

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

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.

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- 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.
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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.*