

**Child Protection Accountability Commission  
Training Committee**

*Protecting Delaware's Children Conference Workgroup*

Thursday, August 30, 2018

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Office of the Child Advocate, 900 King Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Wilmington, DE 19801

*Minutes*

**In Attendance:**

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| Rosalie Morales, Co-Chair | Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)            |
| Megan Caudell, Co-Chair   | Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)            |
| Islanda Finamore          | Department of Justice (DOJ)                   |
| Diane Klecan              | Children's Advocacy Center                    |
| Rachael Neff              | Family Court                                  |
| Anne Pedrick              | Child Death Review Commission (CDRC)          |
| Dominique Oppenheimer     | Beau Biden Foundation                         |
| Maureen Monagle           | Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC) |
| Jen Perry                 | Office of the Child Advocate (OCA), Via Skype |

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Rosalie Morales opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

**II. Review of Minutes from 6/21/18**

A motion was made by Anne Pedrick and seconded by Dominique Oppenheimer. There were three abstentions. All others voted in favor.

**III. Funding/ Budget**

Rachael Neff reported that a \$10,000 deposit was made to Dover Downs using Federal Court Improvement Project funds. Since \$5,000 was originally submitted by OCA via its conference line, approximately \$26,800 is owed to Dover Downs. However, the audio visual and hotel rooms for speakers are not included in this amount.

The Beau Biden Foundation, Prevent Child Abuse Delaware and Department of Justice will provide an update about funding at an upcoming meeting. The Newark Police Department will also inquire funding a speaker.

**IV. WJBR Sponsorship Package**

Prior to her departure, Jessica Begley contacted Greg Beran at WJBR to develop a sponsorship package with the goal of identifying a corporate sponsor. As part of the package, the corporate sponsor would have signage at the event and a vendor table. They would be listed in our conference brochure and press release. There would also be an opportunity for our sponsor to introduce one of our keynote speakers. Additionally, the sponsor would have their logo and link on WJBR's Child Abuse Prevention page throughout the month of April, promotional mentions on The New Mix 99.5 WJBR naming them an official sponsor, and a built in commercial schedule.

## V. Keynote

Prosecutor Kevin Mulcahy confirmed that he is available to do the morning keynote as well as workshop. The speaker agreement has been executed.

Rosalie Morales proposed that a second keynote be added after lunch. Ms. Morales, Islanda Finamore, Esq., and Diane Klecan recommended a workshop on burnout by Mark Yarbrough. The group observed the workshop at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Crimes Against Children Conference, and it was well received. The workgroup agreed that the keynote speaker should be added to the agenda.

## VI. Save the Date

The draft Save the Date was distributed to the group. Ms. Morales will revise the registration date to read February 2019 and distribute the Save the Date to the workgroup and CPAC.

## VII. Topics/ Speakers

Since an afternoon keynote was added, 16 workshops are now available. Workgroup members revisited the speakers and topics that were discussed on 6/21. The below speakers and topics were prioritized by the group. For the workshops in which no speaker was identified, potential speakers will be discussed at the next meeting.

### Prioritized Speakers/Topics:

| <u>Speaker</u>   | <u>Topic</u>  | <u>Workgroup Member</u>                                    |
|--|---|--|
| 1. Not Identified  | Sex trafficking - advanced education/interacting with victims   | All, Review Kevin Feeney's Recommendations at next meeting |
| 2. Mary-Ann Burkhardt, Child Abuse Prosecution Project                   | The MDT Approach to Recantation or Prosecuting Child Abuse Cases with Limited Evidence                | Maureen Monagle  |
| 3. Mary-Ann Burkhardt, Child Abuse Prosecution Project                   | Prosecuting Allegations of Medical Child Abuse  | Maureen Monagle  |
| 4. Not Identified  | Overcoming stigma of working with drug addicted families  | Colleen Woodall  |
| 5. David Mandell or Kyle Pinto   | Safe and Together Institute   | Maureen Monagle  |
| 6. Supreme Court Commission on Law and Technology                        | Social media, privacy, and safety   | Rachael Neff   |
| 7. Not Identified  | SEI and Plans of Safe Care  | Jen Perry & Colleen Woodall                                |
| 8. Marcus /CWLA  | Role of fathers in child welfare  | Rosalie Morales (CFF/Theresa Broome)                       |
| 9. Not Identified  | Trauma with Children & Youth in Foster Care   | All, Ask Eliza Hirst, Esq. for suggestions                 |
| 10. Vicky Kelly & Julie Collins from CWLA, and Delaware State University | Overview of Caseloads/Workloads Study, National Perspective and Importance of Child Welfare Workforce | Rachael Neff   |

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| 11. Vivek Sankaran,<br>Univ. of Michigan<br>Law School | Family Engagement (and article on<br>parent in court)  | Rachael Neff            |
| 12. Lauren Wagner &<br>Justin Fitzsimmons              | Tweets, Likes, and Shares: Advanced<br>Social Media Investigations or<br>Google User Services: What You<br>Didn't Know Was Out There | Rosalie Morales         |
| 13. Michael Milnor                                     | Empathy Based Interrogation (EBI):<br>Shifting from Confession to<br>Conversation to Build the Strongest<br>Case                     | Rosalie Morales         |
| 14. Kevin Mulcahy                                      | Blindsided: 7 Sneaky Questions<br>Facing Victims and Survivors of<br>Childhood Sexual Abuse  | Rosalie Morales         |
| 15.  |  |                         |
| 16.  |  |                         |

**The following topics were tabled and can be discussed further at the next meeting.**

| <u>Speaker</u>  | <u>Topic</u>  | <u>Workgroup Member</u> |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| Adrienne Meador<br>Murray, D. Stafford and<br>Associates                      | Student/Student Sexual Abuse, Title<br>IX   | Claudine Malone         |
| Allison Randall, LCSW   | Trauma and attachment, caregiver<br>assessments for cases   | Islanda Finamore, Esq.  |
| NCMEC Speakers  | Online solicitation   | Claudine Malone         |
| Irish Burch, CAC of TX  | Charting the future of MDTs   | Diane Klecan            |
| Mark A. Grimmett,<br>Professor from North<br>Carolina                         | African American masculinity and<br>the role of violence  | Dominique Oppenheimer   |
| Mary Devine   | Alternative therapies   | Claudine Malone         |
| Margaret Burt or<br>Prudence Beidler-Carr &<br>Rob Geen (per Tania<br>Culley) | Federal Updates on child welfare<br>legislation – Preventing Sex<br>Trafficking and Strengthening<br>Families Act & the Families First<br>Prevention Services Act | Rachael Neff            |

#### **VIII. Next Steps/ Assignments**

The workgroup should be prepared to recommend speakers for sex trafficking, overcoming the stigma of working with drug addicted families, infants with prenatal substance exposure, and trauma with children & youth in foster care. Two additional workshops will need to be identified.

#### **IX. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is October 5, 2018 from 10:00 to 11:30 am.