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10/26/2021

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Welcome

Call to order

Roll call of the CJA members





Initial Public Comment

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CSEC efforts in Nevada

Information Only:

Presentation by Esther Rodriguez-Brown on current CSEC efforts in Nevada.



Meeting Minutes

For Possible Action:

Approve August 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes





Voting for Online Meetings

For Possible Action:

Discuss and vote to have virtual online meetings





Grantee Updates

For Information Only:

Updates from FY 2022 from Grantees





CJA Task Force Goals

For Information Only:

Review the CJA Task Force Goals



Goal 1

- "Goal 1: Provide child protection workers and stakeholders “front end” specialty, discipline specific and advanced training. Training should be prioritized, but not limited to, child protection model assessments, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), sexual abuse, domestic violence, forensic interviewing, mandatory reporting, trauma-informed practices, substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders and training needs identified in collaboration with Court Improvement Program."



Goal 2

- "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

- “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.”



Goal 4

- "Goal 4: Fund technology requests to improve the investigation, assessment and prosecution of child abuse and neglect through the through use of latest technology and to support the use of new and existing training technologies."



Goal 5

- “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 and discuss SurveyMonkey results

For Information and Possible Action

Review and discuss SurveyMonkey results from the
CJA Task Force Members

Question 2

- **What are your thoughts regarding opportunities/activities for the CJA Task Force to work towards meeting Goal #2?**
 - Get together with Nevada Partnership Training to help establish or incorporate this into current training.
 - More Service providers to meet the dire need of the youth
 - Support the formation of Task Forces and MDT for implementation for the CSEC Model.
 - Increase the training on the model to appropriate providers and ongoing support personnel
 - Training and support specialized foster care homes for CSEC victims and promote less reliance on institutional care
 - Support to assist children who have been involved in a traumatic event
 - Sponsor a mobile seminar/workshop to introduce potential task force members on what the CSEC model is and what is involved in a coordinated response protocol.

Question 3

- **What are your thoughts regarding opportunities/activities for the CJA Task Force to work towards meeting Goal #3?**
 - New CACs (Rurals)
 - More MDT within the CACs
 - Improve the current capacities of existing CACs and to build upon what is already working. Then streamline and establish new CACs with those existing models.
 - Work closely with current CACs
 - More funding to have advancing new CACs to make the CACs more equipped.
 - Be more supportive for multi-disciplinary approach with differing disciplines.
 - Expanding the capacity of current CACs and offering more services at these current CACs.





Question 4

- **What are your thoughts regarding opportunities/activities for the CJA Task Force to work towards meeting Goal #4?**
 - Dire need of technology and for the technology to be innovative and effective (keeping up with the times)
 - Training for the new technology for staff
 - Connecting with Chief DA Peg Samples to see how the DA's office can reach this goal
 - Technology support for Rural and Tribal areas. This technology would support assessments and investigations.
 - CAC development in Northern Nevada
 - Encourage the use of technology usage in the Rural areas- this would help with sibling and parent visitation.



Question 5

- **What are your thoughts regarding opportunities/activities for the CJA Task Force to work towards meeting Goal #5?**
 - This goal has not been “tackled” much
 - CJA Task Force needs to prioritize this goal
 - To identify changed in policies, regulations and/or legislation and make sure these align with federal/state initiatives and guidelines.
 - Last priority
 - More education. Changes in policy to open funding opportunities to give baselines.
 - Look at Family First Act and work towards State Compliance
 - Update NAC/NRS 432 to be compliant in SAFE SIPS model
 - Training in legislation to the agencies/departments to maintain consistency.



Future CJA Task Force Dates- year 2022

For Possible Action:

On future CJA Task Force dates for year 2022.

- Proposed Dates:
 - January 04, 2022
 - April 05, 2022
 - July 05, 2022
 - October 04, 2022



NOFO Subcommittee

For Possible Action:

To review and establish a NOFO Subcommittee to evaluate future NOFO applications and make recommendations to CJA Task Force.



Final Public Comment

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Adjournment

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



CJA Grantee Quarterly Update

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Grantee Information

Name: Corinne Martin	Date: 10/20/2021
Agency: Great Basin Children's Advocacy Center	
FFY2020 Grant Funds Received: 19,449.00	
Funds expended: 0.00	

Activities Funded and Evaluation Work

Describe the activity funded:
The activities funded included advanced interview training for detectives in White Pine County, furnish a child friendly interview room and purchase state of the art recording equipment for White Pine County Sheriff's Office, and travel expenditures for interview specialists from Great Basin Children's Advocacy Center to travel to White Pine County for special circumstance interviews.
Describe any evaluation work related to this activity including evaluation methods, outputs, and outcomes of the activity. (Please include or attach supporting data, statistics or other relevant documentation when available):
We have not expended any funds from this grant in this quarter.

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Grantee Information

Name: Amanda Bullard	Date: 10/21/2021
Agency: Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence	
FFY2020 Grant Funds Received: \$30,000.00	
Funds expended: \$2,737.50	

Activities Funded and Evaluation Work

Describe the activity funded:
<p>The goal of this project is to expand basic understanding of the risk and protective factors for children living in homes with domestic violence. The proposed project will include: 1) Using the evaluation and assessment reports from the current grant cycle trainings, review and update the information and materials for an additional three six-hour trainings for CPS workers in Nevada - <i>Work has begun on updating the training curriculum based on the evaluation from the previous grant.</i> 2) Provide three virtual trainings for approximately 120 CPS workers in three specific regions: Clark County; Washoe County; and rural counties – <i>Each training will be held in two 3-hour sessions. The trainings have been scheduled for the following dates: Training 1: February 22, 2022 1PM-4PM and February 24, 2022 8:30AM-11:30AM. Training 2: April 11, 2022 1PM-4PM and April 13, 2022 8:30AM-11:30AM. Training 3: June 21, 2022 1PM-4PM and June 23, 2022 8:30AM-11:30AM.</i></p>
Describe any evaluation work related to this activity including evaluation methods, outputs, and outcomes of the activity. (Please include or attach supporting data, statistics or other relevant documentation when available):
No evaluations.

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Grantee Information

Name: Cheryl Cooley	Date: 10/20/2021
Agency: Southern Nevada Children's Advocacy Center	
FFY2020 Grant Funds Received: \$27,000	
Funds expended: \$13,500	

Activities Funded and Evaluation Work

Describe the activity funded:
We have already hosted a virtual Forensic Interview training. We plan on conducting another training in April of 2022. The first training was attended by 30 people. We plan on hosting April's class to 30 people as well. The 40 hour training educates, equips and certifies that the person on that certificate has completed their mandated 40 hour training.
Describe any evaluation work related to this activity including evaluation methods, outputs, and outcomes of the activity. (Please include or attach supporting data, statistics or other relevant documentation when available):
I have already sent the evaluation information to the task force.

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Grantee Information

Name: Jennifer McCann	Date: 10/21/2021
Agency: Washoe County Child Advocacy Center	
FFY2020 Grant Funds Received: \$19,207	
Funds expended: \$14,000	

Activities Funded and Evaluation Work

Describe the activity funded:
Sent 38 members of our multidisciplinary team (MDT) to the 33 rd Annual Crimes Against Children Conference. Internationally recognized, the Crimes Against Children Conference is the premier conference of its kind, providing practical and interactive instruction to those fighting crimes against children and helping children heal. The conference is presented annually by the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center. The conference is conducted to provide training to those employed by government or nonprofit agencies in the fields of law enforcement, child protective services, social work, children's advocacy, therapy, and medicine who work directly with child victims of crime.
Describe any evaluation work related to this activity including evaluation methods, outputs, and outcomes of the activity. (Please include or attach supporting data, statistics or other relevant documentation when available):
Attached is the invoice for the above-mentioned conference and a break down of all the people that attended. This training is open until December 17, 2021, at which time we will gather the certificates of completion from the attendees.

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