

Child Protection Accountability Commission
Training Committee
Mandatory Reporting Workgroup
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
9:30am -11:30am
DSCYF, Faulkland Road, CPD Training Room at Ferris

In Attendance:

Jessica Begley	OCA
Robert Challenger	DSCYF
Rosalie Morales	OCA
Linda Shannon	DSCYF
Ashlee Starratt	DSCYF
Janice Tigani	DOJ

I. Introductions

Bob Challenger opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

II. Minutes

Minutes from the July 29, 2015 meeting were approved.

III. Discussion of Substitute Teacher training with DDOE

Linda Shannon reported that she was contacted by a substitute teacher who had questions about child abuse and neglect. The individual stated that she worked for Kelly Educational Services, and received training on mandatory reporting as part of her onboarding. The situation prompted questions about whether or not all substitute teachers are receiving child abuse and neglect training, and if so, what training is being provided.

The workgroup planned to discuss the matter with the Department of Education. Due to a scheduling conflict, representatives from the DOE were unable to participate in the meeting. As a result, Bob Challenger will submit the discussion questions to DOE and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Challenger will also reach out to Kelly Educational Services to provide information on how to access the statewide mandatory reporting training that is available on the Office of the Child Advocate's learning management system.

Rosie Morales shared that the CPAC Education Committee will propose new legislation to change the statute that regulates teachers received 1 hour of training per school year. The committee will recommended that the statute language be change from "full-time teacher" to "school-employee and/or contractor", so substitute teachers and contractors are covered under the mandate. The committee will recommend that schools receive on-site training at least once every three years.

IV. Discussion of 2015-2016 Onsite School & General Trainings

Jessica Begley reported that new case scenarios are needed that will address a wide variety of reports. Hotline reports from public schools, private schools and churches will be collected to create a bank of case scenarios that trainers can pull from to meet the needs of various audiences.

Ms. Begley will also meet with the report line staff next week to gather some feedback about the current training before contacting videographer about recording a 2-5 minute video on how to making a report.

V. Discussion of Medical Training

Rosie Morales shared that during the Joint Commission meeting in January there were recommendations made in regard to training medical professionals on the standard of care for suspected injuries. The Commission is considering modifications to the law to include appropriate medical care as based on AAP standards. Additional case scenarios for medical professionals are needed.

Rosie will reach out to the medical society about who the new contact person will be and who they would recommend as a consulting physician for the training.

VI. Next Steps

Bob Challenger announced that Lynn Arnold will soon take over administrative responsibilities related to the mandatory reporting training. Mr. Challenger will update Ms. Arnold on the progress of the workgroup before the next meeting.

VII. Next Meeting

Monday, February 15, 2016.