

**New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect  
Protection Committee  
Mark Ali, Esq, Chair  
Liza Kirschenbaum, Esq, Vice-Chair  
January 19, 2012  
9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M  
Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

Mark Ali	Essex County Prosecutor's Office
Greta Anderson	IAIU
Lorraine Augustini	OPD-OLG
Rhona Beadle	New Jersey Children's Alliance Chapter
Susan Curcio	Montclair University
Lori DeCarlo	DOL
Liza M. Kirschenbaum	CASA of New Jersey
Cynthia Lischick	NJ National Guard
Leslie Malkin	NJCBW
Sonia Martinez	AOC
Kathleen Niedt	DCF-DYFS
Jackie Zavaglia	DCF-Office of Advocacy

**Staff:**

Adrienne E. Jackson	NJTFCAN
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**Introduction and Welcome**

Introductions were made and November meeting minutes were approved.

**Old Business**

Mark made brief remarks around human trafficking noting there is a need to establish a protocol and guidelines in New Jersey. Relative to this, it was decided that a presentation on human trafficking would be beneficial to the committee as a starting point to the discussion moving forward. The group agreed to continue this topic during committee goals and objectives.

Adrienne encouraged members to join the newly reconstituted Communication Committee. Additionally, members were asked to recruit/recommend members for the protection committee. A general reminder was provided that the Task Force approved standing subcommittees should henceforth be called "committees" except SORS.

An update on the status of the Batterer's Accountability workgroup was provided. There was a conference call on December 20, 2011. During this call, workgroup members discussed that they intend to direct attention to the advancement of the 4<sup>th</sup> principal of "Nicholson" - batterers should be held accountable – with the goal of developing recommendations for a protocol for prosecutor offices concerning domestic violence and child abuse. The workgroup Chair is currently developing a survey to assess the practice of the prosecutor's office and hopes to distribute same by Spring/Summer 2012. A follow up meeting is scheduled after the Protection Committee meeting.

### **New Business – Develop Committee Goals Objectives and Activities**

Discussion ensued around the development of committee goals, objectives and activities. Conversation continued around specific measures, objectives and priorities. Towards that end, the committee agreed to explore/consider the following five (5) areas:

- Child sexual abuse (child on child, internet, sexting, exposure to pornography)
- Human Trafficking
- Domestic Violence/Batterer's Accountability
- Issues facing youth in placement (aging-out, youth participation)
- Tracking child-welfare related policy and legislation

Adrienne agreed to provide members a copy of the CJA three-year assessment to continue to guide the development of the committee's strategic priorities.

Human trafficking was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Recruiting Campaign for Membership**

Mark Ali encouraged the group to identify potential members to join the Protection Committee. Members agreed to provide Adrienne name(s) of those interested in joining the committee.

### **Next meeting & Announcement**

March 15, 2012

New Jersey MDT Coordinator's Association and New Jersey Children's Alliance is hosting a conference on April 5, 2012. One of the conference tracks will be Child Sexual Exploitation; the conference will be held at the Sheraton in Eatontown, NJ.