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Nevada Children’s Justice Act (CJA) Task Force Subcommittee Evaluation of Grantees

November 8, 2023

1:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Salli Kerr, Chair

Meeting called to order at 1:08 PM by Salli Kerr. Janice Wolfe, spokesperson for the Evaluation Subcommittee, was not present.

2. For information: Roll Call – Salli Kerr, Chair, and Dylan Nall, DCFS

Dylan Nall called the roll.

Attendees:

Name	Organization
Betsey Crumrine	Nevada DCFS
Desiree Mattice	Lieutenant – Dept. of Public Safety
Dylan Nall	Nevada DCFS
Fran Maldonado	Nevada DCFS
Michelle Rodriguez	Family Court Master
Salli Kerr	Western Regional CAC
Wendy Maddox	Magistrate, Sixth Judicial District
Bruce Cole (recorder)	Nevada DCFS

Absent:

Name	Organization
Jane Saint	Boys Town Nevada
Janice Wolfe	Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

3. Initial Public Comment (Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled for action at a later meeting). To provide public comment, please unmute your microphone before speaking, or you can call into the meeting by using number 775-321-6111, with passcode number 92996580# – Salli Kerr, Chair

No comments.

4. For Possible Action: Approve August Minutes – Dylan Nall, DCFS

Michelle Rodriguez moved for the minutes' approval. Desiree Mattice seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

5. For Possible Action: To review and update CJA's 3-year goals – Dylan Nall, DCFS

Salli Kerr said we are reviewing and updating the CJA 3-year assessment goals and noted this action item will be voted for approval at the larger CJA Task force meeting. We are going to be making recommendations or changes to bring in front of the larger group.

Dylan Nall said every three years our CJA task force does an evaluation on how we are doing our work and basically update our three-year goals. She thought since this is the evaluation subcommittee, it would be an appropriate time to work together to evaluate and contribute to our goals and then bring it back to the larger committee in January and get final approval. These are due to the Director in May.

Dylan summarized quickly our five goals. Goal 1 is training for our workers. Goal 2 is to help with our Commercially Sexually Exploited Child (CSEC) Coordinated Response Protocol model. Goal 3 is to support our Child Advocacy Centers (CACs). Goal 4 is funding technology. Goal 5 is to identify new or needed changes to policy regulation in our legislation. There are required areas for CJA funding. A is investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect. B is experimental, model and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches. C is reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures. Each of our goals is marked as to how they meet these requirements.

Dylan then put up a slide comparing how some other states meet their goals. Not every state does a 3-year assessment, but Virginia and California sent her their evaluations of their goals.

Virginia has developed MDT training with a racial equity lens focusing on trauma informed care for Virginia's professionals and volunteers involved in the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of child maltreatment. They also support efforts that enhance collaboration among local courts and child welfare stakeholders and consistency of judicial handling of child abuse cases. They also track analysis of policies, procedures, and legislation that may have an impact on criminal justice and child protective services.

Dylan Nall said she liked the way California formatted their report. The one that stood out to her the most was that the task force will monitor child abuse and neglect legislation for current trends and, where appropriate, collaborate with affected parties and entities. That was short, simple, simple and to the point.

Dylan said she would like everyone's thoughts and ideas. She noted that Salli Kerr talked about adding interpersonal or domestic violence into goal #3, and Dylan thinks we probably should update goal #5.

On the screen Dylan added language to Goal #3 about “witnessing interpersonal violence” to what the multi-disciplinary team are responding.

Dylan then went over each goal to see what the subcommittee thought. Betsey Crumrine said she was good with goal #1 but had a request. In the past many years ago, CJA would identify a trainer to come to Nevada to do training and then that person would go to Clark and Washoe and several rural communities to provide the training. It was facilitated out of FPO by the CJA people because they were paying for the training. It was multidisciplinary training. There were attorneys and there were law enforcement and CPS, and applied to a lot of different people and she would love to see something like that happen again rather than individual agencies having to apply for a grant and then bringing a trainer for just their agency. We get more bang for our buck if we fly in one or two trainers, and they do the whole state rather than just one agency applying for 30 grand and providing training to just their area.

Michelle Rodriguez agreed, saying this provided more consistency throughout the state.

Betsey continued, saying that what she was thinking about is, rather than sending five people to a training, we spend the money and bring a national trainer to the state and then we have them over the course of a week, or maybe they come back twice and it's multidisciplinary.

Salli Kerr said that was interesting to her too, because she comes from the field of training, That's what she does to train CAC's and multidisciplinary teams. She also thought we could identify training that came at no cost. She, for instance, would not charge the state of Nevada to provide training across the state. She added that it's always great to get a law enforcement or prosecutors voice into those things. Perhaps what we can do as the CJA, is start to identify two or three trainers that we could talk about approaching and finding out what the cost would be associated with that and how many teams they could do and how much travel they're willing to do over the course of a week.

Another one that would be a really good one that would come for free is the National Organization for Missing and Exploited Children. They have some phenomenal programming now that could come do multiple trainings over the course of a week and they wouldn't charge us to do that.

Dylan Nall asked if she could email Salli and Betsey separately and talk about his further. These are great ideas that we can probably put on the agenda for the CJA large committee next time in January. Salli Kerr said she could get some contact information to Dylan of who would be available for trainings.

Returning to the goals, Dylan Nall said asked if we should retain or current language, which she found a little “wordy” for adopt the California language (see above) which was “short, simple, and sweet.” Salli Kerr liked the California language as it was broad and allowed for flexibility to have a

voice on things. After discussion, Goal #5 was amended to read “This task force will monitor policy, regulation and/or legislation regarding child abuse and neglect trends and when appropriate collaborate with other parties and/or entities to support new and/or revised policy, regulation, and legislation.” Michelle Rodriguez moved for the new language to be adopted. Fran Maldonado seconded. Approved unanimously.

6. For Possible Action: To discuss future agenda items – Salli Kerr, Chair

There were no future agenda items discussed.

7. For Information: Announcements – Salli Kerr, Chair

There were no announcements.

8. Final Public Comment: (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) To provide public comment, please unmute your microphone before speaking, or you can call into the meeting by using number 775-321-6111, with passcode number 92996580 – Janice Wolfe, Spokesperson

No comments.

9. Adjournment – Salli Kerr, Chair

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM.