



CARTF

May 23, 2023

Hampton Inn, Boise/ ZOOM

MINUTES

Joshua Wickard- Public Defender (Chairman)
Andie Blackwood- DHW, Family & Children Services
OPEN-Children with Disabilities Representative
Sheila Sturgeon Freitas, PhD- Mental Health
Curtis Carper- Law Enforcement Representative
OPEN- Foster Youth
James Curb – Homeless Education Liaison
Jill Robertson – Parent
Susan Nalley – 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**

Welcome

Blackwood welcomes everyone. CARTF reviews the April 2023 minutes, Pittman makes a motion to accept with noted changes, Rammell seconds, all in favor and so moved.

CARTF Grant Cycle 1-2023

McDonald discusses INCAC grant application and its strengths and weaknesses. McDonald says committee recommends funding the grant in full. McDonald makes a motion to fund the INCAC grant application in full for the amount of \$2349, Pittman seconds, all in favor and so moved.

Foster Youth Representative- Executive Session

McDonald makes a motion to move into executive session to discuss the applicants who have applied for the CARTF foster youth representative seat. Carper seconds, all in favor, and so moved.

CARTF enter executive session at 9:11 a.m.

Barton makes a motion for CARTF to come out of executive session, Carper seconds, all in favor and so moved.

CARTF comes out of executive session at 9:33 a.m.

McDonald moves to accept the application for nomination to CARTF as foster Youth representative by Maddi Aimes, Barton seconds, all in favor and so moved.

Guest: Cameron Gilliland, IDHW

CARTF introduces self and welcomes Gilliland. He is the administrator for Children and Family Services and also a licensed clinical social worker. Gilliland shares an update

regarding SB 1126 which has to do with adoption. The current code states that perspective parents must have resided 6 months in Idaho to complete an adoption. This can be problematic with children in state custody and can really slow down the adoption process after termination of parental rights. The bill passed Senate but failed in the House-- they will try again next year.

The department's funding request went through which included half-million for operating costs. The legislature made a decision that the department would not be able to move monies from personnel to cover operating expenses so the deficit we have had in operating for the last several years had to be solved through a budgetary request rather than by moving money from personnel.

Congregate care numbers are growing in Idaho as well as the cost for that care. It has become necessary for the department to hold some short-term rentals. They currently have 3 in Canyon County which house 10 to 16 kids total across all of the short-term rentals. Short-term rentals are costly. For clarification these are kids from all over the state including out of state not just from the local area. Fortunately, the Idaho Youth Ranch will be opening a psychiatric residential treatment facility next year which will have starting approximately 60 beds.

McDonald asks why we are seeing an increase in congregate care in Idaho. Gilliland states that he is seeing an increase in the level of violence, not just Idaho, but also Oregon and Washington for example. Additionally, it takes specialized placement if a child comes from the juvenile justice system. Also, they are seeing kids who have more complex health issues such as brittle diabetes as well as disabilities and other mental health issues. Blackwood states that they are seeing some instances of parents who do not want to reunify with their children. She says sometimes parents want the system to first "fix their kids" and want to then reunify afterwards but it doesn't usually work that way.

Pittman asks what efforts are being made to prepare foster families as failed placements can be hard on kids and on foster parents. Blackwood says in the last 9 months they have moved toward a national foster parent model and training which includes foster family support and additional staffing to help support those foster parents.

Gilliland states that there are several new legislators this year. This summer he plans to invite many of them on ride-alongs, so they can see firsthand what is going on in the field and an opportunity to learn about their local program. There will also be an educational piece with the experience.

Guest: Faye White and Sid Sullivan, Building Hope Today

CARTF welcomes Building Hope Today and their Executive Director Faye White and the President of their board Sid Sullivan. White shares the history of Building Hope Today and the story of the founder, Matt Morgan.

White discusses the 2-day training which includes prosecutors, investigators, and forensic interviewers. It is focused on trauma and grooming and the investigation and prosecution of such. It also includes training MDT 's on how to get convictions. What

they are finding is that across the state there is limited training anywhere outside of Ada County, as well as limited resources. White states that 95% of sexual abuse can be stopped if the right education is put in place.

BHT hopes to make systemic changes throughout Idaho. It will start with 2-hour training at the POST Academy for new police officers. Idaho State police will also be using their grooming investigation fact tracker. They would like to apply for the Blue Cross of Idaho community transformation grant. This grant is a 3-year grant focused on systemic change and root causes. They would like to partner with CARTF on this grant. They hope that having CARTF as a partner will bring added reputation to the grant and the training. BHT will write and manage the grant. They hope that CARTF will help people come to the table as well as help promote the training. Currently there is no accredited national training. Their 2-day training will cover all MDT disciplines and will offer professional development credits.

There is no timeline on the grant as they are waiting for the 4th iteration to open. They foresee 3 phases of the grant. Year one will start with the conversations and bringing team leaders to the table. Year 2 will be to establish an action plan and year 3 will be to execute the plan and bring it to life.

Regarding the role that CARTF would take in the 3 year grant, it would be as much or as little involvement as the group wanted.

BHT will put together a plan and timeline and give it to Peper to share with the group.

CARTF discusses potential partnership with BHT. They would like to attend a training as well.

July and Fall Planning

Our July meeting will include a guest from NACC, open meeting law training, a report from the CJA grantee training, and an update to the CJA annual report.

CARTF discusses the September meeting to be held in Lewiston Idaho. Guests include Kim Neely the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare who is spearheading the CAC in the area, Director Monte Prow, someone from the teen assessment center, and possibly Michelle King with the Lewis Clark Valley Youth Resource Center. Vance will help coordinate King. We would also like to hear from Nez Perce MDT. McDonald can help coordinate this.

After 2023, need to decide where to hold regular CARTF meetings. Blackwood will work with Kinzel to see what our options are for hotels.

Conference Recap- Sturgeon Freitas, Suicidality Conference

See attached notes and data.

Subcommittee Updates:

Conference- Conference planning is on track and the subcommittee is meeting regularly to coordinate this 2-day event.

CFRT- Barton gives updates regarding new analyst and upcoming meetings/reviews.

New Business

CARTF discusses the NACC conference in Minnesota in August. Barton makes a motion that CARTF fund 3 task force members to attend the conference, McDonald seconds, all in favor and so moved.

Regarding open seats, we are in need of a “children with disabilities” advocate. Clark says he will reach out to former member Jim Baugh to get some direction and potential candidates.

Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings:

June 12-13, Boise, Conference

July 21, virtual only

September 8, Lewiston/ hybrid

October 6, Boise/ hybrid

November 3, Boise/ hybrid