



CARTF

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MINUTES

Joshua Wickard- Public Defender (Chairman)
Michelle Weir- DHW, Family & Children Services
Dina Flores-Brewer-Children with Disabilities
Sheila Sturgeon Freitas, PhD- Mental Health
Doug Giddings-Idaho County Sheriff
Melissa Osen- Foster Youth
James Curb – Homeless Education Liaison
Jill Robertson- Parent
Molly Vaughn- Victim Services Coordinator

Jennifer Tachell- Educator (Vice-Chairman)
Susan Bradford, MD – Pediatrician
Jennifer Bergin- Child Advocate Attorney
Hon. Steve Clark- Civil Magistrate Judge
OPEN- Prosecuting Attorney
Tahna Barton – CASA
Hon. Mark Rammell- Criminal Magistrate Judge
Nadine McDonald – Juvenile Justice

Mindy Peper – Task Force Support

ABSENT

Guests: Madison Miles, CARTF nominee and lead DAG- Health and Human Services

Welcome

Wickard welcomes everyone and introduces Madison Miles. Miles shares her background with CARTF.

CARTF reviews the February 2021 minutes. Tachell makes a motion to approve the minutes with minor changes, Giddings seconds, all in favor and so moved.

Sub-Committee Updates

Grants- Peper reports the grant application is up on the website. She has sent information about it to approximately 400 contacts as well as CARTF and CFR Team. No applications have been submitted as of today.

Conference- Peper has added conference information to the website and sent it to about 400 contacts as well as CARTF and CFR Team. Peper gathered speaker info, bios, etc and helped get their information to ICTF. Peper attended the practice session and will attend the dress rehearsal on March 11. Weir reports that it was hard to find the scholarship information and so she has put together a set of steps to follow and Peper will update the website with those steps.

CFR Team- Barton shares draft of the CFR Team Annual Report with CARTF. She states there are not a lot of changes this year as far as the format. CFR Team feels the report is too long and they are looking for ways to shorten it. For instance, they will take out some of the charts as well as make some of the charts smaller. This could save several pages. They may also summarize by stating the top five or top ten risk factors, without specific numbers, to help prevent identifiable information. Barton states they will be ready to present this in May to CARTF. Barton brings up some quick fact sheets that other states are doing and wonders if we can turn ours into an easy-to-read infographic that makes the large amount of data easy to digest. Might use a marketing team to

create this piece. Barton mentions that several analysts on different review teams are now asking for information from various resources which is leading to problems with getting that information or could lead to problems down the road. Need to explore solutions.

Appointment of CARTF Representative – AOC

Weir gave an update that she spoke with Minton and with Minton's supervisor regarding conflict of interest. It was agreed that like any CARTF representative, Alana would abstain from a vote if it was a conflict of interest.

Wickard shares his perspective on the benefits of having AOC as a representative on CARTF, to include more statewide coordination and the perspective the position will bring to CARTF.

Weir shares how this position will bring alignment and perspective where there is crossover in courts and child welfare cases and mutual collaboration.

Barton says she has worked with Minton on the CFR Team and states she has sound information and ideas to share and a broad knowledge of child protection.

Miles states Minton is phenomenal, has a wealth of information, and many years of child abuse prosecution.

Bergin states that Minton is a hard worker, has lots of energy and ideas, and is a good leader. She feels Minton would blend well with CARTF. Minton would bring better information, more consistent information, and the link to AOC is natural and necessary.

Weir states that this is not just about adding Minton, but overall that we are adding the role of AOC, regardless of who is in that position. Tachell echoes those sentiments. It's important that we understand that the position of AOC, regardless of who is in that role, is important and valuable to CARTF. Wickard clarifies that what we are doing is that we are creating a new position on CARTF for an AOC representative.

Giddings makes a motion to add a representative from the Administrative Office of the Court, Child Welfare Manager, Tachell seconds, all in favor and so moved.

Peper will contact Minton and get her started with her application for appointment.

House Bill 233/ Legislative Update

Miles shares some background on this bill. There is a small subsection of children and families who are coming out of juvenile corrections and the parents at the time don't feel that they are safe to come into the home yet, so the parents request the child be placed into residential treatment but not into foster care,

however, because they don't qualify for Medicare funding, it becomes difficult for parents to pay. Because the parents then don't take them in, a child protection case is created, parents are listed on the child abuse registry, and the kids are taken into foster care. It's difficult because the parents are trying to protect one child from another--it is a very difficult situation. So, there is a gap in services for these children/families.

HB233 is designed to help with this gap in services while preventing the child from being removed from the home by DHW.

Weir states there are other laws similar to this in other states, often known as Jacob's Law.

CARTF discusses the bill- pros, cons, the impact, and whether the bill will help.

Miles points out that it doesn't quite meet the needs as intended and some changes need to be made.

This bill has passed the House and is in Senate committee.

Legislative Update, Michelle Weir

DHW recently passed a post-adoptive service for families contract which will help fill in those gaps.

Weir reports that HO191, Temporary Care Giver bill, deals with SAFE families, has passed through house committee. Miles summarizes bill HO191. The first part deals with a parent's ability to designate a temporary caregiver for their child and can be revokable at any time. The second part deals with temporary caregiver organizations. These agencies do not have to go through any state licensure or meet any state regulations.

Weir says she believes the Families First will move forward but it has not yet.

Bill HO77 has been listed and is referred to committee but has not moved.

Bill HO4 has changed to HO246 and passed by the House and will move to the senate. It is about parental rights and under family law code, title 32, which governs any governmental interference with parental rights and is intended to limit governmental power during a declared state emergency.

Weir says their several new bills coming up but they are just now in print or in committee.

Review Goal 4

Keep goal and strategies as stated in current report with noted change to strategy a to include “and attend” the National Resource Center... and in strategy e add “and development” of the CFRT Report.

Grant Promotion Discussion

CARTF discusses other ways to get the word out for our grant information. Peper will reach out to other organizations to help us promote the grant information.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting: April 2, 2021

Agenda:

- Guests- Teresa Abbott with Idaho Suicide Prevention Council at 10 a.m.
- Invite Miren Unsworth
- Conference debrief
- Legislative updates

Upcoming Meetings/ Agendas (May 2020 to April 2021)

~~Plan future speakers- October~~

Suicide Prevention Council- April 2021

Three-year CARTF strategies- November/January/ February/March- a goal a month- Peper write report to review in April.

~~Changes and ideas to publications and process- November~~

~~Deb Alsaker-Burke- June~~

~~Tabled grants and nominations~~

~~Central intake- Jan~~

~~YES- Feb~~

Foster youth panel- not during COVID

~~Citizen Review panel- October meeting, annual~~

CASA

Casey Program

~~INCAG- attending September meeting~~

~~Conference Update- Grossman or every other year~~

~~Appointments and Executive Order Updates~~

Approval of final CFRT annual report

Upper Valley Child Advocacy Center- March

May and November- grant app decisions

May- CFRT Annual Report presentation

June- Bylaw Review and defining of roles; begin October conference discussion;

Peper collect binders and clean-up

Budget and Legislative update

Subcommittee updates (grants, conferences, publications, CFR Team)

Adjourn