Child Protection Accountability Commission

Training Committee

Protecting Delaware's Children Conference Workgroup

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

9:00 am – 10:30 am

NCCCH, Lower Level 2 Conference Room

Minutes

In Attendance:

Megan Caudell, Co-Chair	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
Islanda Finamore, Esq.	Department of Justice (DOJ)
Diane Klecan (by phone)	Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)
Maureen Monagle	Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
Rosalie Morales, Co-Chair	Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)
Rachael Neff	Family Court
Anne Pedrick	Child Death Review Commission (CDRC)
Kellie Turner	Prevent Child Abuse Delaware (PCAD)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Megan Caudell opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

II. Review of Minutes from 1/13/17

The meeting minutes were approved with no revisions. Anne Pedrick made a motion to approve the minutes, and Rachael Neff seconded the motion. There was one abstention.

III. Funding/Budget

Rosalie Morales reported that the funding from DSCYF and A Better Chance for Children (ABC) has been received. Kellie Turner will follow up about the funding from PCAD. Ms. Morales will send an invoice for the audio visual to Diane Klecan, so the funding from the SRCAC can be obtained.

In addition, Ms. Morales reported that the purchase order has been issued for the outstanding balance for the Chase Center ($25,000). The remaining budget ($18,000) will be used towards the audio visual ($8,314) and speaker fees ($6,459 plus travel costs).

No response has been received from Morris James and the Levin Family Foundation about the request for funds.

IV. Advanced Training

Anne Pedrick provided an overview of the advanced training course. Ms. Pedrick said a teleconference is scheduled for tomorrow with the two national speakers, Deb Robinson and Clay Jansson. There will be discussion about the possibility of a break out session for caseworkers, forensic interviewers and family resource advocates. Ms. Pedrick is also working on purchasing dolls for the doll re-enactment kits, which will be distributed to law enforcement agencies.

V. General Conference

a. Blue Bow

Ms. Morales reached out to Leslie Newman (CFF), Karen DeRasmo (PCAD) and Randall Williams (CAC) and confirmed the Blue Bow program will occur during the opening remarks. Fifteen minutes will be allotted. Ms. Morales will reach out to the Governor's Office to invite Governor Carney to participate and give the proclamation.

b. Dignitaries

In addition to the Governor, the group discussed inviting Chief Judge Newell, Attorney General Matt Denn, DSCYF Secretary Josette Manning, and Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long. Ms. Neff will contact the Chief Judge. Islanda Finamore, Esq. will invite the Attorney General, and Ms. Morales will reach out to the DSCYF Secretary and Lt. Governor. Senator Coons will be providing a 3 to 5 minute video with his remarks.

c. Plenary Session

Ms. Neff confirmed Judge Tepper as the first keynote speaker. Additionally, Judge Tepper agreed to do a workshop on the judicial perspective of the impact of opiate addiction on families with young children. Ms. Morales will reach out to the local presenter.

d. Vendor Tables

Vendor tables will be available for the following agencies: ABC, CASA, CDRC, CAC, PCAD, and Boys and Girls Club. Ten tables are available in total. Ms. Caudell will reach out to the YMCA.

e. Topics/Speakers

Many of the speakers were confirmed at the prior meetings. However, speakers are still needed for the workshops on sex trafficking, testifying in court and domestic violence and children.

With regard to the sex trafficking workshop, Ms. Neff reported that she reached out to Dr. Stewart in Vermont, and no response was received. Ms. Klecan contacted Joe Laramie from the National Criminal Justice Training Center, Kent Bauman and Ann Ellis from Kansas, and Susan Goldfarb from the Suffolk County CAC. Mr. Laramie identified two speakers, Amanda Gopal and Tanisha Knighton. Ms. Klecan is waiting on a response to determine if either speaker is available. NCJTC provides free training, but Mr. Laramie would like them to present at least two workshops. Mr. Bauman and Ms. Ellis only require travel costs. Ms. Goldfarb indicated that Elizabeth Bouchard, the Program Manager for the Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN) may be available. Her fee is $1,500 plus travel costs.

Ms. Finamore stated that a representative from the DOJ will provide a workshop on testifying in court. DAG Martin O'Connor has been identified, but Ms. Finamore needs to confirm his availability.

Mariann Kenville-Moore from the Delaware Coalition on Domestic Violence is working on identifying a local speaker to discuss children and domestic violence.

Ms. Finamore will share the draft agenda with DFS.

VI. Hotel

Ms. Pedrick reported that her sister, who is a local travel agent, contacted the hotels to obtain the best rates. The Doubletree is $159 plus tax, and the Westin is $239 plus tax.

VII. Continuing Education Credits

Ms. Neff inquired with Delaware's chapter of NASW a second time. If no response is received, then an application will be submitted.

VIII. Next Steps

Registration will be available on March 13. Titles and workshops descriptions will be forwarded to Ms. Morales for inclusion in the brochure.

IX. Next Meeting Date: March 2, 2017 at 10:00 am – OCA, 900 King Street, Second Floor Conference Room, Wilmington, DE.