

**New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
Prevention Committee
Maura Somers Dughi, Esq, Chair
Diana Autin, Esq, Vice-Chair
March 6, 2014
9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Minutes**

In Attendance:

Christine Baker	Metro-RDTC at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
Toni Callas	DCF-Division of Family & Community Partnerships
Carol Clark	DCF-Division of Family & Community Partnerships
Suzanne Conrad	Consultant
Kathy Roe	Parents Anonymous of NJ
Michelle Rupe	DCF-Division of Family & Community Partnerships
Donna Younkin	DCF – Office of the Commissioner – Special Initiatives

Staff

Ifeanyi Pole	DCF-NJTFCAN
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Introduction and Review of Minutes

Introductions were made.

The January 2014 minutes were approved.

Old Business

Standards Workgroup – Update – Michelle Rupe

Michelle informed the Committee that the Prevention Standards document has been approved by the Prevention Committee; however, it also needs approval by the Task Force. The Prevention Committee is waiting to receive additional data to include in the Standards. At Maura Somers Dughi's request, Michelle asked the Committee to email Maura any vignettes that might help illustrate some of points in the Standards. Michelle informed the Committee that Antonio Lopez, with the Division of Family and Community Partnership, provided the Committee with a vignette regarding one of the Family Success Centers (FSC). The Committee is working toward rolling out the Standards at the same time as the Prevention Plan.

Prevention Plan Retreat Preparation – Michelle Rupe

The Committee was informed that the February 6, 2014 Prevention Plan retreat was canceled due to the weather conditions and has been rescheduled for March 24, 2014. Following the February 6, 2014 cancellation date, an email was sent outlining the updated timeline of events. The proposed goal is for the Task Force to review the plan at their March 28, 2014 meeting and the Prevention Committee to complete the plan by early April 2014 in preparation for the April kickoff event.

It was discussed that Clarus Consulting and Fred Simmens from Casey Family Programs were in attendance at the January 9, 2014 Prevention Committee meeting. At this January

meeting, data was presented and the stakeholder engagement document was distributed. A draft of the first section of the plan was created from this information. In preparation for the retreat, a survey was sent to attendees through Survey Monkey to request feedback with regard to the Prevention Plan's mission statement. The handout presented at the March 6th meeting was created from the three responses received from that survey. The goal of the March 6th Prevention Committee was to generate discussion on the drafted mission statements "Vision for Supporting Strong Families and Communities" and five strategic goals in preparation of the retreat. There was a lengthy discussion around how to craft a good vision/mission statement that highlighted families and communities. The Committee drafted the following four vision statements for further discussion at the retreat:

- All families/communities will thrive and succeed with the knowledge, skills, resources and support.
- All families have the knowledge, skills, resources and support in their home communities to ensure they thrive and succeed.
- All communities provide the opportunities (resources) to strengthen families and provide the skills to thrive and succeed.
- Communities support all children and families to thrive and succeed.

The Committee continued to briefly discuss the strategic goals of the "Vision for Supporting Strong Families and Communities" document which will accompany the vision/mission statement. The strategic goals were generated from the stakeholder engagement summary. It was stated that parental involvement should be at all levels for each category. After a short discussion, the Committee concluded that the remainder of the discussion should take place at the retreat; noting that they would have to go through the same brainstorming process again. Michelle Rupe will update the current document to include the feedback in track changes from the March 6th Prevention Committee meeting to provide an updated document to Maura. Ifeanyi will email Michelle the four vision statements generated from the meeting. Also, Michelle suggested that a workgroup meeting take place between now and the retreat.

New Business

The Committee was informed that on April 10, 2014, the President and CEO, James Hmurovich of Prevention Child Abuse America will be the keynote speaker for the 2014-2017 Statewide Prevention Plan and Standards for Prevention Programs "Building Success Through Family Support" to be held at DCF-Professional Center.

Workgroups Convened – next meeting May 1, 2014 – Trenton, NJ