

Child Protection Accountability Commission
Training Committee
June 9, 2017
New Castle County Courthouse

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Jessica Begley	Office of the Child Advocate
Megan Caudell	Office of the Child Advocate
Islanda Finamore, Esq.	Department of Justice
Patricia Kwetkauskie	Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
Rosie Morales	Office of the Child Advocate
Debra O'Neal	Division of Family Services
Jennifer Perry	Office of the Child Advocate

On phone:

Anne Pedrick	Child Death Review Commission
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I. Welcome and Introductions

Rosie Morales opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

II. Approval of Minutes

The March 10, 2017 meeting minutes were approved with one revision. Pat Kwetkauskie made the motion, and Jessica Begley seconded it. All others voted in favor.

III. Protecting Delaware's Children Fund

Ms. Morales reported that the fund balance is currently \$13,319. The majority of the fund contributions continue to come from the income tax check-off donations. Contributions from license plate sales are stagnant. The workgroup discussed ways to promote the license plates moving forward.

IV. 2017 Mandatory Reporting Outreach Campaign

Jessica Begley reported the 2017 outreach campaign featured print and audio/digital media. It was successful in reaching the targeted audiences. The Stop Child Abuse billboards were displayed in prominent locations statewide and PSAs ran on WJBR throughout the month. In addition, 250K digital impressions of the Stop Child Abuse logo were delivered through websites,

mobile applications and Facebook. The campaign concluded with the Blue Bow ceremony held at the opening of the Protecting Delaware's Children Conference.

V. Workgroup Reports

a. Cross Education

Ms. Begley reported that the Child Death Review Commission (CDRC) 101 training is complete and will be uploaded to the learning management system in a few weeks.

b. MDT/ChildFirst™

Ms. Morales mentioned that there has been no resolution to the partnership with Gunderson. The workgroup plans to develop its own 3-day training program if negotiations with Gunderson are unsuccessful.

Ms. Morales also reported that another advanced training opportunity for multidisciplinary team members will take place. Corey Jewell Jensen will facilitate a full-day training titled *Sex Offenders: Responding to Crimes against Children*. The date has not been determined.

c. Protecting Delaware's Children Conference

Megan Caudell reported the 2017 conference was attended by 453 professionals. During the advanced training day, participants previewed the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Multidisciplinary Response to Child Abuse and Neglect and received training from national experts on Sudden Infant Death Investigations. Doll reenactment kits were distributed to all attending law enforcement agencies.

Ms. Caudell also shared that the main conference featured a Blue Bow ceremony in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Opening remarks were provided by CPAC Commissioners, Secretary Manning, AG Denn and Chief Judge Newell. Participants had their choice of 20 workshops on various topics. The conference was highly rated by the 100 participants who submitted an evaluation online. The next conference will be April 2019 in Dover, DE.

d. Mandatory Reporting

Ms. Begley reported that 4,635 professionals completed the medical training. In addition, another 205 professionals received the general training during the last quarter. The workgroup will meet on June 15, 2017 to discuss the 2017-2018 school training updates and prepare for a train-the-trainer session in early August.

e. CAN Best Practice

Ms. Morales stated the MOU was finalized in early April. Signatures are still being obtained. The MOU documents will be uploaded on the CPAC website under the reports page. The mobile application has been completed. It's available for iPhone and Android users on the App Store and Play Store. Search "DE MOU." The workgroup will reconvene over the summer to develop the county-based training and identify trainers.

f. De-escalation of Life Support

Ms. Morales reported the workgroup has met twice so far. At the last meeting, they explored components of the MDT response in cases where a child presents at a hospital with serious, potentially life-threatening injuries. They reviewed current best practices and ways to improve the response. This included discussion about: key information to communicate to DFS in the hotline report; whether parents who are suspected of causing the injuries should be allowed to make decisions; points of contact for hospital and DFS staff; and the recommendation to de-escalate care, hospital staff making the determination and communicating it to parents. Their next meeting is June 14th.

g. MDT Case Review

Ms. Morales announced that a MDT Case Review workgroup will be added under the CPAC Training Committee. The workgroup will be responsible for revising the MDT Case Review Protocol and expanding the protocol to include serious physical injury and death cases, which may not be referred to the Children's Advocacy Center for a forensic interview.

VI. Other Training Updates

- **All Babies Cry**

Anne Pedrick reported that the program recently released a mobile application that is available for Android and iOS. The goal is to increase awareness by crafting user specific messaging through push notifications.

Ms. Pedrick also announced that Delaware hospitals will distribute Safe Sleep books for every child born in Delaware from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Parents will also be asked to complete a survey to measure the impact of the books.

Lastly, Ms. Pedrick shared that the ABC Safe Sleep messaging (Alone-Back-Crib) is now imprinted on all cribs that are distributed to families.

- **CASA Program**

Ms. Caudell announced that a new CASA training is scheduled for July in Kent/Sussex counties, where there has been an influx of cases.

- **DVCC**

Pat Kwetkauskie shared information about an upcoming conference. EMERGE: Recognizing Responsibility and Risk of Abusers in Court will take place on September 20-21, 2017 at Delaware Technical Community College in Dover.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 13, 2017.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.