

Child Protection Accountability Commission
Training Committee
March 9, 2015
DSCYF, 1825 Faulkland Road, Room 198

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Nicole Byers	AG's Office
Bob Challenger	DSCYF
Megan Caudell	CASA
Diane Klecan	CAC
Pat Kwetkauskie	DVCC
Jackie Mette, Esq.	Education Demonstration Project
Rosie Morales	OCA
Anne Pedrick	CDNDSC

I. Welcome and Introductions

Rosie Morales opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

II. Approval of Minutes

The December 15, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

III. Public Education Campaign – Child Abuse Prevention Month

CPAC established the Protecting Delaware's Children Fund to garner funding to support an annual outreach campaign during the month of April. The Fund was underutilized for several years, impacting our ability to establish regular prevention and awareness activities during the month and throughout the year. Because of renewed fundraising efforts from the "Stop Child Abuse" License Plate sales and Personal Income Tax contributions, it is anticipated that new revenues will be generated for this Fund and used exclusively for statewide child abuse prevention and awareness activities identified by CPAC.

As a result, this Committee was recently tasked with developing a structure to approve the funding activities under the Protecting Delaware's Children Fund. However, Committee attendance has been low, so there has been no progress with this item. Ms. Morales agreed to follow up with Randy Williams and Karen DeRasmo to determine who receives the statements regarding the funds and to garner suggestions regarding the process to approve funding activities.

As discussed at the last meeting, limited funding was available for Child Abuse Prevention Month. The activities were limited to PSAs, and Joe Smack from DFS was coordinating this activity with Secretary Ranji and others. Ms. Morales

also agreed to send out a formal email to CPAC regarding the “Stop Child Abuse” License Plate sales and Personal Income Tax contributions.

On April 1, KIDS COUNT in Delaware plans to convene the Blue Bow event with the annual Fact Book release at the Duncan Center in Dover, DE. Registration is available online at the KIDS COUNT website.

IV. Workgroup Reports

a. Cross Education

No update.

b. MDT/ChildFirst®

Diane Klecan reported the ChildFirst® administrators have a teleconference scheduled to discuss the next training. October of 2015 is the tentative date. Ms. Morales stated it was recently brought to her attention that DFS was concerned that the interview component was removed, because new staff found it helpful. Bob Challenger may explore how the forensic interview component can be included in the DFS Core training.

c. Joint Conference

In total, 524 professionals attended the conference. Of those, 138 MDT members attended the Advanced Training Course from the National Children’s Advocacy Center. Ms. Morales reported the evaluation will be sent out in two weeks. Participants will receive their certificates once the evaluation is completed.

d. Mandatory Reporting

Mr. Challenger reported the workgroup met on Feb. 23. Jean Gardner and Linda Shannon were present to provide suggestions for the school training. The workgroup plans to create a common, core mandatory reporting training program with different components for medical professionals, general audiences, and school staff.

Since January, medical professionals have been completing the online training as part of the license renewal process. Ms. Begley has received multiple calls from physicians to problem solve the technical issues. An onsite medical training has been scheduled for March 11 at the Medical

Society of Delaware. Michael Sullivan from DFS and Dr. Gordon Reed will be co-facilitating the training.

Mr. Challenger reported community organizations continue to request training, and multiple sessions have been scheduled for professionals working with adults with physical disabilities.

e. CAN Best Practices

Ms. Morales reported that the workgroup continues to meet in smaller groups to revise the MOU to include best practice protocols.

V. Other Training Updates

a. CASA

Megan Caudell stated they are planning a statewide CASA conference on May 7 at the Polytech Conference Center. CLEs will be offered, as well as in-service credit. Last year, they had close to 100 people there. Jonathan Baylin will speak on attachment and brain and behavior, and Dr. Vicky Kelly will provide an update on the DFS initiatives. CASA also continues to have monthly in-services throughout the state regarding mental health, substance abuse, etc. They offer 6 hours a month.

b. Education Demonstration Project

Jacqueline Mette, Esq. reported the Education Demonstration Project has engaged six school districts in the Compassionate Schools program developed by Washington State. Ron Hertel is scheduled to provide training to the school districts on March 27, and each school district is sending a team of 8-10 middle school staff.

c. Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

Pat Kwetkauskiw worked with a team of trainers to provide training on human trafficking to officers and victim services staff at the Wilmington Police Department. The training included a discussion of at-risk youth.

Ms. Kwetkauskie is also doing a lot of work with students and high school staff on teen dating violence. She trained approximately 785 ninth and tenth grade students at Appoquinimink High School.

Ms. Kwetkauskie also discussed the DVCC's Public Awareness/Education Committee. They disseminated resource posters to all public and charter

high schools last year. This year, they want to distribute the posters to middle schools.

VI. Next Steps

- a. Ms. Morales will follow up with CPAC regarding Committee membership.
- b. Ms. Morales will contact Karen DeRasmo and Randy Williams regarding the Protecting Delaware's Children Fund and a process for approving expenditures.

VII. Next Meeting

July 14 at 9:00 Room 201.

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