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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 JVTA 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.



Health Management Associates(HMA) Presentation

- Information Only: HMA to present on current efforts in Nevada to support Nevada's families and children impacted by domestic violence.



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.

- **4.1 Purpose.** The Task Force shall work with the State of Nevada to support policy changes, training and reform regarding abuse and neglect cases as well as direct grant funding to develop, establish, and operate programs designed to improve:
 1. The assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect cases, including cases of suspected child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner which limits additional trauma to the child and the child's family;
 2. The assessment and investigation of cases of suspected child abuse-related fatalities and suspected child neglect-related fatalities;
 3. The investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation; and
 4. The assessment and investigation of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are suspected victims of abuse or neglect.

- **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:
 - **6.2.1** Children's Advocacy Centers
 - **6.2.2** Indian Child Welfare
 - **6.2.3** CJA Alumni
 - **6.2.4** Juvenile Services
 - **6.2.5** Education
 - **6.2.6** Court Improvement Program
 - **6.2.7** Court Improvement Councils
 - **6.2.8** Rural Multidisciplinary Teams
 - **6.2.9** Victim Advocates
 - **6.2.10** Other Individuals Deemed Appropriate by Task Force



CJA By-Laws Continued

- **6.7 Proxies.** A member may designate a proxy from the same membership category for any meeting. If a voting Member is not able to attend a meeting, the Member is strongly encouraged to designate a proxy for that meeting. Advance notice must be given in writing to the Chairs and/or staff for the CJA Task Force. Electronic mail is acceptable. Proxies may not represent CJA Task Force members for more than 50% of meetings held within a calendar year. Proxies may vote on behalf of the CJA Task Force member they represent. A voting Member is not required to use the same proxy at each meeting.
- **7.4 Term and Election.** Officers are elected for a three (3) year term of office. Each officer serves until the election of a successor. Elections shall be held at the first regularly scheduled meeting falling on or after October 1 at the end of the current officer's three (3) year term. Election shall be upon majority vote of Task Force members present. Officers may be re-elected.
- **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

- **9.6 Conflict of Interest.** Members shall abstain from voting on issues that relate to a possible conflict of interest, e.g., funding to a program in which they are a salaried employee or a member of the governing or advisory board. A record of abstentions shall be part of the minutes. Members shall not use their position on the Task Force to influence other members, or the Task Force as a whole, to award funding or give privileges, preferences, exemptions, or advantages to specific agencies or programs with which they are directly employed or affiliated. Members must disclose their employment or affiliation with specific agencies or programs when business related to such agencies or programs is set before the Task Force for deliberation.
- **10.1** 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.
- **11. Amendments to Bylaws.** These bylaws may be amended upon majority vote of the Task Force membership at a duly announced meeting at which a quorum is present, provided that proposed amendments are distributed to members at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting.



Meeting Minutes

For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion and possible action to Approve August 10, 2021 and November 04, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve
- Motion to 2nd
- Vote





Grantee Updates for FY 2022

- For information: to review and discuss updates from the grantees.
- Update from Washoe Children's Advocacy Center & Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (Please see attachments)



CRP Recommendation

For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion and possible action of Task Force to make a CRP recommendation



Proposed CJA Recommendation

- It is recommended that the DCFS continue to prioritize training, for all child welfare staff and/or stakeholders in the State of Nevada, to improve the investigative process and handling of cases of child abuse and/or neglect particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation. This includes, but not limited to child protection model assessments, domestic violence, mandatory reporting, and trauma-informed practices.



Vote on Chair

For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion and possible action for election of new Chair as Salli Kerr's appointment as Chair ends February 2022



NOFO application dates

For information: To review and discuss the upcoming dates for the NOFO process:

Event	Date/Time
Grant opportunity announced	January 10, 2022
Deadline for submission	February 18, 2022
Evaluation period (approximate time frame)	March 2022 – April 2022
Announcement of awards	June 2022
Program start date	July 1, 2022
Program end date	June 30, 2023

Establish NOFO subcommittee dates

For Possible Action:

Consideration, discussion and possible action to establish NOFO subcommittee dates for the year 2022.

Proposed date: March 25th, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

- Motion to approve
- Motion to 2nd
- Vote





Announcements

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



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.





Adjournment

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

THANK YOU!



CJA Grantee Quarterly Update

As a CJA Grant funds recipient, it is mandatory that a thorough and complete report be provided to the CJA coordinator each quarter during the grant fund year. Failure to provide these reports may result in a withdrawal of grant funds. If you have any questions about the reporting requirements, please contact the CJA Coordinator.

Grantee Information

Name: Jennifer McCann	Date: 12/3/2021
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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Grantee Information

Name: Judy Henderson	Date: 12/10/2021
Agency: Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence	
FFY2020 Grant Funds Received: 30,000	
Funds expended: 4,054.28	

Activities Funded and Evaluation Work

Describe the activity funded: Curriculum review; creating new assessments; incorporating into new format.
<p>To engage the learner, the course will now be offered using the Zoom platform which will create new ways to interact with the learner. As a result, the curriculum was further reviewed and information was moved into a new category called enhancement learning options. This modification will increase the discussion time and decrease the information presented using a lecture format.</p> <p>With a new training platform, old assessments were analyzed and new questions created to fall in line with curriculum changes and to have more clarity.</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):
Next six-hour training is scheduled for February, another in April and last one in June 2022. More evaluation data will be available following the presentation.

MINUTES

Nevada Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force

August 10, 2021

9:00am

1. Call to Order – Salli Kerr, Vice-Chair

Salli called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

Members Present:

Name	Organization
Betsey Crumrine	DCFS – Rural Region
Cheryl Cooley	Clark County Department of Family Services- CAC
Cory Martin	Great Bain CAC (Elko)
David Gibson	District Court Judge- Eighth Judicial District
Desiree Mattice	Sergeant- Dept. of Public Safety
Fran Maldonado	Division of Child and Family Services
Jamie Wong	SNCAS
Jane Saint	State Director, Nevada CASA
Janice Wolfe	Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada
Jennifer Rains	Washoe Public Defender
Jennifer Spencer	Deputy Attorney General
Kathie McKenna	Nye County CAC
Kimberly Mull	Victim Advocate
Mari Parlade	Clark County Department of Family Services
Michelle Rodriguez	Family Court Master
Salli Kerr, Vice Chair	Western Regional CAC
Sharon Benson	Deputy Attorney General
Tammi Williamson	Washoe County Human Services Agency

Members Absent:

Name	Organization
Cole McBride	Washoe County CAC
Jonathan Slothower, DO	Great Basin Advocacy Center

Guests:

Name	Organization
Dashun Jackson	
Esther Rodriguez-Brown	
Judy Henderson	Training Coordinator for Nevada Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
Kendra Gipson	Nevada PEP
Lisa Ruggerio	Nevada CAC
Shannon Gildea	Court Improvement Program
Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner	
Zaide Martinez	Court Improvement Program

Staff Support:

Name	Organization
Beverly Brown	Division of Child and Family Services
Bruce Cole (recorder)	Division of Child and Family Services

2. For Information: Roll Call and Introductions – Beverly Brown, DCFS

Beverly called the roll and had people identify their institutional affiliations.

News from or about attendees: Sharon Benson said she may be leaving the committee soon, and Jennifer Spencer will represent the AG's office. Jane Saint, state director of CASA, will be replacing Shelia Parks on the committee. Kendra Gibson will be replacing Allison Stephens as a representative from Nevada PEP. Kimberly Mull, Victim Advocate, announced that she has founded a new non-profit in Las Vegas called Bless and Bloom which works with survivors of sexual trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, and adverse childhood experiences. Salli Kerr noted that her committee affiliation will change in March. Tammi Williamson will be taking over for Shannon McCoy representing Washoe County Human Services. Lisa Ruggerio, state director of Child Advocacy Center, will be added as an official member, attending today as a guest until paperwork comes through. Cory Martin, UNR School of Medicine, is acting director of the Great Basin CAC, which covers Elko, Lander, Eureka, and White Pine counties. They have been awarded the property for a brick-and-mortar building and a \$5.8 million-dollar grant from the Pennington foundation.

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) – Salli Kerr, Vice-Chair

No comments.

4. For Possible Action: Approval of May 11, 2021 meeting minutes – Salli Kerr, Vice-Chair

Mari Parlade moved to approve the minutes. Sharon Benson seconded the motion. Judge Gibson and Jane Saint abstained as they had not attended previous meeting. Minutes approved.

5. For Possible Action: Voting on chair – Salli Kerr, Vice-Chair and Beverly Brown, DCFS

Beverly has reached out to Master Carr, who believes she no longer meets any of the membership categories and would not be able to continue as chair. Sharon asked about the language in the by-laws regarding membership categories and how this relates to election to the chair. Beverly pulled up the language on the screen. She then laid out the basics of the situation: the Chair is now empty, and Salli's term as Vice-Chair is expiring as of March 2022. There needs to be a temporary Chair, and a new Vice-Chair. Jennifer Spencer located in section 7.7 of the by-laws the procedures for nominations and elections. Sharon wondered if Salli could take over as temporary Chair. Kathy McKenna nominated Salli for Chair; Judge Gibson seconded. The motion was approved.

6. For Possible Action: Voting on vice chair – Salli Kerr, Vice-Chair and Beverly Brown, DCFS

Sharon asked Jane Saint if she would be interested in the Vice-Chair position, saying someone from CASA would be a good fit for the committee. She indicated she would. Kathy McKenna nominated her, and Judge Gibson seconded. The nomination was approved.

7. For Information: Grantee Update from NCEDSV FY2021- Beverly Brown, DCFS

Judy Henderson of the Nevada Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence had attendance total and assessment scores from trainings they conducted (attachments were provided to the committee.) She noted that post-assessment scores for objectives met was above 90%, and that valuable knowledge, skill enhancement, and new content all scored above 80%. Various localities have indicated they would like trainings open to all regions at the same time, so they will be conducted in that manner. The dates for next year's sessions are February 22 and 24, April 11 and 13, and June 21 and 23. Flyers are being created to inform people about this.

8. For Information: Grantee Updates for FY2022 – Beverly Brown, DCFS

Beverly noted that because we are early in the fiscal year, there will be no updates.

9. For Information: CJA Expenditures – Beverly Brown, DCFS

Beverly said laptops and docking stations are being provided for DCFS Rural Region workers and supervisors. An evaluation will be conducted some months down the road. Funds are being provided to Clark and Washoe counties to print and distribute the Child Welfare Court Process Guide for Families Handbook and the Quick Guide Roadmap.

10. For Information: Child Welfare Court Process Guide for Families Handbook and Quick Guide Roadmap presentation – Shannon Gildea and Zaide Martinez, CIP

Zaide Martinez gave an overview of the Handbook and Roadmap. This project came up during the PIP review. The judiciary, attorneys, parents, advocacy groups and other stakeholders worked on it, to better explain and clarify how it works. Work began in December 2019 among various workgroups. The North Carolina handbook was used as a guide for Nevada, as was the Florida Child Welfare System Roadmap.

Shannon Gildea said these were completed on January 31, 2021. Both are now on the Supreme Court website. They have been distributed to the Court Improvement Councils throughout the

state and to each judicial district. Another PIP item was the Family Tracking Sheet (other family members and fictive kin) which is now included in the guidebook. These documents will continue to be reviewed and revised as time goes on.

No further questions or comments.

11. Information: Review of New/Modified Legislation that apply to Child Welfare – Beverly Brown, DCFS

Beverly spoke about three pieces of legislation.

SB 376 adds “unable to locate or complete” and “administrative closure” to determinations made by caseworkers. Sharon commented that this is a far more realistic way to deal with such cases, rather than just say “unsubstantiated.” SB 274 requires DCFS to license Receiving Center to serve CSEC. AB 426 authorizes child welfare agencies to obtain warrants, modifies notice of court hearing process, and adds that jurisdiction includes where a child is domiciled – all are changes recommend by the Court Improvement Project. Sharon said that this is “clean-up” to comply with Ninth Circuit case law. Other terms can be used than “warrants.”

12. For Possible Action: Discuss Training Evaluations – Beverly Brown, DCFS

Beverly said the Children’s Bureau would like evaluations on what they are funding. DCFS is working with grantees on this. Evaluations will be used to report back to the Task Force and the Children’s Bureau. DCFS is also devising its own evaluations, as well. Cheryl Cooley said she spoke with NCAC, and they are compiling the evaluations which will be completed in about a month. She will forward it to the Task Force. Salli added that people going to out of state trainings fund by CJA should be reminded about doing evaluations.

Beverly forwarded information from the chat sessions to make sure they are recorded. Tammie Williamson confirmed that CJA funded 30 Washoe County Human Service Agency employees attend the Dallas Crimes Against Children Virtual Conference. Judy Henderson volunteered to help with the evaluations, as she has long experience with curriculum evaluations. Beverly said she would continue to report to the Task Force on how the evaluation process is going.

13. For Possible Action: Discuss Task Force Survey -Beverly Brown, DCFS

Beverly will conduct a survey to get individual feedback regarding the five CJA goals and other ideas members might have. Results would only be accessible by DCFS family programs office. Results will be shared at the next meeting.

14. For Possible Action: Discuss subcommittee for NOFO – Beverly Brown, DCFS

Beverly said there would be a vote on creating a sub-committee for the Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) to evaluate applications and make recommendations. This would be more efficient than the entire Task Force doing this. Sharon thought it would be a good idea to have people on the sub-committee go through the huge amount of application information that must be sent to Fiscal and weed out what is essential for the entire Task Force to make the final decisions on applications. Jane Saint moved for a vote, seconded by Cory Martin. No objections, no abstentions, the motion was carried.

15. Final Public Comment (Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda at a later meeting) – Salli Kerr, Vice-Chair

Sharon reminded the committee about the golf tournament in October that Supporting our Survivors is holding. Anyone who wishes to participate in any capacity should get in touch with her.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.

MINUTES**Nevada Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force****November 9, 2021****9:00am****1. Call to Order – Salli Kerr, Chair***a. Salli called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.***Members Present:**

Name	Organization
Cheryl Cooley	Clark County Department of Family Services- CAC
David Gibson	District Court Judge- Eighth Judicial District
Fran Maldonado	Division of Child and Family Services
Jamie Wong	SNCAS
Jane Saint	State Director, Nevada CASA
Janice Wolfe	Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada
Jennifer Spencer	Deputy Attorney General
Jennifer McCann	Washoe County CAC
Kathie McKenna	Nye County CAC
Kendra Gipson	Nevada PEP
Laurie Jackson	DCFS -Rural Regions
Mari Parlade	Clark County Department of Family Services
Massey Mayo	Juvenile Court Master, Sixth Judicial District
Michelle Rodriguez	Family Court Master, Elko County
Salli Kerr, Vice Chair	Western Regional CAC
Tammi Williamson	Washoe County Human Services Agency

Members Absent:

Name	Organization
Cory Martin	Great Basin CAC (Elko)
Desiree Mattice	Sergeant – Dept. of Public Safety
Jennifer Rains	Washoe Public Defender
Kimberly Mull	Victim Advocate
Jonathan Slothower, DO	Great Basin Advocacy Center

Guests:

Name	Organization
Dashun Jackson	Children's Advocacy Alliance
Esther Rodriguez-Brown	CSEC Coalitions

Staff Support:

Name	Organization
Beverly Brown	Division of Child and Family Services
Bruce Cole (recorder)	Division of Child and Family Services
Dylan Nall	Division of Child and Family Services

2. **For Information: Roll Call – Dylan Nall, DCFS**
 - a. Dylan called the roll.
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) – Salli Kerr, Chair**
 - a. No comments.
4. **For Information: CSEC Presentation – Esther Rodriguez-Brown, CSEC Coordinator**
 - a. Esther gave an overview of CSEC (commercially sexually exploited children) coalition. It was established in 2016. The task force now is in implementation. Three subcommittees have been established. The first is the Local Task Force subcommittee, which works with Multi-Disciplinary Teams around the state so they “don’t have to reinvent the wheel.” MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding) are being created for the various local entities. The second subcommittee is the External Engagement Subcommittee. It has been reviewing the Nevada Rapid Indicator Tool for screening which is used by child welfare. They are encouraging Juvenile Justice and school districts to consider its use. The tool is also being reviewed to be more inclusive to deal with males who are also caught up in sexual exploitation. Another task is identifying kids who are being raised to be trafficked and implementing measures for prevention which CSEC worked on in the past. The third subcommittee is the Funding, Data, and Sustainability subcommittee. Its focus has been creating a state-wide database. Numbers which come in from law enforcement or Juvenile Justice, etc. can lead to duplication, so it is hard to know the “real numbers.” They are working with UNLV to create this database.
 - b. The next full CSEC coalition meeting is December 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM. It is an open meeting and Esther encouraged anyone who could to attend.
 - c. There were no questions or comments.
5. **For Possible Action: Approve last meeting minutes – Salli Kerr, Chair**
 - a. The minutes from the August 10, 2021 meeting are tabled until the next CJA meeting.
6. **For Possible Action: To have online virtual meetings – Salli Kerr, Chair**
 - a. Beverly said legislation passed this year made it possible to continue with virtual meetings. In the past, a physical location at DCFS was reserved, though no one showed up for these meetings. The question was, should virtual-only meetings for the future be decide upon.
 - b. Judge Gibson said he needed that, due to his court calendar. With virtual, he can move his schedule around. Mari Parlade agreed.

- c. Salli noted in the past that virtual was always an option for some, even with a physical location. Also, this will continue to be a public meeting, so participants need to be aware of that as they are appearing on video to the public.
 - d. Judge Gibson moved for virtual only and was seconded by Mari.
 - e. Dylan called the roll of members eligible to vote.
 - f. The vote was a unanimous in support.
- 7. For Information: Grantee Updates for FY2022- Beverly Brown, DCFS**
- a. Cheryl Cooley said that an ad agency has created videos on the four CAC sites. She will check to see if they are up on chapter website.
 - b. There were no further updates.
- 8. For Information: Review CJA Goal – Dylan Nall, DCFS**
- a. Dylan reviewed the goals.
 - i. Goal number 1 is to provide child protection workers and “stakeholders” front end specialty, discipline specific, and advanced training. Training should be prioritized but not limited to trial protection model assessments, Indian Child Welfare Act, sexual abuse, domestic violence forensic interviewing, mandatory reporting, trauma informed practices, substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders and trading needs identified in collaboration with the Court Improvement Program.
 - ii. Goal 2: Support the implementation of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Model Coordinated Response Protocol and provide training and support for the formation of Multi- Disciplinary Teams (MDT) and Task Forces.
 - iii. Goal 3: To support the establishment of New Children 's Advocacy Centers (CAC) or other multi-disciplinary team approach is and improve the capacity of existing CACs to provide a multidisciplinary response for victims of child sex abuse or exploitation physical abuse, and child victims with disabilities.
 - iv. Goal 4: Fund technology requests to improve the investigation, assessment, and prosecution of child abuse and neglect through the thorough use of the latest technology and to support the use of new and existing training technologies.
 - v. Goal 5: To identify new or needed changes to policy, regulation, and/or legislation to meet requirements of federal program improvement plans and other federal and state initiatives. Support training and policy needs related to new or revised policy, regulation, and legislation.
 - b. There were no comments or questions.
- 9. For Information and Possible Action: Review and discuss Survey Monkey results – Beverly Brown, DCFS**
- a. Beverly hoped everyone had a chance to take a look at these results but was only give a summary not go over every question.
 - i. The second question on the survey was: what are your thoughts regarding opportunities or activities for us to work towards goal number 2?
 - 1. The response was for supporting the formation of task forces and MDT for implementation of the CSEC model; training and support for specialized foster homes for CSEC victims and then some kind of mobile seminar to introduce potential task force members on what the CSEC model is. As

they heard from Esther earlier that is actually something that's already happening in this state, so Beverly will get in touch with her and see just if there's any ways that this task force or CJA funding can help support this second goal right here.

- ii. Goal number 3 has to do with our child advocacy centers. The overarching response was expanding their capacity. How do we do that?
 - 1. Beverly is always looking for more ideas with this one on how we can expand the existing capacity of our CACs.
- iii. The 4th is all about technology.
 - 1. Beverly thinks we are doing a good job with this one, so far. There are again folks who just want technology to help as much as it can with just our child welfare work, but she does think we are on track just because we have done so much with the technology.
 - 2. Salli was interested to know about barriers around internet service in places where we should be increase services in those areas. Are there any other thoughts about we make sure they're connected as they're going into rural areas to work?
 - 3. Beverly said was very true and asked Laurie Jackson, saying they are finding a bunch of laptops for the rural workers. Is Internet service an issue or were they able to get that squared away for those laptops?
 - 4. Laurie said it's still an issue in some places, but that's it's just a connectivity issue, depending on where you're at. But they're surrounded by mountains, but for the most part she didn't think Pahrump has issues. Carson hasn't had issues. It's just kind of out in the boondocks where it depends on the topography.
- iv. Beverly continued with the 5th goal, which has to do with policy and legislation updates and where we identified that there's needs for these updates here.
 - 1. Somebody did suggest updating the NAC/NRS 432 to be in compliance with the SAFE SIPS model. She did state that she didn't know 432 would ever match the SAFE model, which is what child welfare uses to conduct our investigations, but she agreed that the NAC should be updated people from this Task Force could help with that.
 - 2. Salli wondered if someone from the CACS could speak about how legislation has affected them, adding this might be a place where the Task Force could also help.
 - 3. Kathie McKenna said basically the legislation "legitimized" the CACs and the hope is that this will open up funding down the road. For example, in Pahrump now the only funding is by grants, so hopefully there could be statewide funding eventually.
 - 4. Jennifer Spencer asked what the bill number was for that. Jennifer McCann believed it was AB 228. She added that the legislation acknowledged that the MDT approach is the best.

5. Sally concurred that this was the best practice in Nevada and encourage the CACs to come back to the Task Force to see what support it can give in the future.

10. For Possible Action: Review and set dates for CJA Task Force 2022 Meetings – Salli Kerr, Chair

- a. Salli noted the proposed dates for 2022 are January 4, April 5, July 5, and October 4, all Tuesday mornings. Jennifer Spencer said she would not be available on January 4. Beverly said there are usually some people who can't attend; they just try to get a majority of people who can attend. Salli reminded the meeting that substitutes can be sent to meetings.
- b. Massey Mayo noted the July 5th date, coming right after July 4 and suggested moving it to July 12.
- c. Salli asked for a motion on the proposed dates, with the July meeting moved to the 12th. Janice Wolfe moved for approval, seconded by Judge Gibson.
- d. Dylan called the roll.
- e. The motion was approved.
- f. Salli said Beverly would send out the invites with those dates.

11. For Possible Action: Establish NOFO subcommittee members – Beverly Brown, DCFS

- a. Beverly said Dylan has a list of those who said they would like to participate. Also, they would see who else is interested. Jane Saint, Janice Wolfe, Kathy McKenna, and Massey Mayo indicated their continued interest. Michelle Rodriguez and Desiree Mattice were not available and will be contacted later.
- b. Beverly said she will schedule a meeting that will be an open meeting. The members will get the applications beforehand with the score sheets and will review the applications and jot down some scores and things they notice about their applications and strengths and weaknesses, and then bring that to the subcommittee meeting. Ultimately, they will make the recommendations for how the funding should be appropriated and then that information will be brought back to the whole task force to make a final vote.
- c. Salli said she would be interested in serving. Laurie Jackson said someone from the Rurals should be on this. She would like to and have either Maria Hickey or herself serve on the subcommittee. Beverly said she would check the by-laws. Mari Parlade said she would like to serve, but as their CAC might be applying funding, that might constitute a conflict of interest.
- d. Tammi Willamson said she could serve as someone from Washoe County, in that case.

12. Final Public Comment: (Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda at a later meeting) – Salli Kerr, Chair

- a. Salli made a couple of announcements. The subcommittee will deal with officers and elections at the January meeting as an Agenda Item. Also, the Task Force functions as a citizen review panel and recommendation to DCFS are due at the meeting; this will also be an Agenda Item.
- b. Beverly said anyone interested in becoming Chair should reach out to her or Salli for further information. Anyone with citizen review recommendations should also get in touch with Beverly.
- c. Cheryl Cooley reminded the meeting that Nevada is the newest state to get a CAC chapter. The northern and southern parts of the state have worked well together. She wondered if

Beverly could get the video on the CAC (see item 7) sent out to members. She also said Lisa Ruggeri has done a fantastic job. Sally agreed and gave kudos to the CAC for this.

- d. Jane Saint asked about the process to get the state chapter accredited. Cheryl said there must be at least two CAC sites. There are ten accreditation standards to meet, and the National body sends out reviewers. Currently, Washoe and Clark have the accreditation. Pahrump and Great Basin are associate members working on accreditation. With the recent legislation, there is a great deal of momentum. The CACs have worked well in the communities' influencing attitudes about child abuse.

13. Adjournment – Salli Kerr, Chair

- a. *The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.*