

State of Delaware Child Protection Accountability Commission Child Abuse Medical Response Committee

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

In Attendance:

Dr. Allan De Jong, Nemours-AIDHC (Co-Chair)	Randy Williams, CAC (Co-Chair)
Col. Nathaniel McQueen, DSP	Chief Laura Giles, Police Chiefs Counsel
Jean Gardner, DFS	Josette Manning, Esq., DAG
Sgt. Ron Mullin, WPD	Captain Pete Sawyer, DSP
Lt. Randy Fisher, DSP	Cpl. Adrienne Owen, DSP
Cara Sawyer, Esq., DSCYF	Sgt. Reggie Laster, NCCPD
Rosalie Morales, OCA	Marjorie Georges, OCA
Katrina Kashner, UD	Liam Reynolds, UD
Julie Weltz, UD	Karly Toto, UD
Heather Brody, UD	

Not Present:

Mike Cochran, Esq., CPAC	Nemours-AIDHC Vacancy
Lt. Col. Matthew Jamison, NCCPD	

MINUTES:

Randy Williams, Co-Chair, welcomed everyone and attendees introduced themselves. A motion was made by Chief Giles to approve the minutes. Col. McQueen seconded. All attendees were in favor. No changes were made to the January minutes.

VOCA FUNDING:

The Committee received an update on the status of the VOCA grant. Dr. De Jong attended the Bidder's Meeting. The deadline for the grant application is March 23.

DRAFT GUIDELINES:

For the purpose of the new members, the Committee discussed the meaning of "MDT Qualified Medical Services Provider." Currently, the SANE nurses throughout the state and providers at A.I. DuPont are the qualified medical services providers. With the VOCA funding, the Committee hopes to create a statewide network of providers. Dr. De Jong will train and mentor a second child abuse pediatrician, who will start by August 2016.

Dr. De Jong explained that there are no outlined criteria for the certification of qualified MDT medical services providers. The more difficult certification will relate to physical abuse cases; criteria for those who will evaluate these cases need to be developed. Sexual abuse cases will continue to be addressed by SANE and forensic nurse programs. There is a model in Maryland where general pediatricians are recruited to conduct evaluations from their offices or local Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs).

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The Committee next discussed the concern of making multiple referrals for each reported case. It was clarified by Dr. De Jong that the child would not be seen a second time if they have been evaluated by a qualified provider (i.e. at A.I DuPont or by SANE). However, if the child was not seen by a qualified provider, the case must be referred.

The various fact patterns were also discussed. The Committee was concerned about the number of physical abuse cases that require a referral to the MDT Qualified Medical Services Provider. Dr. De Jong stated that fact patterns for physical abuse focus on younger children who are at risk. The group determined that it was necessary to review each fact pattern and determine if revisions were needed. The Committee first reviewed the draft Sexual Abuse Matrix, which the group agreed was being followed. Revisions were suggested to simplify the language. For instance, rather than using the word referral, it was suggested that 'call' or 'contact' be used. Attendees discussed whether each fact pattern and time frame was reasonable. Ms. Morales will make the recommended changes. Additionally, to be consistent with the revisions to the MOU, Ms. Morales will split the physical abuse matrix into two matrices: serious physical abuse and physical abuse.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

- Meeting previously scheduled for April 15, 2016 is cancelled. Meeting time and location to be determined. Randy will circulate dates.
- To be discussed at next meeting:
 - Remaining abuse fact patterns (i.e. serious physical abuse, physical abuse, and other abuse/neglect scenarios)
 - SANE
 - Additional charge of group

PUBLIC COMMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at Noon.