

**New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
Protection Committee
Mark Ali, Esq, Chair
Liza Kirschenbaum, Esq, Vice-Chair
October 18, 2012
9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M
Minutes**

In Attendance:

Mark Ali	Essex County Prosecutor's Office
Joyce Applegate	Catholic Charities
Lorraine Augustini	OPD - OLG
Doug Behan	Rutgers School of Social Work
Susan Curcio	Montclair State University
K.I. Davis	FBI – Newark
John Esmerado (via tele)	Union County Child Advocacy Center
Liza Kirschenbaum	CASA of NJ
Keyla Munoz	FBI - Newark
Kathleen Niedt	DCF - DCP&P Director's Office
John Ramos	DCF – DCP&P Director's Office
Susan Rekedal	Monmouth County Child Advocacy Center
Gigi Scoles	Essex County Prosecutor's Office
Judy Spinney	Private Practitioner
Cynthia VanBrunt	CASA
Jackie Zavaglia	DCF- Office of Advocacy

Staff:

Adrienne E. Jackson	DCF-NJTFCAN
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Introduction and Welcome

Introductions were made and May meeting minutes were approved.

Human Trafficking Presentation

Gigi M. Scoles, Assistant Prosecutor Special Victims Unit of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office provided a comprehensive and in-depth presentation around human trafficking. She began with brief remarks followed by a review of New Jersey's statute and the acts covered by this statute. Some of the topics discussed were the 3 P's from the Palermo Protocol, definition and examples of human trafficking, scenarios of trafficking, victims' rights and how to identify a victim. A rich discussion followed the presentation. Conversation continued around establishing a statewide protocol specifically for child victims of human trafficking and next steps. The Protection Committee voted and approved the development of a human trafficking workgroup to move this work forward. Adrienne agreed to distribute a copy of the PowerPoint presentation following the meeting.

Old Business

Susan Curcio provided brief remarks on the status of the Batterer's Accountability workgroup. Montclair State University identified a graduate assistant to administer the survey; however, Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval is still pending. The

execution of the survey remained on hold. Given this delay, a revised timeframe will be distributed to reflect new dates for guideline distribution.

New Business

In the interest of time, review of goals and objectives and data collection of child sexual abuse cases was tabled until the November's meeting.

Next meeting & Announcement

November 15, 2012