of CARTF then run it by the newly formed strategic review committee and consider making it a goal/strategy. **McDonald makes a motion to fund the 1st Judicial District CASA grant for \$4500, Pittman seconds, Barton abstains from the vote due to conflict, all in favor and so moved.**

The grant subcommittee discusses the Family Advocates grant for \$5000. The subcommittee has recommended this for full funding. Pittman asks how this grant meets funding priorities of CARTF. CARTF reviews the funding priorities and how this meets those priorities. Clark states his general concern is that he doesn't know specifics of the training and asks how would we know if this training is evidence based, valuable, etc. Barton discusses how they wanted to focus on trainings that wrap around court-report writing, investigation, as well as working with trauma in the court. Pittman states that it seems the topics in the grant were very general, so Barton explaining it more is helpful. Pittman states that it would be helpful to have the attendees be more inclusive to all attorneys who work with CASA. **McDonald makes a motion to approve the Family**

Advocates grant for \$5000, Biondolillo seconds, Barton abstains from the vote due to a conflict, all in favor and so moved.

The grant subcommittee discusses the Mahoney House grant for \$4425. The subcommittee does recommend this for funding at \$4375. CARTF discusses the reach of the goals, who the Mahoney house is, how they started, what they do, as well as more about the MDT training they are proposing. **Vance makes a motion to approve the Mahoney House grant for \$4375, Blackwood seconds, Pittman abstains from vote due to conflicts, all in favor and so moved.**

Guest, Betsy Hammar, Suicide Prevention Program

CARTF welcomes Hammar and thanks her for presenting today.

Hammar discusses the 5-year state plan which started with funding in 2017 and is currently being revised. The plan allows for a series of work groups and initiatives to achieve the goals of the state plan, including the capacity building and infrastructure team.

Hammar shares Idaho suicide stats. Idaho stats are similar to Alaska, Wyoming, Montana and other intermountain states. She attributes the reason for this to the firearms culture in our state as well as the rural setting which creates a lack of accessible resources and less opportunity to connect to others.

Hammar states that interception is the key to assessing risks and that we need a universal approach to intercept and interrupt suicidality.

Major challenges to this include lack of competency in professional programs at the university level, stigma and “polite” conversation, myths about suicide, and practitioners not being aware of resources.

Hammar discusses Safe Side Prevention training. It is created to train primary care practitioners, mental health providers, and youth-facing services. This training is free to groups of 15 or more and can be done in person or virtually. It has a flexible format and includes follow-up resources and connections.

Wickard asks about rates for kids in foster care or who have been in foster care. Hammar is not sure about the numbers but will check on that.

McDonald asks if the youth-facing services include probation and if so, have they discussed getting POST credits. Tachell says that is a great point and will investigate that. Peper could help with the process.

Hammar will send Peper a flyer that explains how to set up trainings.

CFRT Annual Report, Tahna Barton, TABLED

Subcommittee Updates

Grants- see update under grants awards. Need new members to help with this committee.

Conference- in planning process for June BHT conference. Currently pulling together meeting dates with planning committee for the year. Have secured The Riverside Hotel for June 25th and 26th under BHT.

CFRT- Reports that OPE recently opened up an evaluation of county coroners and she has connected with them—topics they are analyzing include role of county coroners, oversight of death investigations, spending on death investigations, strengths and weakness, as well as looking at if cases are conducted in a uniform and consistent manner throughout the state.

Nez Perce Tribe has reached out to CFRT about joining the team.

The new analyst is doing great, and very supportive. One more case review and then they will start the annual report.

Children and Family Services Review, Andie Blackwood

Blackwood discusses what the focus of CFSR is, how it is conducted, and who the stakeholders are. The focus will be on people with lived experience, judicial and legal system, and tribes. The review is statewide and will highlight best practices, strengths and areas that need improvement. It is on site and covers 65 in and out of home cases and has 18 assessment areas.

After the review the state puts together an improvement plan. It is a team effort, and it is critical for all partners to be involved. There will be 5 situation groups to help address root causes and develop interventions.

Blackwood discusses how others can help with the CFSR- meetings, support implementation of the PIPs, recruit others to engage, etc. If you are interested in being involved in one of the situation groups, reach out to her. The time commitment will be about 60-90 minutes a week and will be hybrid.

2024 Meeting Planning

Wickard states that one of the things that we have talked about is forming a strategic planning committee that looks specifically at CARTF goals based on our CJA grant requirements. Want to make some adjustments to the committees and work groups. Subcommittees will be long-standing and working groups will handle specific issues and projects. Helpful to tie these groups to our goals. Subcommittees and work groups will be focused on goals to make sure we meet these goals. And these goals and groups will be tied to our agenda. Wickard shares examples of how this might work. Tachell adds that tightening up the way CARTF does business will help with making sure we are meeting the goals and strategies. This will make meetings more efficient and more mindful of everyone's time.

Subcommittees and work groups:

Legislative- working group during legislative session, Vance, McDonald, Sturgeon Freitas, Pittman, Blackwood- Chair, Pittman- first meeting in January 2024

Conference- subcommittee, Tachell, Robertson, Pittman, Sturgeon Freitas- Chair Tachell

Grants- subcommittee, McDonald, Bradford, Clark, Biondolillo- Chair, McDonald

Publications- *working group based on projects, not active right now*

CFRT- subcommittee, Bradford, Carper, Barton- Chair, Barton

Strategic planning- Vance, Tachell, Blackwood, Wickard, McDonald- Chair, Blackwood

MDT- McDonald, Vance, Nalley, Bradford, Bringhurst- Chair, Bringhurst

New Business

No new business.

Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings:

January 5, 2024- virtual

February 2, 2024- virtual

March 1, 2024- hybrid Boise SpringHill Suites Parkcenter

April 5, 2024- hybrid Boise SpringHill Suites Parkcenter

May 3, 2024- regional, Salmon, ID

June 24, 2024- evening, pre-conference, Boise, Riverside Hotel

July 19, 2024- virtual, if needed

October 16, 2024- evening, pre-conference, Boise, Riverside Hotel

November 1, 2024- virtual