



CARTF

Virtual

May 6, 2022

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
Molly Vaughn– Victim Services Coordinator

Jennifer Tachell– Educator (Vice-Chairman)
Susan Bradford, MD – Pediatrician
OPEN- 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: Stacey Pittman, Pittman Law, CDA

Welcome

Wickard welcomes everyone and introduces our guest, Stacy Pitman. He also announces that Jennifer Bergin has resigned from CARTF. CARTF reviews the April 2022 minutes. Rammell makes a motion to approve the minutes, Carper seconds, all in favor and so moved.

Task Force Changes/ Open Seats

With the recent vacancy, Weir states that she wants to discuss how we handle the vacancies on the board. Given that we are starting to see an increase in interest regarding serving on the task force, we should look at advertising the open seats on the website and to our subscribers. We will ask nominees to submit resume, letter of recommendation, and letter of interest. We can add a section to the website regarding recruitment for specific openings. We would give instructions on how to apply and a deadline.

Weir makes a motion to open up and advertise the recent open position and close it June 30, 2022. McDonald seconds the motion. All in favor and so moved. Peper will update the website.

In the future, may be helpful to have a new member orientation booklet or training.

Grant Cycle One- 2022 Award Decisions

Grant from First Jud. Dist. CASA requesting \$3500 for TBRI training. Freitas explains what TBRI training is and the approach it takes to child trauma. The TCU institute is currently offering a \$1000 grant for those who attend the training, and we encourage CASA to get apply for that scholarship. Weir says there are quite a few trainers up north but not aware of any within CASA. This was an example of a well-written grant.

Rammell moves to approve the grant request from First Judicial District CASA, Vance seconds, all in favor and so moved. Peper will point out to them that there is a \$1000 scholarship available through the instate. Barton abstains from the vote. **Update added June 2022- First Judicial District emailed Peper to let CARTF know they were not able to get a seat in the TBRI training. They will reapply for funding during cycle 2.

Grant from INCAC requesting \$2300 for travel funds for 2nd Annual Protecting Our Kids Idaho Symposium. CARTF discusses the grant. The grant was very vague and lacked detail, however Weir felt that it is still a good training and could be worth funding as long as they provide additional information. Clark makes a motion to deny the INCAC grant, no second. McDonald makes a motion to fund the grant subject to providing additional information on date, topic, speakers, etc, Vance seconds, all in favor except Clark, noted as opposed.

Executive Session

Barton makes a motion pursuant to Idaho code that CARTF enters an executive session for personnel matter, McDonald seconds, all in favor and so moved. Entered executive session at 11:07 AM. CARTF comes out of executive discussion at 11:50 AM.

Action Taken: the request for the wage increase is denied.

September Delegation

Meeting is September 9th and will be in CDA. Roundtable with a couple timeslots. CASA in first district has a great meeting room we might be able to use. Invite CASA for a specific time. Invite the local MDTs (all or a few).

If driving, just get there and turn in reimbursement form. If flying Boise to Spokane, let Peper know so that she can coordinate the flights and then rental car via DHW.

Weir will ask Karla to look at flight options for Boise to Spokane.

Kinzel and Weir will inquire about potential meeting spaces. Peper will ask Curb to look at possible spaces as well. Need space for 25 to 30. Peper will look at hotels near venue once it is decided.

July Virtual Meeting for Annual Reports

CARTF will add an additional meeting to be held virtually July 8th from 9 to 11. Agenda will include CFRT annual report, CJA annual report, and Child Welfare Law Conference. Peper will send invite.

Subcommittee Updates

Peper gives updates on conference and grant subcommittees.

Court Improvement Update, Teresa Vance

Vance presents the 5-year plan for court improvement and the supreme court committee for child protection. PowerPoint presentation shared with CARTF task force members.

Weir asks for additional direction on the BSU CARTF and CIP project for reducing court trauma for youth, youth comfort and engagement, and what do they need to feel prepared. Still a relevant project that is connected but not an overlap and CARTF feels it will be a worthy project to get that feedback and resources.

Disclosure of Child in Custody Update, Nadine McDonald

This issue was brought to the attention of CARTF and subsequently pursued as a result of discussion with Upper Valley CAC in 2021.

Work group put together to look at this issue, which launched January 1, 2022. The group is in the first phase of data collection. Some of the things they have seen so far is that majority of disclosers are male, but not surprising as mostly males in custody. Many are reporting multiple abuse by multiple offenders. Many of the kids are not in their home community when they disclose and so there is a process now to make sure that there is follow up in their home community and the CAC is engaged.

Weir asks why DHW isn't involved and McDonald says that the local CAC is used to help coordinate DHW resources. This work group is more about coming up with IDJC policy and procedures to make sure these kids are being heard, no matter what facility they disclose in, anywhere in Idaho.

There is a pilot project happening at the St Anthony campus. McDonald will share again with CARTF once the pilot project wraps up.

Annual Federal Grant Meeting, Wickard and Weir

Weir states that one of the big initiatives at the Children's Bureau is focused on advancing racial equity efforts to improve child and family outcomes. Idaho does have some disproportionality. In Idaho we have 92% Caucasian/ white population but only 70% of foster care kids are white/Caucasian. Freitas mentions however that we also tend to under utilize kinship care in Idaho. The biggest disproportion is in the native American tribes. But they also struggle within their group with the same thing. CJA is really encouraging the task force groups to think about how they can encourage equity and diversity in their field/profession. CARTF feels that we need smaller strategies for states that have smaller disparity and less diversity.

Office for Victims of Crime presented at the meeting and the question asked about whether CARTF is meeting with this group and this may be a group we want to invite next year to speak with share their resources.

Wickard said the topic on evaluating CJA funded projects, the how, why and what now was interesting. This would look at the strategic plan and what we are funding and how

does it connect back to the work we are doing on CARTF. Perhaps we could have one of the CJA leads come and speak with our team about what this looks like.

Spring Planning/ September Planning

April- Wickard will invite a former parent involved with foster system and reunification; legislative update; annual conference; Weir will invite a social worker; re-visit goal 4 regarding adding near-fatality strategy; update on near-fatality reviews; IDHW annual progress service report program instruction; CARTF delegation to CDA; action item: budget increase for CFR Team analyst; conference speakers

May- McDonald update on probation services and protocol on children who disclose when in custody; Vaughn- victim compensation discussion; grant cycle one decisions; annual conference; review draft CARTF Annual Report for May 30 submission date; Court Improvement update; action item/executive session: budget increase for CFR Team analyst; hotel change and cost comparison

July- virtual meeting to discuss CFRT and CJA annual reports and vote on representative for Child Advocate representative for CARTF open seat

September- subcommittee updates; conference planning

October- conference planning; debrief September delegation- expand the idea?; Heather Cunningham with IDCVVA

New Business

Adjourn

Next meeting will be July 8, 2022. This will be a virtual meeting.