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— NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING —  
**MEETING OF THE CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT TASK FORCE**

Date and Time:	Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:00 am – 11:00 am or conclusion of business
Location:	<b>There are several options to attend the meeting.</b>  <b>Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:</b> <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/956393461">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/956393461</a>  <b>Join the meeting using your phone:</b> Call 1(872)240-3311 Access Code: 956-393-461
<b><u>AGENDA</u></b>	
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1.	<b>Call to Order:</b> Roll Call
2.	<b>Initial Public Comment:</b> (Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting.)
3.	<b>Information Only:</b> Introductions of any new Task Force members  Welcome Jonathon Slothower, Pediatrician and Medical Director and Medical Examiner for the Great Basin Child Advocacy Center who is replacing Rebecca Gebhardt in representing the health profession category.  [FOR DISCUSSION ONLY]

4.	<p><b>Information Only:</b> Review of duties, responsibilities, and goals of the CJA Task Force</p> <p>[FOR DISCUSSION ONLY]</p>
5.	<p><b>For Possible Action:</b> Approval of the May 12, 2020 meeting minutes.</p> <p>[FOR POSSIBLE ACTION]</p>
6.	<p><b>For Possible Action:</b> Review of CJA Task Force by-laws</p> <p>Consideration, discussion and possible action by the CJA Task Force to recommend and/or approve suggested changes to the CJA Task Force by-laws.</p> <p>[FOR POSSIBLE ACTION]</p>
7.	<p><b>Information Only:</b> Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Update of grantees funded</p> <p>Updated information regarding final approval of NOFO award recommendations made by CJA Task Force.</p> <p>[FOR DISCUSSION ONLY]</p>
8.	<p><b>Information Only:</b> Progress report and update from CJA grantees</p> <p>Updates from FY2019 CJA grantees that includes updates on how funds have been expended, any data showing the impact of any grant funds and any plans for funds that have not been expended.</p> <p><u>Washoe County Human Services Agency:</u> Funds extended to 09/30/2020. Planned to use for travel to a CSEC training, but that will not be happening. WCHSA would like to submit a budget amendment to use the funds for technology.</p> <p>[FOR DISCUSSION ONLY]</p>
9.	<p><b>Information Only:</b> Progress report and update from CJA grantees</p> <p>Updates from FY2020 CJA grantees that includes updates on how funds have been expended, any data showing the impact of any grant funds and any plans for funds that have not been expended.</p> <p><u>Clark County Department of Family Services:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working towards conducting a virtual forensic interview training at the end of September.</li> </ul> <p><u>Nevada Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding - We have only spent \$170 - initial funding for personnel to set up the grant and review our scope of work.</li> <li>• Activities - Since we wrote the grant there is ongoing work within DCFS to develop training and policies to improve work at the intersection of domestic violence and child welfare. We are working on collaborations with those work groups to insure a complementary project. We will be attending the next work group meeting on August 5th to listen to the presentation from Safe and Together.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation - Our evaluation process won't begin until we start providing trainings. As outlined in our proposal that will include pre- and post- tests and training evaluations.</li> </ul> <p><u>Washoe County Human Services Agency:</u> WCHSA will go to the BCC on 8/25/20 to get permission to move forward with the purchases. It seems most was for technology, so once we get board approval we will proceed with the purchases of laptops, MIFI, dragon speak, and Avatar licenses for our assessment staff.</p> <p>[FOR DISCUSSION ONLY]</p>
9.	<p><b>Information Only:</b> Program Improvement Plan (PIP) Update</p> <p>Update of the State of Nevada’s Program Improvement Plan in areas that relate to the improvement of child abuse and neglect investigations.</p> <p><u>Beverly Mason – PIP Team 1 (Safety)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of PIP Team 1. This team has been working on deliverables to improve agency responsiveness to child maltreatment and increase the safety of children.</li> </ul> <p><u>Shannon McCoy – PIP Team 3 (Permanency)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of PIP team 3.4.1 that is working on an analysis of factors that influence timely permanency. The Capacity Center for States helped with an analysis of data that looks at the relationship of the removal reason to the likelihood of achieving timely permanency. We continue our work to develop questions that might be posed to the local CIC’s for input and practice change recommendation to increase timely permanency outcomes.</li> </ul> <p><u>Gabrielle Carr – Subcommittee of PIP Team 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair of the PIP 2.1.3 Parent Guide to Court Proceedings Handbook preparation subcommittee and we are about 70% through the process of preparing the handbook for parents and families when a child welfare agency becomes involved in their lives and what happens if they have to go to court.</li> </ul> <p>[FOR DISCUSSION ONLY]</p>
10.	<p><b>Information Only:</b> Update on proposed legislative changes to NRS 432B by the Community Improvement Project Subcommittee</p> <p>Update on the process of revising and updating NRS 432B.</p> <p>[FOR DISCUSSION ONLY]</p>
11.	<p><b>Information Only:</b> Information about domestic violence and the intersection with Child Welfare.</p> <p>Information about Nevada’s child welfare agencies current efforts related to domestic violence. Last year a listening session on the intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Welfare was facilitated. In reviewing the notes and research from other groups, the following group themes were formed and are currently in process:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Welfare Policies and Procedures Workgroup</li> <li>• Child Welfare / Human Service Agency Training Workgroup</li> <li>• Victim Advocate Training &amp; Support Workgroup</li> </ul> <p>[FOR DISCUSSION ONLY]</p>
12.	<p><b>Information Only:</b> Updates from Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) regarding new programs, new grants, new populations they are serving or any training they have received, or services provided.</p> <p><u>Clark County:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working towards conducting a virtual forensic interview training at the end of September.</li> </ul> <p><u>Great Basin:</u> No updates</p> <p><u>Nye County:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All grants have been approved and the NCCAC is covered at 100%, only thing that is slightly lacking is training dollars.</li> <li>• New Child &amp; Family Advocate in Tonopah, Kimberly McClain. She is enrolled in the NCA Child Advocate training for October.</li> <li>• We have a new forensic interviewer, Fred Lopez, who is also a LSW. He comes from the Division of Child and Family Services.</li> <li>• Beginning July 1, we are using Vidanyx for uploading our forensic interviews; this allows for a greater control on viewing and security. We received a one-year grant for the cost.</li> </ul> <p><u>Washoe County:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received grant funding to hire a new Forensic Interviewer as well as a Therapy Coordinator. They hope to hire these positions around the end of September.</li> </ul> <p>[FOR DISCUSSION ONLY]</p>
13.	<p><b>For Possible Action:</b> CJA 3-Year-Assessment</p> <p>Review requirements for the upcoming CJA 3-Year-Assessment.</p> <p>[FOR POSSIBLE ACTION]</p>
14.	<p><b>For Possible Action:</b> Review and discussion of CJA Task Force’s role as a Citizens Review Panel (CRP)</p> <p>Overview of the mission, objectives and requirements of Citizens Review Panels, including an annual report and making a recommendation to the Division of Child and Family Services.</p> <p>[FOR POSSIBLE ACTION]</p>
15.	<p><b>Information Only:</b> Announcements [FOR DISCUSSION ONLY]</p>
16.	<p><b>Information Only:</b> Future Agenda Items [FOR DISCUSSION ONLY]</p>
17.	<p><b>Final Public Comment:</b> (Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter</p>

	brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting.)
18.	<b>Adjournment</b>

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