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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

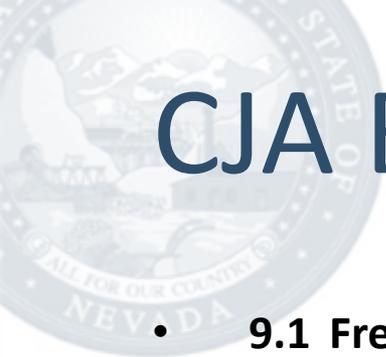
- **For information:** Review and discuss key provisions of CJA By-Laws, including CJA mission statement, purpose, proxies, term, quorum, non-disclosure of sensitive information



CJA By-Laws

- **3.1 Mission Statement.** The Task Force is a multi-disciplinary body of public and private agencies and individuals, committed to the protection of children to address child abuse and neglect as a statewide and community problem requiring community solutions. Our mission is to provide systems improvement through interdisciplinary and interagency collaboration by reforming state processes for responding to child abuse and neglect.
- **4.2 Advisory Role.** The Task Force shall make policy and training recommendations to organizations, offices, or entities on the issues of child maltreatment as needed.
- **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.
- **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.





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.
- **9.7 Attendance.** Meeting attendance is required for each member of the Task Force for at least 50% of the meetings scheduled within a calendar year. If any member or designee does not attend three (3) consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings of the Task Force, without good cause shown, the unexcused absences may constitute ground for removal from membership. The Task Force may then fill the resulting vacancy.
- **10.1 Confidentiality.** Task Force members shall not disclose sensitive information obtained as a result of the grant award and monitoring process or the content of Task Force deliberations regarding grant approval. CJA staff shall act as sole contact with grantees and prospective sub grantees regarding pending applications and approved grant activities.



Review CB's Recommendations

For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion and possible action of the recommendations from the Children's Bureau in regard to the Nevada's submission of our 2022 CJA Report.

- Motion to approve
- Motion to 2nd
- Vote



Review CB's Recommendations

Children's Bureau feedback and recommendations from CJA report submission in May 2022.

Feedback:

- Great to see membership is full, despite member turnover, and that quarterly meetings occurred
- Information is clear and easily understood
- Activities carried out over the past year and the proposed activities for the year to come appear appropriate for the CJA program and aligned with Task Force recommendations
- Helpful to read updates regarding ongoing activities, such as subgrants for multidisciplinary trainings, support for CACs, and domestic violence training for child welfare staff.
- Looking forward to updates on the work around implementation of the CSEC protocol and enhanced data collection of victims of CSEC

Items for future consideration:

- Explore adding a parent with lived expertise as a Task Force member, so that those who are impacted by these systems have representation
- Support CFSR PIP, specifically around Safety Outcomes 1 and 2
- The annual report narrative includes reference to evaluation methods, outputs, and outcomes, but there is a lack of clear and specific data provided in these areas. In future reports, the Children's Bureau would like to see:
 - More detailed information such as results of surveys or pre/post tests.
 - Related to trainings, to the extent possible, information such as the type of training provided, to whom and the number or percentage of the targeted people who should have been trained that received the training.





Meeting Minutes

For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion and possible action to Approve July 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve
- Motion to 2nd
- Vote

Draft and/or Approve 2023 CJA Recommendations

For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion and possible action to draft and/or approve 2023 CJA's recommendations.

- Motion to approve
- Motion to 2nd
- Vote

Proposed Next Year's Meeting Dates & Times

For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion and possible action to approve next year's CJA Task Force meetings. Proposed Dates:

1. January 3, 2023- 9:00 until 11:00 am
2. April 4, 2023- 9:00 until 11:00 am
3. July 11, 2023- 9:00 until 11:00 am
4. October 3, 2023- 9:00 until 11:00 am

- Motion to approve
- Motion to 2nd
- Vote

Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada Video

For Information: A short video about the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO5Z23VM0qs>



Evaluation Subcommittee Update

- For Information: The spokesperson, Janice Wolf, to provide an update on the August 2022 subcommittee meeting.



Grantee Updates for FY 2022

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



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!