

**New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
Prevention Committee
Maura Somers Dughi, Esq, Chair
Diana Autin, Esq, Vice-Chair
May 2, 2013
9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M
Minutes**

In Attendance:

Adriana Agudelo	DCF - Family & Community Partnership
Diana Autin	Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)
Christine Baker	Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
Jeanette Collins	Child Assault Prevention Program
Suzanne Conrad	Consultant
Maura Somers Dughi	Child and Family advocacy
Gina Hernandez	Prevent Child Abuse-NJ
Alice Hunnicutt	Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Kerrie Ocasio	Rutgers School of Social Work
Natasha Johnson	NJ Department of Education
Rush Russell	Prevent Child Abuse-NJ
Pat Stanislaski	Partnering for Prevention, LLC
Maureen Braun Scalera	Rutgers School of Social Work
Lisa von Pier	DCF- Family & Community Partnership

Staff:

Adrienne E. Jackson	DCF-NJTFCAN
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Introductions and Review of Minutes

Introductions were made and January 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

March meeting was canceled to allow members to attend the “Help Me Grow Summit.” Some of the objectives discussed were the integration and alignment of early childhood, home visiting, prevention and family support work.

Maura advised the committee that the Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) grant is up for re-funding. She mentioned the Department of Health has communicated with the DCF–Division of Family and Community Partnerships around this opportunity.

New Business

Paperless Taskforce

On behalf of David Peck, Supervisor of DCF, Office of Information and Technology, Adrienne provided a brief presentation around accessing myNewJersey account. It was discussed that all task force related documents are now available electronically in a central location. This includes, but is not limited to, agendas, meeting minutes and membership information. David agreed to set-up accounts following the meeting and

encouraged members to contact him with any questions. A handout was provided with David's contact and instructions on how to register and access the documents.

Protective Factors

There was a brief discussion around a webinar that was held in Washington DC with the CDC, Center for the Study of Social Policy and the ACF sponsored by the Network for Action. The general message of the webinar was the safe, stabilizing and nurturing philosophy of the new CDC program could be applied across the board and funding potential. Along those lines, conversation ensued around New Jersey using the 6th protective factor. Lisa agreed to have a discussion with FCP administrators around this noting possible challenge around incorporating a 6th factor.

Relative to funding, Alice advised the committee that the DOL staff and the DCF staff met in January 2013. The focus of the meeting was to explain and explore the work of each department. A follow-up meeting was scheduled May 22, 2013

Old Business

Standards Workgroup Update

Kerrie Ocasio provided a comprehensive update around the work of the group. She began with a brief recap of the general goal of this work which is to update the standards for prevention with the knowledge that has been developed within the last ten years. The committee received copies of 4 draft handouts relative the discussion: 1) Primary, secondary and tertiary chart 2) Rubric 3) Scale/explanation of rubric 4) Side by side comparison of standards edits. There was a rich conversation around this and the committee acknowledged and thanked Kerrie for her work. Members agreed to take another look at this and provide feedback before the next Standards meeting scheduled June 6, 2013.

Prevention Planning Steering Committee

Adriana briefly discussed the work of this group. An introductory conference call was held and the structure of the plan of was discussed. The next steering committee meeting convenes after the Prevention Committee meeting.

Policy Workgroup

Rush is working with the DCF/FCP on a variety of policies issues - what key issues should/should not be incorporated in the plan. This work also includes work around child sexual abuse prevention.

Next Meeting & Announcements

Workgroups Convened – next meeting July 16, 2013 – Trenton, NJ