



CARTF

February 2, 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
(A) Lena Biondolillo - Children with Disabilities	OPEN - Child Advocate Attorney
(V) Sheila Sturgeon Freitas, PhD - Mental Health	(A) Hon. Steve Clark - Civil Magistrate Judge
(V) Curtis Carper - Law Enforcement	(A) Kyle Bringham - Prosecuting Attorney
(A) 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)

Meeting Purpose:

Monthly meeting for the Governor's Task Force on Children at Risk

Key Takeaways

- The task force is looking for additional clarification on its budget—available funds, cycles, etc.
- The CFRT annual report is on target for release in March. More printed copies will be distributed this year for outreach.
- Several important legislative bills were discussed including parental rights, drug trafficking, and crimes.
- A federal court decision on removing children from homes may significantly impact procedures.
- Speaker and conference planning for the 2024 conference is underway. Funding support for speakers was raised as an issue.
- Drafting a survey of MDTs was discussed as a next step for the MDT subcommittee.
- New task force membership was proposed for the vacant child attorney role.

Topics:

Welcome and Meeting Minutes

- Review meeting norms
- **Action Item: Approve January 5th and January 12, 2024 minutes**
 - Moved by McDonald, 2nd by Vance
 - All in favor, so moved

Budget Update

- The task force overspent in budget cycle 20. More clarity is needed from the state on the budget breakdown and cycles, as well as where it was overspent.
- Noticed some discrepancies in the conference budget expenses that need to be clarified with state.
- Key questions were raised on current available funds and future cycle amounts.
- The CFRT budget and analyst hours are constrained and may need additional funding. Barton reports that she would also like to do some training with CFRT, which would require funding.

Subcommittee Financial Decisions

- All financial decisions will be run through CARTF.
- No need to make motion on action item.
- Will add a bylaw that states that all subcommittee financial requests will be taken to the task force as an action item, for a vote.

CFRT Annual Report

- The report is on target for release in March.
- More printed copies will be distributed this year for outreach and education. Proposing to give copies to all MDTs and to team members to present and disseminate.
- **Action Item: Number of copies and cost for printing CFRT Annual Report**
 - **Tabled to March 2024**

Legislative Update

- Several important bills were discussed including parental rights, drug trafficking, crimes and maternal mortality.
- A federal court decision on removing children from homes may significantly impact procedures. More analysis is needed.

Conference Planning

- Speaker recruitment for the 2024 conference is underway.
- Funding support for speaker fees was raised as an issue that needs clarification.
- Ideas were shared from the recent San Diego conference.

MDT Subcommittee

- Drafting a survey of MDTs was proposed as a next step. MDT subcommittee meets February 13 to begin drafting the survey. They are inviting outside stakeholders to that meeting.
- Survey results will help develop strategies to support MDTs.

Three-Year Strategic Goals

- **Action Item: Approve 3-year strategic goals**
 - **Motion made by Vance, 2nd by Barton**
 - **All in favor and so moved.**

New Business

- CARTF has an open seat for a child attorney representative. This has been advertised on the website as well as in the e-news. Asking CARTF members to bring recommendations to March meeting. Wickard has one possibility and will invite her to the March meeting.
- CARTF discusses attendance at the August 2024 NACC meeting to be held in Salt Lake City. Looking at sending task force members as well as possibly funding others from the state to go. Will add to the March agenda as an action item.

Next Steps

- Peper get budget clarification from the state on cycles, available funds, and overages.
- Barton to determine number of printed report copies needed.
- Wickard invite proposed new member to March meeting.
- Task force think of open seat recommendations.
- Peper invite OPE to discuss recent review of child welfare system.
- Blackwood invite someone from IDHW prevention services to share with task force.
- Peper finalize May meeting details for Salmon, ID.
- Peper update Bylaws
- Barton let Peper know if going to present annual report.

Proposed March Agenda

- Review CFRT Annual Report.
- Draft MDT survey and share at March meeting.
- OPE
- Budget and Subcommittee updates
- Child attorney recommendations
- IDHW Prevention Services
- NACC attendance
- May meeting details
- MDT report hard copies