

**New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect  
Staffing and Oversight Review Subcommittee (SORS)  
Cecilia Zalkind, Esq, Chair  
Rita Gulden, MSW, Vice-Chair  
Tuesday, May 14, 2013 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Child Welfare Training Academy, Conference Room 141  
New Brunswick, NJ**

**In Attendance**

Marygrace Billek	Mercer County Human Services
Maura Somers Dughi	Child and Family Advocate
Rita Gulden	CASA of New Jersey
Mary Hallahan	Foster Parent
Pat Myers	Legal Services of New Jersey
Lisa Nemeth	Department of Law & Public Safety
Linda Porcaro	Somerset County Office of Youth Services
John Ramos	DCF, Child Protection and Permanency
Robert Ring	DCF, The Professional Center
Cecilia Zalkind	Advocates for Children of New Jersey

**Staff**

Adrienne E. Jackson	DCF-NJTFCAN
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**Introduction and Review of Minutes**

Introductions were made and March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**New Business**

*Paperless Task Force*

Adrienne provided a brief presentation around accessing myNewJersey account. It was discussed that all Task Force related documents are now available electronically in one central location. This includes, but is not limited to, agendas, meeting minutes and membership information. A handout was provided with instructions on how to register and access the documents. Adrienne agreed to set-up accounts following the meeting.

*Tour of the Professional Center*

Robert Ring, Director of the DCF Child Welfare Training Academy, provided a comprehensive tour of the 107,000 square foot facility. He explained the Professional Center was established to create a quality training program and environment for all personnel in the State's child protective services system. The Professional Center works in partnership with New Jersey's social work and child welfare professionals, higher education communities and other practitioners who serve children and families. Discussion continued around courses offered and training schedule. Last year, over 50,000 people were trained and over 200 courses were offered. The tour of the facility continued and the subcommittee had an opportunity to explore several classrooms including simulated classroom set-ups. A rich conversation ensued around transfer of learning, new worker,

supervisory and visitation training, educational planning, pre & post test and outcomes. The SORS expressed thanks and appreciation for the tour and information.

### **Old Business**

#### *Approve Goals and Objectives*

The strategic plan was finalized and confirmed subcommittee. Adrienne agreed to add this to the Task Force agenda for final approval.

#### *Annual Report Update*

Adrienne provided a brief update on the status of the 7<sup>th</sup> annual reports. The subcommittee agreed to take another look at the draft and provide comment by May 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Visitation Questions*

Adrienne confirmed the subcommittees questions were submitted to the DCF on May 9, 2013. The SORS requested this item be added to the July agenda.

### **Next Meeting/Announcement**

July 9, 2013 – Trenton, NJ

Future Presentation

OESP – July 2013

PMA – September 2013

Adrienne agreed to confirm the next presentation to allow the subcommittee to present questions in advance of the next meeting.