



**Protection Committee**  
**Richard Stagliano, Chair**  
**Liza Kirschenbaum, Esq., Vice-Chair**  
**March 22, 2017**  
**1:00 P.M. Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

Greta Anderson	DCF – Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit (IAIU)
Joyce Applegate	Catholic Charities – Diocese of Metuchen
Eileen Caraker	Gloucester County Forensic Nurse Coordinator
Esther East	Jewish Family Service and Children's Center of Clifton/Passaic
Liza Kirschenbaum	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Jersey
Sonia Moticha	Department of Education
Clinton Page	Department of Children and Families
Nora Pearce	Attorney/Trainer
Donna Pincavage	Metro Regional Diagnostic Treatment Center
Megan Price	Camden County
Jane Reynolds	Mercer County
Sylvia Snyder	Dorothy B. Hersh Regional Diagnostic Treatment Center
Judy Spinney	Therapist
Richard Stagliano	Center for Family Services
Stephanie Ullman	Administrative Office of the Courts
Jennifer Underwood	Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
Lorene Wilkerson	NJ CPAC

**Staff:**

Daniel Yale	DCF-NJTFCAN
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**Introduction and Welcome**

Richard Stagliano, Chair of the Protection Committee welcomed all attendees and introductions were made.

**Review and Approve January 2017 Minutes**

The January 18, 2017 Minutes were approved with noted edit:

Lorene Wilkerson was in attendance at the January 2017 meeting.

**New Business**



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The Committee agreed to use the meeting time to discuss the work of the two workgroups and to address other issues that may arise. Richard Stagliano stated that he will ask the Task Force at the March 24, 2017 meeting if there are other topics the Protection Committee should be addressing or trainings that could be provided to the Committee.

The Committee was informed that John Esmerado will present the Data Disparity report at the May 17, 2017 meeting.

### **Discuss Committee Goals**

#### **2017 Committee Initiatives:**

##### The Digital Realm of Child Abuse Workgroup

This workgroup conducted a conference call on February 27, 2017. The Committee was provided the following update:

- The workgroup agreed to focus on addressing parents regarding the digital realm of child abuse with the focus on children in grades kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The workgroup agreed to contact the New Jersey Parent Teachers Association (PTA) to see if they would be willing to sponsor a program to educate parents.
- The workgroup discussed ways to inventory what different school districts are doing for both students and parents. It was mentioned that this task would be difficult considering the amount of school districts in the State. The Committee was informed that there are curriculum standards and it is up to the districts to determine which curriculum is administered. The workgroup discussed sending a survey to county superintendents to determine what type of education is being offered to parents and/or students to get a better understanding on where to start.
- The Committee will gather information regarding the “Empowering Parents — A Guide to Social Media” presentation that is being done by the Medford Police Department and available online.
- The Committee briefly discussed the “Stranger Danger” message and whether or not it is still being taught. The question was also asked if DCF has any brochures available on internet safety.
- The Committee has agreed to reach out to Cheryl Mojta to see what NJ Child Assault Prevention (NJ CAP) is doing regarding this topic.
- Sonia Moticha has agreed to share the Department of Education curriculum standards with the Committee to assist the workgroup moving forward. She noted that the curriculum standards are categorized as “educational technology.”



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**Juveniles with Sexually Inappropriate Behaviors Workgroup**

The Committee was informed that Dr. Martin Krupnick, Executive Director of IEP Youth Services, Inc. has agreed to join the Protection Committee. Dr. Krupnick is one of the experts in New Jersey on juveniles with sexually inappropriate behaviors. The Committee was informed that the workgroup had its conference call on March 7, 2017. The following was discussed during the conference call:

- The Committee identified that there is a need to determine what current protocols and programs exist, the role of the Juvenile Justice Committee and how to get clinicians to work with this population of children.
- The Committee was informed that peer on peer statistics are not available. The workgroup discussed collecting data from DCF regarding peer on peer cases and doing a more qualitative review of cases.
- The workgroup discussed partnering with survivors groups to come up with a protocol.
- More children are being referred to the CARES Institute through the DCF-Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P).
- The Workgroup discussed the Wraparound Intensive Services for Families (WISE Program) in Essex County and how parents are informed regarding these services. Dr. Krupnick has agreed to reach out to DCF-Children's System of Care (CSOC) to see what programs are available across the State. Richard Stagliano will be looking into what programs are available in Camden.
- It was mentioned that through the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meetings, cases are identified and juveniles are referred to the diversionary programs through the prosecutor's office. The workgroup is interested in the assessment process on how children are approved for the diversionary program and how many of these diversionary programs are available throughout the State.
- It was noted that the Task Force provided training years ago for clinicians dealing with child sexual abuse. The workgroup went on to discuss assembling a supervision group with help from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers and using Children's Justice Act (CJA) funds to assist this effort. Richard Stagliano agreed to inquire within the Task Force about the use of CJA funds.

The Committee requested presentations from DCF on some of the changes that have taken place over the years. Future presentations may include: working on the sustainability and exit plan; an update



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on what is happening with the human trafficking guidelines and the trends throughout the State; a presentation on the 4 Tier versus the 2 Tier and a presentation from DCF's Office of Adolescent Services.

The Committee was informed that NJ DOE trafficking workgroup concluded its three regional symposiums as of January 2017 with Commissioner Allison Blake as the keynote speaker. There has been positive feedback from the symposium and requests for additional trainings.

It was also noted that Rhode Island has a very successful program and support for children aging out of the system and this information will be shared with the Committee at the May 2017 meeting.

### **Announcements**

The Task Force 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference will be held on September 8, 2017 in Princeton, New Jersey at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village. This year's theme is "Implementing Evidence-Supported Services for Children and Families." The Call for Papers is currently being worked on and the keynote speaker has not been identified. The Committee was encouraged to attend the conference in September. The Committee will be updated when more information becomes available.

CARES Institute is hosting its Experts in Child Abuse 11th Annual Best Practices Symposium, on April 6, 2017 at the Conference Center at Mercer. The symposium is free.

The next meeting is scheduled on May 17, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at PerformCare.

Meeting adjourned.