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CJA Task Force Meeting Division of Child and Family Services

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Welcome

Call to order

Roll call





Initial Public Comment

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Review CJA Goals

- For information: to review and discuss CJA Task Force Goals

CJA Task Force Goals

- **Goal 1:** Provide child protection workers and stakeholders “front end” specialty, discipline specific and advanced training. Training should be prioritized, but not limited to, training requirements of CARA and JVT Program Improvement Plans, child protection model assessments, ICWA, sexual abuse, domestic violence, forensic interviewing, trauma-informed practices, substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders and training needs identified in collaboration with Court Improvement Program.
- **Goal 2:** Support the implementation of the Commercially Sexually Exploited Child (CSEC) Model Coordinated Response Protocol and provide training and support for the formation of Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) and Task Forces.
- **Goal 3:** Support the establishment of new Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs) or other multidisciplinary team approaches and improve the capacity of existing CACs to provide a multidisciplinary response for victims of child sex abuse and exploitation, physical abuse, and child victims with disabilities. Activities may include the development of a strategic action plan for project implementation, identification of rural health care providers, investigation of funding opportunities for infrastructure and operating costs, and the use of telehealth and telemedicine statewide.
- **Goal 4:** Fund technology requests to improve the investigation, assessment and prosecution of child abuse and neglect through use of latest technology and to support use of new and existing training technologies.
- **Goal 5:** Identify new or needed changes to policy, regulation and/or legislation to meet requirements of federal program improvements plans and other federal and state initiatives. Support training and policy needs related to new or revised policy, regulation, and legislation.



Review CJA Task Force key provision of by-laws

- **For information:** Review and discuss key provisions of CJA By-Laws, including CJA mission statement, purpose, proxies, term, quorum, non-disclosure of sensitive information



CJA By-Laws

- **4.3.2 Task Force Responsibilities:** Determine the priorities that will guide the subgrant award process as well as inform CJA's purpose.
- **4.3.3 Task Force Responsibilities:** Make recommendations regarding policy issues. The Task force may submit to policy makers proposed improvements consistent with its mission or recommendations, In order to make a recommendation on a policy issue the matter must be presented to and approved by the Task Force.
- **4.3.13 Task Force Responsibilities:** Review the annual federal application and other required reports as requested.
- **4.3.14 Task Force Responsibilities:** Approve CJA funding for sub-grant awards.
- **4.4 Task Force Serves as a Citizens Review Panel:** The CJA Task Force also serves as one of the three required Citizens Review Panels authorized by CAPTA Section 106(c)(4)(A)(i) and NRS 342B.396. CRP's are established to improved child protective services at the state and local levels. CRP's may function as a part of other committees already in existence. Also, Panels have flexibility in determining how to proceed, identifying projects or activities that interest and best support each panel's areas of expertise.



CJA By-Laws Continued

- **6.1 Mandatory Membership.** The Task Force shall be composed of individuals with knowledge and experience relating to the criminal justice system and issues of child physical abuse, child neglect, child sexual abuse and exploitation, and child maltreatment related fatalities. In accordance with the federal program instructions, the Task Force shall include members representing the following disciplines:
 1. Law Enforcement Community
 2. Criminal Court Judge
 3. Civil Court Judge
 4. Prosecuting Attorney(s)
 5. Defense Attorney(s)
 6. Child Advocate(s) (Attorneys for Children)
 7. Court Appointed Special Advocate Representative(s)
 8. Health Professional(s)
 9. Mental Health Professional(s)
 10. Child Protective Service Agencies
 11. Individual(s) experienced in working with children with disabilities
 12. Parents and Representative(s) of Parent Groups
 13. Adult survivor of child abuse or neglect*; and
 14. Individual(s) experienced in working with homeless children and youth (as defined in section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a)).
- **6.2 Advisory or Collaborative Membership:** The Task Force shall have the discretion to also seek to include non-voting advisory or collaborative members representing the following disciplines:
 1. Children's Advocacy Centers
 2. Indian Child Welfare
 3. CJA Alumni
 4. Juvenile Services
 5. Education
 6. Court Improvement Program
 7. Court Improvement Councils
 8. Rural Multidisciplinary Teams
 9. Victim Advocates
 10. Other Individuals Deemed Appropriate by Task Force



CJA By-Laws Continued

- **9.1 Frequency of Meetings:** The Task Force shall schedule at least four (4) meetings a year, with additional meetings called by the Chair, if necessary. A meeting schedule with at least three (3) future meeting dates set shall be established at the beginning of each federal fiscal year. The Chair shall establish meeting dates in consultation with the Task Force. Meetings may be cancelled by DCFS in consultation with the Task Force Chair. Special meetings of the Task Force may be called by any member by notifying the State staff, and such meeting shall be scheduled within 30 days of the request being made.
- **9.5 Quorum.** The presence of a simple majority of voting Task Force members shall constitute a quorum as defined in NRS 241.015. Voting shall occur only when a quorum is present. A majority vote of the members present is required to carry a motion or take action.



Meeting Minutes

For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion and possible action to Approve January 04, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve
- Motion to 2nd
- Vote





NCEDSV Presentation

- Information Only: NCEDSV to present and show a short video regarding the long-term effects of trauma and how to advocate trauma informed practices.

Discuss the Annual Progress Services Report and Discuss the Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP)

- Information Only: To review and provide the APSR and CFSP weblink:
 - i. [https://dcfs.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dcfsvgov/content/Tips/Reports/NV CFSP 2020-2024 FINAL\(1\).pdf](https://dcfs.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dcfsvgov/content/Tips/Reports/NV_CFSP_2020-2024_FINAL(1).pdf)
 - ii. [https://dcfs.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dcfsvgov/content/Tips/Reports/NV CFSP 2020-2024 FINAL\(1\).pdf](https://dcfs.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dcfsvgov/content/Tips/Reports/NV_CFSP_2020-2024_FINAL(1).pdf)



Grantee Updates for FY 2022

- For information: to review and discuss updates from the grantees. (Please see supporting materials)



NOFO subcommittee findings

For Possible Action:

Consideration, discussion and possible action to approve Subcommittee's findings regarding the NOFO applications.

- Motion to approve
- Motion to 2nd
- Vote



Announcements

Information Only: Tasks members to discuss any important announcements regarding their agencies.



Final Public Comment

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Adjournment

Thank you for your time and commitment to improving services for children and youth in Nevada.

THANK YOU!

