

**MINUTES**  
**Nevada Children's Justice Act (CJA)**  
**Task Force July 12, 2022**  
**9:00am**

**1. Call to Order – Salli Kerr, Chair**

- Salli Kerr called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**Attendees:**

Name	Organization
Angelina Blare	Adult Survivor
Betsey Crumrine	DCFS- Rural Regions
Cheryl Cooley	Clark County Department of Family Services-CAC
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
Janice Wolfe	Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada
Jane Saint, Vice-Chair	State Director, Nevada CASA
Jennifer Rains	Washoe Public Defender
Jennifer Spencer	Deputy Attorney General
Kendra Gipson	Nevada PEP
Kristy Mills	NOTO
Laurie Jackson	DCFS- Rural Regions
Lisa Ruggerio	Nevada CAC
Mari Parlade	Clark County Department of Family Services
Michelle Rodriguez	Family Court Master
Salli Kerr, Chair	Western Regional CAC
Tammi Williamson	Washoe County CAC

**Members Absent:**

Name	Organization
Cory Martin	CAC (Elko)
Rachel Berg	CAC

**Guests:**

Name	Organization
Judy Henderson	NCEDSV
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
Dylan Nall	Division of Child and Family Services
Monica Cypher	Division of Child and Family Services

**2. For Information: Roll Call – Salli Kerr, Chair & Dylan Nall, DCFS**

Dylan Nall 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**

No comments.

**4. For Information: Review CJA Task Force Goals – Dylan Nall, DCFS**

Dylan Nall set out a slide showing the Task Force Goals. There were no questions or comments.

**5. For Information: Review CJA Task Force key provisions of by-laws – Dylan Nall, DCFS**

Dylan Nall presented a slide to review CJA by-laws, including Advisory Role, Member Diversity, Member Recruitment and Selection, Quorum, Attendance, and Vacancies. Jane Saint stated for the record that under by-law 6.3 on membership diversity, she would like to point out to everyone that we really need to look at our various geographic communities and ensure all areas are represented. She felt that sometimes the rurals are sometimes forgotten and we definitely need individuals from the rural areas. So, if you know of people who could serve on this task force, please let us know.

**6. For Possible Action: Approve the last meeting's minutes – Salli Kerr, Chair**

Jane Saint moved that the minutes be approved. Mari Parlade seconded the motion. The minutes were approved, with Desiree Mattice, Jennifer Spencer, Janice Wolfe, Angelina Blare, Salli Kerr, and Betsey Crumrine abstaining. Mari Parlade moved that the January 4, 2002 minutes, as amended, be approved. Desiree Mattice seconded. Dylan called the roll. The motion was approved, with Betsey Crumrine and Xavier Planta abstaining.

**7. For Information: Approve and discuss a possible Evaluation Subcommittee – Dylan Nall, DCFS**

Dylan Nall stated that every year we must submit our annual report to the Children's Bureau and we were provided with their recommendations. One of the recommendations would be to have a more expansive, quality evaluation of our grants that we fund our grantees. We would like to select people as a subcommittee, maybe meet quarterly, perhaps after the full CJA meeting, to have an evaluation to go over our grantees and to figure out maybe how we want to get evaluations done. The Children's Bureau will want more information. They want us to show how we're evaluating the money that we are giving out. An evaluation subcommittee would be really beneficial going forward, especially when we submit our annual report. Dylan suggested a vote on establishing the subcommittee. Then she can send out an e-mail again after that, to see who would be interested in serving.

Jane Saint asked if there was conflict in serving on both the funding and evaluation committees. Salli Kerr said she did not believe there was a conflict. Beverly Brown added in regard to the evaluation committee that CJA has great outputs from all the activities we do, but we need to strengthen our outcomes and the way to do that is the evaluation tool. We want to show what the outcomes are of the activities we're funding, especially around data. Children's

Bureau wants to see data. We just need a group to hone in and focus on that.

Jane Saint moved to approve the evaluation subcommittee; Desiree Mattice seconded the motion. Motion approved. Desiree Mattice, Janice Wolfe, and Michelle Rodriguez indicated their interest in being on the subcommittee.

Jane Saint asked what the ideal number of members would be for this body. Salli Kerr thought 4 to 6 members, along with DCFS representation. She added that it would be good to have one or two grantees on as well, to give some idea to what is practical in this process. Desiree Mattice wondered if there could be a conflict of interest with grantees on the subcommittee. Janice Wolfe expressed the same concern. Jane Saint wondered if past grantees, not being currently funded, could serve and avoid this issue.

Betsey Crumrine thought there would not be a conflict, as the work here would be just to improve the evaluation process, and she would be willing to serve. She thought another problem that could arise is, since the nature of the requests vary so much, creating an evaluation tool might be difficult to meet all cases. Janice Wolfe asked if the Children's Bureau gave any further guidance on what they wanted. Beverly Brown said they are just looking for data. They're looking to see you did these activities, how did it improve the investigation, the judicial handling, the prosecution, these kind of things. This evaluation comes in subcommittee. The first meeting could be to discuss how we want to address this. We want to make sure we're holding grantees accountable and maybe giving them some ideas on these activities that we have already funded, how can we build up their processes for evaluation

#### **8. For Information: CIP Presentation about their current efforts – Zaide Martinez, CIP**

Zaide Martinez of the Court Improvement Project (CIP) gave a presentation about CIP's new 5-year plan and their current efforts.

The purpose of CIP is to promote the continuous quality improvement of the Child Welfare Court hearings and reviews, legal representation for parents, children, youth, and the state child Welfare Agency responsible for administering titles 4-B and 4-E of the Social Security Act, collaboration between the judicial branch of state government, the child welfare agencies, and the tribes to improve child welfare outcomes and also a more inclusive, diverse approach. In June 2021 CIP updated its five-year strategic plan. The strategic plan is made up of six priority areas. #1 is data between the child Welfare Agency and the courts; #2 is disparity and disproportionality within the child welfare system services and core outcomes for all populations; #3 quality court hearings; #4 quality legal representation; #5, timeliness to permanency; #6 well-being.

Additionally, Nevada's CIP volunteered to participate in a reasonable effort study, which is being funded by the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation and the Children's Bureau and conducted by James Bell Associates. This is one of the first research studies to explore reasonable efforts in depth. Also, the Children's Bureau is recently heavily pushing CIP collaboration with a child welfare agency and granted that has been happening before, but they are really pushing CIP to be collaborative, especially going into round four of the PIP and all other efforts going forward.

Salli Kerr asked if anyone served on both CJA and CIP. Janice Wolfe and Jane Saint said they do, as does Jennifer Spencer.

Zaide Martinez did not have a lot of updates because they are starting a lot of new initiatives. They are in the beginning stages of their main focus right now of collecting data. There is not a unified court system and it's really hard for CIP to get accurate and current data. Most of their data is one to two years behind and they have to contract with a vendor or contractor. Data

Savvy is who they have been contracting with consistently and CIP does fund some of the portion for Chapin Hall. One of the main priorities is to get more precise and current data to disseminate to the CIP. Jane Saint asked what an ideal way for CJA would be to collaborate with CIP. Zaide Martinez would need to know more information about what the current CJA goals are and where CIP fits. She would like to look more into that and how CIP can help, as overall there are many ways that we can collaborate, because a lot of our initiatives and goals are the same

**9. For Information: A presentation from the National CRP Conference – Salli Kerri, Chair, Jane Saint, Vice-Chair & Monica Cypher, DCFS**

Monica Cypher created a short PowerPoint that takes CRP back to the basics and focused specifically on Nevada. Citizen review panels were developed in response to requirements set forth in the 1996 reauthorization for the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act, what we call CAPTA.

The CRPs are directed to evaluate state child welfare agencies and make recommendations for improvement in those child protective service areas. The panels are composed of volunteer citizens. They're broadly representative of their community, and states are to give special attention to the qualifications of these talents to review complex cases of child maltreatment, including a balance among children's attorneys, children advocate, and volunteers who are familiar with the difficulties of the child protective system.

Citizen review panels should be broadly representative of the community in which the panel is established and included diverse membership. Nevada has designated 3 standing committees to serve as citizen review panels. All Nevada citizen review panels meet at least quarterly. They adhere to open meeting laws. Panels may make recommendations for training policy or system improvement.

Nevada CRPs include the Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children, the Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force and the Clark County Department of Family Services Citizens Advisory Committee. Monica Cypher then did an overview of each CRP. The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children was established through NRS 432B. It's a statewide group which provides coordination and oversight of local child Death Review team. Every effort is made to reduce the number of preventable child fatalities and near fatalities through prevention, messaging, training, and other initiatives. Nevada's child fatality review process includes local multidisciplinary teams reviewing most deaths between ages zero to 17. Salli Kerr said she was having difficulty locating annual reports for the CDR. The last she could find was for 2017. Beverly Brown said she would look into this and see if these should be posted on the DCFS website. If so, she will see to it that they are. Jennifer Spencer was able to look up on a Google search for the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children. They have a page, and on the right-hand side they have the annual child death reports. The most recent one is 2019, just published. Monica Cypher then went on to review the CJA task force. The CJA task force was established in 1994 as a requirement of Section 107 A of CAPTA to receive an annual grant to improve child protection services in the state. The CJA task force is a multidisciplinary team with 14 unique disciplines represented. It is charged with developing, establishing, and operating programs designed to improve assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect cases, a special emphasis on sexual abuse and exploitation, child fatalities, and cases involving children with disabilities or serious health related problems who are suspected victims of child abuse or neglect. The CJA grant funds multidisciplinary training policy development and pilot programs, professional training support, child advocacy centers, the use of the latest technology, parent court process

guides, domestic violence training for child protection workers and domestic violence training for child protection workers as well. Additionally, the CJA task force makes recommendations for projects to be funded by the CIA Annual Grant award. CJA funding must support front end efforts or intake and investigation phases of child welfare cases. Those funding categories need to include investigative, administrative, judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, experimental model demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures.

The Clark County Department of Family Services Citizens Advisory Committee is our third panel and serves as a liaison between the community and Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS). The purpose of this task force is to identify and communicate to the DFS important social service issues and requirements regarding client services. This committee offers perspective on services provided and how to best meet the needs of families that utilize the Department of Family Services. Listed on the Power Point are the advisory committee areas of focus along with the full continuum of child welfare.

Salli Kerr spoke briefly about the National CRP Conference she, Jane Saint, and Monica Cypher attended in California. For her, the significance was of being in a dual role and how we have to keep in mind both that we are a citizens review panel and the task force charged with the CJA funding and oversight. But the dual role is no less important and so have to remember that we have mandates under the CRP heading as well. The conference showed her that.

Jane Saint said that, to piggyback on Monica and Sally's comments, it was an excellent conference. The presenters were well informed, very knowledgeable on the subject matter, the plenary sessions were fabulous. Really excellent, motivational speakers. They had everything from Doctor Manuel Pastor who talked about finding shared fate in a challenging and divided America to James Bell from the Burns Institute. The breakout sessions were on everything from building community pathways to working together to understand the civil and criminal legal framework for child protection. A really excellent presentation gave us some really good ideas on what we could do as a state to do a state conference in Nevada. Some of these people would be willing to come to Nevada and present. They made some great connections. It was very interesting, probably about half of the people who were there because this was the first time in two years that they were actually in person again, but she would say about half the people that were there were new to the process, so it was a learning experience for all of them. Salli Kerr said she has expressed interest in applying to become a member on the National CRP Advisory Committee. They are reaching out now about their membership processes and will get back in touch with us. It's important and valuable we get some Nevada voices into that kind of committee and Advisory Council places. She doesn't think we get to hear as much of what may be going on. She also said that if members on this task force are on a regional or national committee that dovetails with our work please let us know so we can start to review what you could bring from being involved in other systems.

Jane Saint said it is great that we have individuals like Zaide Martinez and Angela Blare who bring a great to the task force. She attended the Community Improvement Councils summit back in September of last year, where each judicial district in the state has representation and expressed her hope to Zaide Martinez, they will have it again this coming year. Jane Saint spoke as well about a panel, including Zaide, at this Summit of young women who had been in foster care. When these two girls and their moderator spoke, you could hear a pin drop in that room. Everyone was just glued to their words. One of the judges commented after their presentation that the information that these young ladies presented, and where they have come from, and where they are now - they were all students or had graduated from college, and he said they had given more insight and knowledge probably than the whole room of DCFS

workers. Jane Saint said she hoped this could be done again, recorded, and used as a great educational tool going forward.

Zaide Martinez said she was working on doing it again, but also wants to make sure it's purposeful, and informational and respectful of the panelists. In the work groups and the high level of committees which she is on, there is a losing touch of the human perspective and the lives that are actually going on. She calls it "on the other side" because she has lived in both worlds and a lot of her family still live in poverty and are still in the system.

Salli Kerr wondered about reconvening the three CRPs with some kind of retreat or educational day and coupling that with the Summit or some other kind of event that is already going on that could bring all of the groups together and maybe start to get to some of those shared voices. But that would be something that we would need a subcommittee to convene and talk about. She would like to definitely hear from this committee about their thoughts on having a subcommittee that could convene a retreat. We cannot do a vote on establishing the subcommittee today because we don't have a For Action item on the agenda for it. But we could do that in our next meeting. Zaidé Martinez was happy to join that committee to evaluate those efforts. Dylan Nall asked Jennifer Spencer if they want to do a large CRP conference, do they need a subcommittee if they are just planning to have the CRP conference? Jennifer Spencer said she didn't think the planning process for this was required to be under the open meeting law guidelines. Just keeping everybody notified of the status of the planning process during the meetings that are open to the public is sufficient. Dylan Nall said those who would like to be a part of the planning process for the CRP conference should e-mail her and then we can get a doodle poll going on, meeting maybe monthly. It probably will look like we would do this in the beginning of next year.

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#### **10. For Possible Action: Vacancy in Task Force – Dylan Nall, DCFS**

The Adult Survivor vacancy has now been filled by Angelina Blare, but Dylan Nall said that Judge Gibson has e-mailed her saying he may have to resign, so the civil judge position may be open. Zaide Martinez asked Dylan to send her more information so she can send that to her list of dependency judges

#### **11. For Information: To Review DCFS' response to CJA's annual CRP Recommendations – Dylan Nall, DCFS**

Dylan Nall said that CJA's recommendation was that 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 training recommendation includes, but is not limited to, a child protection model, assessments, domestic violence, mandatory reporting, and trauma informed practices. The DCFS administrator accepted these recommendations. Specifically, the Children's Justice Act task force continues to prioritize funding for various trainings. CJA recently provided funding for child welfare staff and stakeholders to attend the following trainings: The Child Welfare League of America conference, Child Abuse and Family Summit, forensic interview training by the National Children's Advocacy Center, and Domestic Violence Training that will address the risk and protective factors for families. Additionally, DCFS recently contracted with Health Management Associates (HMA) to continue to provide Nevada's child welfare frontline caseworkers with the training to specifically address our work and intimate partner violence and domestic violence. This will allow for a frontline staff to gain an understanding of the model protocols for identifying and responding to.

Betsey Crumrine asked if this was all a “done deal” or if there was an opportunity to “massage” the wording of DCFS's response. The reason that she asked the question is because if we're going to be writing a recommendation about training, she would like to advocate for the word “consultation” around the safety model to be included, because traditional training in a classroom setting or with a speaker and a group of people is great, but that really isn't how adult learners learn, and we have adult learners in our workforce. One of the things that is critical to the public about child welfare is that agencies are able to engage in this sort of consultation with some of the National Safety experts around the cases that we have and decisions that are being made. Sometimes we at DCFS, Clark, and Washoe may not have this problem, but we run into an issue with the word training because either Contracts or Purchasing or whoever has to approve it, doesn't view that type of consultation as training. Something was said about assessments of the safe model - that's the same type of thing. It's not a hill to die on, but Betsey thought when we when we are writing recommendations, we can just be thoughtful about the wording.

Salli Kerr said it was like Betsey was reading her own notes. Historically, what has happened is that these recommendations have been written and it was brought to us by Dylan and a group of people looked at it and then the board approved it. So, for this year, the language is that. But what ultimately that means is we have DCFS staff who are really kind of preparing the recommendations and reviewing it with this board. Salli gets that CJA gives it a cursory glance. Coming out of the CRP Conference they just attended, what she really recognized was this board needs to be giving it more than a cursory glance for the kind of things that Betsy's talking about. It is not responsible for us as a CRP board to let DCFS staff write our recommendation, us glance at it, and then DCFS responds without this board really having, in her opinion, a much more proactive role in writing those recommendations.

Desiree Mattice said she recently attended a meeting where a person who was in the meeting had mentioned that the term stakeholders may be offensive to some, especially in the Native American community. So just as long as we're paying attention to language, maybe participants or shareholders as opposed to stakeholders should be used.

Salli Kerr said the task force should not be surprised if in the fall, they start putting together a group to work on how the task force can work as a CRP which does not rely on DCFS to write its own recommendations to itself.

## **12. For Information: Grantee Updates for FY 2022 – Salli Kerr, Chair & Grantee Representatives**

Judy Henderson of the Nevada Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (NCEDSV) gave an update on their final training that was completed back in June. They had a total of 15 people attend the training. It was a great opportunity to have more interactivity between the people and a great time to network between the offices, which was very valuable. Total CEUs that were awarded for this training were 10. Some people did not complete all the requirements, so unfortunately, they did not receive one. If they want to call her and check that out, she will be glad to tell them what they're missing and most of its the evaluation form. For those of working on the evaluation, what they typically do is to have a pre assessment test to post assessment test and then an evaluation form that would need to be completed. So those are some of their standards and then of course a full attendance report. They have statistics from zoom as well as to what is on hand when they combine both days of attendance. This task force has been wonderful to give them this opportunity. If you have any questions at all, you don't need to contact national people in some cases, because they are right here and have those connections already for you.

There was no one from Great Basin to give an update. Kristy Mills from the Nevada Outreach Training Organization (NOTO) noted this was her first meeting and did not know what the task force required for an update. Jane Saint replied that at her first meeting, she got elected vice chair. So, this group throws you to the wolves. Kristy replied that was ok as long as she understood what was needed. Kathy McKenna does most of the grant writing and reports for NOTO. She did not have any of that information with her, but that didn't mean that she can't get that information for the next meeting if that's something that she needs to bring here.

Jane Saint asked Kristy if Kathy McKenna shared the packet of information with her? The task force asks the grantees for verbal reports during our quarterly meetings to supplement what we had with the written report in our packet. She said Kathy has always done a great job with her explanations. and she's one of the few that you don't have a lot of follow up questions. Jane Saint then noted that NOTO had sent a large number of people to the multi-disciplinary training in San Diego, which was excellent. Kristy Mills said she believed that there was eleven. They were able to send people from Red Rock Psychological Health from Las Vegas. They had a couple people from the Nye County Sheriff's Office, from the DA's office - a very diverse amount of people that went. It was amazing to be able to have a lot of conversations with those team members she doesn't get time with. Being able to have those team members that were, some of them, fairly new in working together. A couple of the detectives were unable to attend classes that were specific to their wants in that moment, so they transitioned over into different classes, such as forensic interview training and a couple of them had to take some advocate trainings because there was nothing else available due to technical difficulties and they came back saying they weren't expecting to learn about why other MDT members do what they you do because of course they are always trying to figure out what they are doing



on their end, so not really paying attention to what the entire team is doing. So, it was really awesome to sit down afterwards and have those conversations as well.

Jane Saint asked if Kathy McKenna is retiring. Kristy Mills said this will be in about a year, the exact date is flexible. Jane Saint said Kristy did a great job for her first presentation. Cheryl Cooley from Clark County said that in terms of their grant they are focused on the forensic interview training. They have a lot of staff turnover, so being able to have more trainings has been helpful. At the end of the last fiscal year, they had their last group; 29 out of 30 people were able to make it. That was in April and in two weeks they will start with this next round of forensic interviewers. They will have a smaller group of 15. There was some hiking of the pricings for training. They are trying to modulate that so that they are able to get as many people trained as possible. It is a good mix of people that are part of the training, learning the nuances to talking to kids and really making sure that the detectives are not too intimidating.

At this point, due to a technology glitch, Cheryl Cooley dropped out of the meeting. Kristy Mills said they actually have three people who will attend the training which Cheryl was talking about. Jane Saint asked if that training will be virtual or in person. Kristy Mills said it would be virtual.

Cheryl Cooley then came back on. She said that some new office furniture is being added to the forensic interview room, which will be good as things open up. As everybody was talking about collaboration and getting together, it has been such a joy to bond with the CACs across the state. Five of them were able to go to the National Children's Alliance leadership conference in Washington, DC and not only go to the classes and network with the people there, but to get to know each other. Lisa Ruggerio is the chapter liaison. She's been getting them all together every month, online. They are talking strategic planning, talking about Clark's reaccreditation that's coming up with National Children's Alliance, and each of their own chapter's reaccreditation or accreditation standards. So, it has been so joyful to lean on each other to be able to share ideas together. She knows in Great Basin they broke ground on their new building, which is awesome and amazing. She looks forward to the future as we begin to dream bigger for how we can saturate our state with giving children the opportunity to have a CAC because having that one stop shop means the world to so many of our kids.

Betsey Crumrine stated she is one of two managers for the rural child welfare agency and has been involved with the Great Basin CAC for over a decade. They have been trying to get that off the ground and it's really exciting to see where they are now, but a decade ago one of the people from National CAC Association for the West, said that there were millions of dollars available to states for CACs, if you have a lead CAC. Then you have other people under them, in order to get this money you had to have somebody in the state be the lead. She didn't know what the politics were, but there were some territorial issues that prevented one of the CACs from being that lead and having the others fall under them, and that prevented us from accessing these millions of dollars and now it's a decade later. She wondered if that's still a thing and do we have a lead CAC now in Nevada, and are there millions of dollars that might be available to this state to create more CACs because we need more in the rural areas like Fallon, and Carson, and we need more than one in Elko

Cheryl Cooley said she believes all that money got spent. Perhaps Sally could correct her, but her understanding of how this works is if you have two accredited CACs in your state that qualifies you to have a chapter. So, it's the chapter that kind of runs the state. We have been the latest and the newest state in the nation to get a chapter. That was a couple of years back. Just in terms of growth we want to get Elko and Pahrump accredited and then get Washoe and

Clark reaccredited. There are many different ways that are emerging as to how we can reach the rural areas. As time goes on with the pandemic, we did see the use of virtual forensic interviewing and so. Because kids couldn't necessarily be on site. She knows that people are not completely sold on that, but she's seen it work. Especially our younger kids are digitally native so they understand sitting and talking to a laptop and having a whole conversation and that might be a way that we reach the rurales a little sooner rather than later. But they're still working on it and getting the DAs on board with that concept.

Betsy asked further for Lisa Ruggerio's contact information because she would love to reach out to her and have a more in-depth conversation about the Rurals. The idea of forensic interviewing virtually is interesting to her, but there is also a need to have those examinations, both for serious physical abuse cases and for the sexual abuse cases because so infrequently is evidence found in those cases in the Rurals. But they have seen often misdiagnosed or missed injuries that should be reported that then aren't. And so, there's a lot in the Rurals that could be done. And so, if there is a meeting where you know conversations are occurring where you think it would be helpful to have some rural stakeholders either from law enforcement or from DCFS or anybody let her know.

Cheryl Cooley agreed with Betsy. She was an investigator before becoming a supervisor at the CAC and her heart breaks because we don't have enough child abuse pediatrics specialists in the nation. Intermountain is also making its way into Nevada and she thinks they're going all kinds of places and the Utah CAC had worked with Intermountain for their needs to be met. She will be curious to see, how that unfolds if Intermountain is also able to do that. She has talked to the medical director at Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego because this is definitely a topic that needs to be addressed on the national level. And then I'm always trying to move around and bug people in Nevada.

There was no update from Washoe.

### **13. For Information: Announcements – Salli Kerr, Chair**

Cheryl Cooley said she would send the video about all the CACs in the state to Dylan Nall to pass along. Salli said she would put in on as an agenda item, too, so everyone can review it.

### **14. 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) – Salli Kerr, Chair**

There were no comments.

### **15. Adjournment – Salli Kerr, Chair**

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 A.M. The next meeting is scheduled for October 5th.

# 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: Cheryl Cooley	Date: 9/16/2022
Agency: Southern Nevada Children's Advocacy Center	
FFY2020 Grant Funds Received: \$45,430	
Funds expended: \$22,000	

## Activities Funded and Evaluation Work

Describe the activity funded:
We have had 2 of our 3 scheduled trainings and that is where the \$22,000 has gone. We have one more virtual training scheduled and the furniture order to be made.
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):
Both of the virtual trainings were evaluated by an evaluation given to the students through NCAC. Both of those eval results have been submitted to Dylan.  This training has been able to increase the number of professionals who are knowledgeable in the field of forensic interviewing. The NCAC does a great job of engaging the audience and giving the best practice standards in real time.