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CJA Task Force Meeting Division of Child and Family Services

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Welcome

Call to order

Roll call

Review Handouts

- Agenda
- PowerPoint
- Meeting Minutes (January 12, 2021)
- Updates from CJA FY2020 Grantees
- NOFO Applications





Initial 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.





Goals of the CJA Task Force

1. Training: Front end specialist, discipline specific and advanced.
2. Support Implementation of CSEC Coordinated Response Protocol, Task Forces, and MDT's.
3. Support establishment of new CAC and improve capacity of existing CAC's or Child Protection MDT's. Use of telehealth and telemedicine.
4. Fund requests to improve the investigation, assessment and prosecution of child abuse and neglect through the latest technology and to support the use of new and existing training technologies.
5. 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 related training and policy needs.





Meeting Minutes

For Possible Action:

Approve January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve
- Motion to 2nd
- Vote





CJA FY2020 Grantees Updates

Clark County Department of Family Services

Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual
Violence

Washoe County Human Services Agency

(See handouts)





Task Force Vacancy

Discussion and possible action about Task Force membership vacancy and chair vacancy.





CAC Subcommittee

Discussion and possible action about development of CAC Subcommittee with CAC representatives and other Task Force members.



Court Improvement Program

Presentation by the Court Improvement Program on their current goals and activities.





Notice of Funding Opportunity

For Possible Action:

Consideration, discussion and possible action by the CJA Task Force to recommend and/or approve, in whole or in part, the following NOFO applications for an award of funding to serve the project in relation to child abuse and neglect cases in Nevada.



NOFO Reminders

Funding is to be used for projects and trainings that will further enhance the five goals of the CJA.

CJA funds are to be primarily focused on the front-end, intake, assessment, investigative, and prosecutorial phases of child welfare.

CJA funds must NOT be used for prevention programs or any direct services.

CJA grants are not intended to be used as a source of ongoing, continuous funding.

CJA funding must not be used for the ordinary, routine operation of any organization or programs.

Applications will be scored, ranked by score, funded in whole or in part, based on scoring of applications until funds are exhausted.



FY2021 NOFO Applications Received

Agency	Requested Amount	Activities	Aligns with CJA Goals
Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence	\$30,000	This would agency would serve Clark, Washoe and Rural counties in Nevada. This agency's goal is to expand basic understanding of the risk and protective factors for children living in home with domestic violence by providing training to CPS works in the State of Nevada. These trainings are six-hour trainings, and the agency would like to increase their number of trainings by 3 with this grant.	Goal 1
Nevada Outreach training Organization	\$23,977	This agency would serve Nye and Esmerelda County. This agency is seeking funding for Child and Family Maltreatment training and supportive services to child victims of sexual and physical abuse.	Goals 1 & 3
Great Basin Children's Advocacy Center	\$19,448.52	This would agency would serve the Northeastern Region of Nevada, especially rural and frontier counties. This agency seeks funds to support additional forensic training for White Pine County Sheriff's Office. These expenses are travel expenses from Elko, Nevada to White Pine, Nevada and the creation of a soft interview room for the White Pine County Sheriff's Office.	Goals 1 & 3
Clark County Dept. of Family Services	\$27,000	This would agency would serve the Southern Region of Nevada. This agency seeks funding to respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims and to provide for their safety and security by providing Forensic Interview Training for 3 other local (Southern Nevada) agencies to improve the skill of professionals working with sexually abused children.	Goals 1, 2
Washoe County Child Advocacy Center	\$24,787	This agency would serve Washoe County, Northern Nevada Rural Counties and some Northern California Counties as well. This agency is requesting funding for training for their MDT and funding for a Victim Advocate during afterhours and on the weekend.	Goals 1, 2 & 3
TOTAL	<u>\$125,212.52</u>		12



Announcements

Information Only: Member announcements



Future Agenda Items

Information Only: Member requests for future agenda items





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

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: Sue Meuschke	Date: 4/9/2021
Agency: Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence	
FFY2020 Grant Funds Received: \$26,000	

Funds expended: **\$20,107.46**

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Activities Funded and Evaluation Work

Describe the activity funded:
<i>Using the curriculum developed under this grant we completed training sessions for CPS staff in Washoe and Clark Counties. On March 22nd & 24th we provided three-hour training sessions on each day for 26 CPS staff from Washoe County. On April 6th and 7th we provided three-hour training sessions on each day for 53 CPS staff from Clark County. Our final training sessions for CPS staff from rural communities is schedule for May 24th and 26th</i>
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>Pre and Post Tests as well as training evaluations were completed for each training. Results are being compiled and will be provided in our next update report.</i>



Supporting Children Experiencing Domestic Violence in the Home: Protecting the Safety and Wellbeing of the Family Unit for Better Outcomes

This training is for Child Protective Service workers and supervisors in Nevada. Join the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) for this two-day, six-hour **virtual training** scheduled in your geographic area.

Facilitator: Judy Henderson, MEd. Mgt., NCEDSV Training Coordinator

Washoe County - [Register Here](#)

Monday, March 22: 12:30PM-3:45PM

Wednesday, March 24: 8:30AM-11:45AM

Clark County - [Register Here](#)

Tuesday, April 6: 12:30PM-3:45PM

Wednesday, April 7: 8:30AM-11:45AM

Rural Communities - [Register Here](#)

Monday, June 7: 12:30PM-3:45PM

Wednesday, June 9: 8:30AM-11:45AM



Graphic: Community Care

Social Work CEUs are pending.

Full participation is required including the successful completion of a pre-and post-test and an evaluation form.

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Grantee Information

Name: Lauren Soulam	Date: 4/20/2021
Agency: Washoe County Human Services Agency	
FFY2021 Grant Funds Received: \$53,950.00	
Funds expended: \$29,376.33	

Activities Funded and Evaluation Work

Describe the activity funded:
<p>CJA-funded activities thus far have been focused on technology and training. Under technology, funds were utilized to purchase 22 laptop computers for our assessment workers. Workers continue to use the laptops to increase work time in the field, which has enabled more timely case note input, documentation of case details and access to any case history. Funds were also utilized to purchase Dragon speech recognition software, which provides “talk to text” capabilities. This software has enabled staff to document case information timelier and more succinctly as they are able to speak the information rather than type it, thereby allowing more time to be spent on direct child contacts rather than administrative work.</p> <p>Under training, funds have been designated for staff to attend the Child Welfare League of America annual conference May 4-6, 2021. Funds were originally budgeted to attend the conference in person in Washington DC; however, this year’s conference was moved to a virtual format. This change allowed us to use the savings from travel to purchase conference admissions for an additional ten staff who otherwise would not have been able to attend. The focus of this year’s conference relates to supporting child welfare best practices and the impact of virtual engagement during the pandemic.</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):
<p>Outputs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 22 laptops purchased- 10 Dragon Professional Anywhere speech recognition software licenses purchased- 14 staff registered for the CWLA virtual conference May 4-6, 2021