

Child Protection Accountability Commission (CPAC)
Training Committee
July 13, 2018
Office of the Child Advocate, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Jessica Begley	Office of the Child Advocate
Lise Esper	Child Death Review Commission
Mark Hudson, Esq.	Office of the Child Advocate
Diane Klecan	Children's Advocacy Center
Rosalie Morales - Chair	Office of the Child Advocate
Jennifer Perry	Office of the Child Advocate
Molly Shaw, Esq.	Office of the Child Advocate

I. Welcome and Introductions

Rosalie Morales opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

II. Approval of Minutes

Diane Klecan moved to accept the minutes from April 13, 2018, and Jennifer Perry seconded the motion. All others voted in favor, and the motion carried.

III. Protecting Delaware's Children Fund

Ms. Morales reported that the current balance is \$17,798, and there were no funding requests made during the last quarter. Ms. Morales also shared that CPAC received approval to accept web-based payments on the OCA website:
<https://courts.delaware.gov/childadvocate/professionals/pdcfund.aspx>.

IV. Workgroup Reports

a. CAN Best Practices

Ms. Morales stated CPAC requested that the Training Committee reconvene the workgroup as a result of recommendations from the CPAC/CDRC Retreat. Ms. Klecan moved to reconvene the workgroup, and Ms. Perry seconded the motion. All others voted in favor, and the motion carried.

b. Cross Education

Jessica Begley reported she is in the process of formatting and designing the web-based trainings for the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council's Stalking by

Intimate Partners and Domestic Violence 101. Then, the trainings will be made available on OCA's online training system.

c. De-escalation of Life Support

Molly Shaw, Esq. provided an overview of the Final Report and Protocol for De-escalation of Life Support for Children in the Custody of the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYF). The documents were approved by the majority of the workgroup, but a few minor, non-substantive changes have been completed since then. These changes were supported by the Co-Chairs. Ms. Shaw also stated that the Co-Chairs plan to develop a brief PowerPoint and provide training if requested. Jessica Begley moved to approve the Final Report and Protocol, and Ms. Perry seconded the motion. All others voted in favor, and the motion carried.

d. Mandatory Reporting

Ms. Begley reported out on number of professionals trained during the quarter on their statutory, child abuse mandatory reporting obligations. Ms. Perry asked about whether School Resource Officers (SROs) receive the same training; however, the group was not sure. Ms. Begley suggested developing a quick reference sheet for SROs.

e. MDT/ChildFirst

Ms. Klecan shared that we are trying to gather information and ultimately make a recommendation to CPAC about whether we should continue with the CornerHouse® Forensic Interview Protocol or make the change to the ChildFirst® Protocol. Ms. Morales developed a draft comparison sheet between the ChildFirst™ and CornerHouse programs. Following a review by Ms. Klecan, next steps will be determined.

f. MDT Case Review

Ms. Perry reported that CPAC approved the MDT Case Review Protocol, which added a second type of case review - Special Case Review. In addition, cases can now be presumptively excluded or administratively closed, and the group hopes it will reduce the caseload. Since then, an Administrative Closure form has been developed, and the MDT is implementing it on a trial basis as of July 1st. A Special Case Review is scheduled for Sussex, and it will be facilitated by the Office of the Investigation Coordinator. Ms. Klecan shared that the employee at the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), who was responsible for scheduling and facilitating the Standard Case Review is no longer present, so now different people at the CAC are facilitating in each county. More recently, medical professionals have been included in the case review process, but clinical information will not be captured in the reports.

g. Protecting Delaware’s Children Conference

Ms. Morales reported the workgroup last met in June, and selected Kevin Mulcahy, Esq. as the opening keynote. The workgroup also identified several topics. Ms. Morales and Ms. Klecan are attending the Crimes Against Children Conference, and hope to identify additional speakers there. After returning from the conference, another meeting will be scheduled to prioritize topics/speakers.

V. Other Training Updates

a. Office of the Child Advocate

On May 2, 2018, CPAC facilitated a full day workshop titled, Sex Offenders: Responding to Crimes Against Children. The workshop was provided by Cory Jewell Jensen, a consultant who spent 35 years evaluating and providing treatment services to adult sex offenders. Eighty-six participants from the following agencies were in attendance: CAC, DOJ, DFS, Division of Prevention & Behavioral Health Services, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services, OCA, statewide law enforcement jurisdictions, and other community providers.

b. Children’s Advocacy Center

The CAC is facilitating training for the MDT on vicarious trauma. Dr. Vanessa Downing, from the Center for Provider Wellbeing at Christiana Care Health System, will be providing the sessions.

Ms. Klecan also mentioned that Wilmington University is hosting a Trafficking Symposium on Aug. 9th.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2018. The workgroup will consider requests for funding for the Protecting Delaware’s Children Conference.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.