



**Protection Committee
Richard Stagliano, Chair
Liza Kirschenbaum, Esq, Vice-Chair
July 27, 2016
1:00 P.M. Conference Call**

Minutes

In Attendance:

Greta Anderson	DCF – Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit (IAIU)
Daren Brantley	Department of Children and Families
Eileen Caraker	Gloucester County Forensic Nurse Coordinator
Esther East	Jewish Family Service/Children’s Center of Clinton/Passaic
Francesca Gervasi	Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS)
Marilyn Gorney-Daley	Department of Health
Linda Jeffrey	Rowan University
Liza Kirschenbaum	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Jersey
Cynthia Lischick	New Jersey National Guard
Patricia Lynch	Sussex County Forensic Nurse Coordinator
Nydia Monagas	New Jersey Children’s Alliance
Sonia Moticha	Department of Education
Donna Pincavage	Metro Regional Diagnostic Treatment Center
Debbie Riveros	Monmouth County Child Advocacy Center
Judy Spinney	Therapist
Richard Stagliano	Center for Family Services
Jennifer Underwood	Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
Lorene Wilkerson	NJ Child Placement Advisory Council (NJ CPAC)

Staff:

Ifeanyi Pole	DCF-NJTFCAN
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Introduction and Welcome

Introductions were made. Liza Kirschenbaum welcomed and announced Richard Stagliano as the new Chair of the Protection Committee. Richard informed the Committee that he is excited to join the Committee as this works aligns with the work he has been doing for 35 years in the southern region of New Jersey.

Review and Approve January 2016 Minutes

The March 26, 2016 Minutes were approved with no edits.



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Discuss Goals for 2016-2017

The Committee discussed its 2016-2017 goals which include:

- Diversionary programs for children involved in sexting and sexually exploitative images.
- Racial Disproportionality
 - The Committee discussed working with the Court Improvement Committee (CIC) to see how they are tackling this issue and explore ways the Committee can have an impact.
- Batterers' Accountability and Child Victims of Domestic Violence (DV)
 - The Committee discussed that this topic had been tabled for a variety of reasons and will keep this issue as a goal for the 2016-2017 year.
 - The Committee discussed that Cynthia Lischick appointed to serve on the Domestic Violence Adult and Child Fatality Review Board; Cynthia encouraged the Committee to think about supporting and working with other groups/committees in order to move forward on this issue. The Committee discussed Cynthia possibly serving as a liaison between the two committees so that the Protection Committee could address any issues or concerns that may come up; this issue will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Juvenile on Juvenile Sexual Abuse
 - The Committee discussed the issue of how to protect the child victim and the alleged child perpetrator, especially when it happens within the family; this issue will be discussed further at future meeting.
 - The Committee discussed that the Metro Regional Diagnostic Treatment Center (RDTC) and Children's Aid and Family Services (CAFS) have been working on a federal grant where the Metro RDTC treats the child victim and CAFS treats the child perpetrator. Barbara Bonner is the leading expert in this area. The Committee discussed the success of this program and that the results of the research will be released soon for review. Judy Spinney informed the Committee that there are two facilities in New Jersey that are certified to do this work and stated that she would obtain information on the two programs.



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6th Annual NJTF CAN Report

The Committee discussed that the Protection Committee's July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 summary of activities is due to be submitted on August 1, 2016 to be included in NJTF CAN annual report. The summary highlights the Committee's activities, goals and updates on what the Committee has worked on within the timeframe. NJTF CAN report is an annual report and posted to NJTF CAN webpage on DCF's website. Liza Kirschenbaum informed the Committee that she formatted the Committee's drafted 2015-2016 summary and that the document includes John Esmerado's input on the Data Collection Workgroup Project. The Committee voted and approved the Protection Committee's 2015-2016 summary be included into the 6th annual NJTF CAN report.

Ifeanyi Pole informed the Committee that the Communication Committee will make the final edits and formatting of NJTF CAN content before it is sent to NJTF CAN for their final approval at its September 23, 2016 meeting.

Announcements

Ifeanyi reminded the Protection Committee of the 2016 Skill Building Conference being held on September 9, 2016 at the Pines Manor in Edison, New Jersey. The theme of the Conference is: The Digital Realm of Child Abuse. Ifeanyi stated that there is a current waiting list for this event.

Next Meeting Date – Scheduled for September 28, 2016