

**New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
Prevention Committee
Maura Somers Dughi, Esq, Chair
Diana Autin, Esq, Vice-Chair
March 1, 2012
9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M
Minutes**

In Attendance:

Diana Autin	SPAN
Adriana Agudelo	Division of Prevention and Community Partnership
Christine Baker	Metro RDTC Newark Beth Israel Medial Center
Amanda Blagman	Advocates for Children of NJ
Suzanne Conrad	Consultant (<i>via telephone</i>)
Anthony DiFabio	Robins Nest, Inc.
Maura Somers Dughi	Child & Family Advocate
Gina Hernandez	Prevent Child Abuse NJ
Alice Hunnicutt	Department of Labor
Cheryl Mojta	Child Assault Prevention Program
Natasha Palmer	Department of Education
Gayle Riesser	Department of Human Services
Pat Stanislaski	Partnering for Prevention, LLC
Mary Tovar	Department of Agriculture

Staff:

Adrienne E. Jackson	DCF-NJTFCAN
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Introduction, Welcome and Review of Minutes

Introductions were made and January meeting minutes were approved.

Update Topic/Content of Information from DPCP – Committee Discussion

Adriana provided brief remarks regarding the proposed changes within DPCP. She indicated that the newly constituted division and structural changes are projected to launch in July 2012. Relative to update topic/content of information from DPCP, the committee was asked to identify a specific area within DPCP for discussion/presentation and DPCP staff would be identified to provide the specific topic of interest. The committee requested an update on the status of the proposed structural changes within DPCP at the next meeting. Moving forward, the committee expressed an interest in updates around hot topic such as funding initiatives, movement around the strategic plan, senior staff/personnel updates/changes etc.

Finalize Statement on Prevention – Maura Somers Dughi/Open Discussion

Members reviewed a synthesized copy of the statement on prevention. Discussion ensued around the role, purpose and function. It was communicated that the statement could/would raise awareness, be used as a tool for policy makers, professionals and funders. The group agreed to look at the document again and send comments to Adriana, Diana and Maura by March 10, 2012

to be presented to the Task Force on March 23, 2012 for final approval. Adrienne agreed to send members a reminder regarding the due date.

Update on the Focus of Work of each Workgroup

Feedback Workgroup – Diana provided brief remarks around the work of this group. They hope to set up the first round of focus groups in April 2012 and will follow up with DPCP on the powerpoint presentation and brochure.

Standards Workgroup – Gina offered brief remarks. Anthony and Gina will lead the group. They plan to look at the composition of the workgroup and identify any gaps followed by exploring the changes made in 2007 to the 2003 version of the standards.

Policy Workgroup – Currently under development

Next Meeting & Announcements

May 3, 2012. In anticipation of Child Abuse Prevention month in April 2013, the committee requested that planning around this begin in September/October 2012. Adrienne agreed to add this as an agenda item for the September 6th meeting.

- Four Lead agencies across the state will host events around Child Abuse Prevention Month – Adrienne agreed to provide additional information around this
- CAP luncheon is scheduled on Friday, March 30, 2012 at the Trenton Marriott – brochures distributed
- SPAN is hosting an event on April 10, 2012 – Family Strengthening month
- AREAS 4 You brochures were distributed
- The DVRS is hosting a series of public forums in 4 areas. Alice agreed to provide Adrienne additional information around this initiative for distribution to the committee
- Members agreed to complete and return the ethics training receipt, related ethics disclosure forms and committee application