



CARTF

November 4, 2022

ZOOM

MINUTES

Joshua Wickard- Public Defender (Chairman)
Michelle Weir- DHW, Family & Children Services
Ruth York-Children with Disabilities Representative
Sheila Sturgeon Freitas, PhD- Mental Health
Curtis Carper- Law Enforcement Representative
Melissa Osen- Foster Youth
James Curb – Homeless Education Liaison
Jill Robertson– Parent
OPEN– Victim Services Coordinator

Jennifer Tachell– Educator (Vice-Chairman)
Susan Bradford, MD – Pediatrician
Stacy Pittman- Child Advocate Attorney
Hon. Steve Clark- Civil Magistrate Judge
Madison Miles- 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**

Guests:

Welcome

Wickard welcomes everyone. CARTF reviews the October 2022 minutes. McDonald makes a motion to approve the minutes with noted changes, Tachell seconds, all in favor and so moved.

Cycle 2-2022 Grant Applications

Peper summarizes the 1st Judicial Grant CASA grant, the score sheet, and the recommendation to not fund. The task force discusses the grant further. The primary question was not whether it was well-written or a good project, but rather does it fit with our funding priorities?

It should be the job of the applicant to convince us if a project fits with our priorities. On the other side of that argument, we also want to encourage organizations to apply for funding to improve the judicial handling of child abuse and maltreatment cases.

The task force reviews the application and grant guidance sheet to ensure it clearly directs the applicant to connect the project to our priorities, which it does.

Wickard thanks the grant subcommittee for the work they do in reviewing the grants.

McDonald makes a motion to not fund the 1st Judicial CASA grant, Robertson seconds, all in favor and so moved. Teresa Vance abstains from voting. Peper will notify the applicant.

Task Force Changes- Open Seat/ Inactive Member

CARTF discusses the three applications received in regarding the open seat for the CARTF victim witness representative—an open seat recently vacated by Molly Vaughn.

Pittman makes a motion to choose Susan Nalley to serve in the role of victim witness coordinator due to her qualifications and background and great fit, Vance seconds, all in favor and so moved.

Peper will email Nalley and welcome her and send items to get started, including dates for 2023. Peper will share with her the process for travel and reimbursement as well as hybrid meetings. Peper and Wickard will work on recommendation letter to the governor. Peper will direct Nalley on how to fill out application and background check for the task force.

Task force reviews the bylaws regarding member roles and responsibilities as well as how task force members are removed when inactive. Wickard states that we have not heard from Melissa Osen in quite some time. We understand life gets busy and sometimes serving on CARTF just is no longer possible. We have reached out to Osen several times via email and phone but have not heard back. This is a very important role for CARTF and we need someone actively bringing feedback and discussion to this group.

One of the things that may stand in the way is travel costs and wage loss and CARTF needs to look at a creative way to help with such situations.

CARTF continues discussion on the seat represented by Osen.

McDonald makes a motion to send a letter to Osen, advising we are going to open her position effective December 1 if we do not hear from her. Tachell seconds the motion, all in favor. The letter to her will include the need to re-commit, send in her paperwork, to Mindy by Nov 30. Peper will advertise the position on the website December 1 if we don't hear from her and let the rest of the task force know one way or the other.

Post-Conference Debrief

Wickard states he thought it was a great conference. He felt that it was well-received. We fulfilled a major goal of one of our strategies.

CARTF discusses the sessions, what went well, what did not. Definitely had push back on things like not having handouts, speakers not using the mics, etc. However, we did discover some other resources that CARTF can use moving forward with this topic.

In the future, we will have speaker agreements that lay out who we are, what we do, who the audience is, and what we expect- meetings with the coordinators, providing handouts, content of presentation, professional language and presentation, mindful of who is in the audience, how we talk about parents, victims, suspects, using person-first language, etc.

For January, Peper will bring budget numbers, break-down of roles represented, feedback, etc as well as updates from the subcommittee.

Overall, was a good process leading up to the conference, liked the raffle, good return after lunch. Would be good to introduce the exhibitors in morning instead of after lunch. Really thought the app was useful. Could do a prize based on the leaderboard winner. Barton's presentation was well-received, and Weir was approached by a tribal member who appreciated the presentation and wanted to hear more. Additionally, as a result of the presentation, she has been invited to give two more presentations.

2023 Planning

Location- move to Hampton Inn or stay with SpringHill Suites? CARTF discusses the advantages and disadvantages of both hotels—issues cover finances, accessibility, safety, cleanliness, and food. CARTF decides to hold February and March 2023 meetings at the Hampton Inn Boise Spectrum and see how it goes.

CARTF reviews 2022 strategies and goals and guests for 2023.

Strategy 1: Pittman states would be helpful to figure out what counties do not have MDTs and target them. Vance says she can help figure that out via another project and survey she is doing. We could then hold an MDT Startup training for new prosecutors or counties who do not have MDTs. We could record it—perhaps in short sessions- what is an MDT, How do I start one, funding and resources, etc... Weir ask who can we ask to create that? Vance says she can take the lead on that. In 2019, Western Regional CACs presented at our conference. What are some of the practical things we can share—a package that helps them get started. Peper will invite the Western regional CAC to come speak with us. Item c- form a subcommittee to look at tribal relationships in regards to ICWA and child welfare, community concerns, investigation assessments, removal of children, etc (invite tribal chair from ICWA for January and then in February move forward with creating a subcommittee or take steps that come out of the January meeting- Peper and Weir will invite the tribal chair.) Learn about the 6 new one-stop assessment centers as they come online- McDonald can get Peper information and also The Children's Village is creating one.

Strategy 2: Need to invite OPE, CRP, and rule change task force for IDHW. Regarding representation at a younger age, perhaps someone from the NACC director Allison Green, Natalee Washington: heads the NACC effort for legal counsel for children (Counsel for Kids), natalece.washington@naccchildlaw.org.

What about someone from POST regarding the curriculum being taught to law enforcement officers and what is being taught in how to investigate child abuse cases. Who is teaching and what? Is there room for improvement? Let's get a speaker to come and talk to us about this.

Strategy 3: Have chair of CIP attend as well as someone from the child protection committee of state bar (Stacey Pittman); Teresa Vance to talk about all CIP projects (July 14); regarding item e and g- DHW to speak to CARTF before June (spring 2023) as they prepare report about the foster care system and investigation of cases.

Regarding item d- publications subcommittee needs to do some updates to our activity books.

Strategy 4: One of the recommendations from the CFRT members is to assist the reviews by getting it into statute—need some guest speakers to come and speak to that process and then have CARTF begin the process of getting it codified- invite Mitton, someone from the Idaho Maternal Mortality Review Team, learn about it in 2023 and move forward with it in 2024.

For the April meeting in Pocatello, we will invite Simply Hope in Burley, Idaho. They are the youth assessment center that opened in October.

Also need to get the legislative subcommittee meeting together to start reporting January- April. Stacy is chair of this subcommittee. Members include Teresa, Michelle, Nadine, Madison, Sheila.

2023 Planning

Dates for 2023 meetings will be:

January 6- Virtual Only

February 3- Boise/ Hybrid

March 3- Boise/ Hybrid

April 7- Pocatello/ Hybrid

May 5- Boise/ Hybrid

July 14- Virtual Only (9-12)

September 8- Lewiston/ Hybrid

October 6- Boise/ Hybrid

October Conference- TBD

November 3- Boise/ Hybrid

Group Norms and Expectations

Tachell introduces this topic in regard to what our meeting expectations are for CARTF meetings—examples might include positive intent, assume there is always people from the public listening in, cameras on, mics muted other than when speaking, stick to timeframes, limit side conversations, be prepared, present, engaged, and more. CARTF discusses. Wickard mentions that it is important that we be efficient with our time as we have so many roles we fulfill. Tachell will draft these norms and bring to January meeting for review.

New Business

Adjourn

Next meeting will be January 6, 2023. This will be a ZOOM only meeting.