



CARTF

April 5, 2024

Virtual

(V)Joshua Wickard- Public Defender (Chairman)	(V)Jennifer Tachell– Educator (Vice-Chairman)
(V)Andie Blackwood- DHW, Family & Children Services	(V)Susan Bradford, MD – Pediatrician
(V)Lena Biondolillo- Children with Disabilities	OPEN- Child Advocate Attorney
(V)Sheila Sturgeon Freitas, PhD– Mental Health	(V)Hon. Steve Clark- Civil Magistrate Judge
(A)Curtis Carper- Law Enforcement	(V)Kyle Bringhurst- Prosecuting Attorney
(V) Maddi Aimes– Foster Youth	(V)Tahna Barton – CASA
(V) James Curb – Homeless Education Liaison	(A)Hon. Mark Rammell- Criminal Magistrate Judge
(V)Jill Robertson– Parent	(V)Nadine McDonald – Juvenile Justice
(V)Susan Nalley– Victim Services Coordinator	(V)Teresa Vance- Administrator of the Courts
(V)Mindy Peper – Task Force Support	Indicates Absent (A) Virtual (V)

VIEW RECORDING - 145 mins (No highlights)

Meeting Purpose:

Monthly meeting of the Governor’s Task Force on Children at Risk to discuss updates, action items, and other business.

Key Takeaways

- The budget was discussed in depth, including savings from going virtual for meetings and only receiving one grant application this cycle. The Task Force decided to withdraw the \$10,000 in travel scholarships for the June conference due to budget constraints.
- Several legislative updates were provided, including the public defense bill passing to cover child protection cases.
- The MDT Subcommittee continues gathering information on how MDTs function in different counties through surveys and focus groups.
- Several members volunteered for the probation simulation at the June conference.
- The nomination and selection for the Task Force chair position was tabled until the May meeting.

Topics:

Welcome and Meeting Minutes

- Review meeting norms
- **Action Item: Approve March 1, 2024 minutes with noted change, daping to adapting**
 - **Moved by Vance, 2nd by Barton**
 - **All in favor, so moved**

Budget Update

- Mindy provided an update on the budget after meeting with Karla. No new numbers yet, but some savings from going virtual for meetings and only receiving one grant application this cycle.
- Discussed how to handle the budget going forward and having the Task Force be involved in budget decisions, setting the budget for the year and continuing monthly updates.

Strategic Planning

- Andie Blackwood leads group through CJA report to identify strengths, concerns, and recommendations.

Conference Planning

- Registration for the June conference is opening mid-April.
- The Task Force voted to withdraw the \$10,000 in travel scholarships for the conference due to budget constraints. The remaining \$4,300 allocated will only be used for speaker fees and directly contracted with CARTF via IDHW.
 - **Moved by Clark, 2nd by Blackwood**
 - **All in favor, so moved**
- Several Task Force members volunteered for the probation simulation at the conference.

NACC Conference in Salt Lake City

- Topic tabled indefinitely. CARTF will not be sending anyone to the conference but encourages people to attend if possible given its close proximity.

Legislative Update

- Teresa provided an update on several bills passed, including the public defense bill to cover child protection cases and the child welfare ombudsman bill.

Child Fatality Review Team Update

- The team did not meet in April due to low caseload. They will meet again in May.

MDT Subcommittee Update

- The subcommittee continues to gather information on how MDTs function throughout the state by meeting remotely with 1-2 MDTs a month. Also continuing their work on the upcoming surveys which will now include focus groups.

Task Force Chair Nomination

- The nomination and selection of the next Task Force chair was tabled until the May meeting.

Next Steps:

- Mindy and Karla to provide budget update at next meeting
- Jen to communicate Task Force decisions on conference budget to partners
- MDT Subcommittee to continue information gathering on MDT functioning
- Revisit Task Force chair nomination at May meeting