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Burke Foundation to partner to bring ACEs awareness to New Jersey. The Nicholas Foundation and the Burke Foundation each have contributed one million dollars over the next year towards bringing awareness with the goal of raising twenty-five million over the next five years through public/private partnerships. A meeting has been scheduled with the First Lady's office and the Burke Foundation to discuss putting together a plan to effectively utilize the funding. This work will sit in the First Lady's office in collaboration with DCF, DHS, DOE and DOH.

- The foundations have been focusing on health outcomes and currently there are some pilots around training pediatricians on how to screen for trauma.
- Dr. Melissa Mercado from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) will begin working with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and Dr. Jerry Milner to help inform her work at the federal level. Dr. Martin Finkel will email members the CDC packet on why the business community should be interested in the issue of child abuse and neglect.
- DCF is looking to identify someone to conduct the ACEs training for the State using the master trainer approach with help from the Department of Education to engage schools, teachers and administrators to address issues when they come up within their schools. The ACEs training will begin in the spring of 2019.

The Task Force was excited about the initiatives and discussed the necessity of collaboration between departments to ensure that there is a continuum of support for those families receiving services.

Dr. Martin Finkel stated that the CARES Institute is thinking about changing its name to "Childhood Adversity Research Education Services".

8th Annual NJTF CAN Report

The Task Force discussed the past and future creation of the annual report. Going forward in 2019, the Task Force was encouraged to think about having each Committee write its own section of the report with assistance from DCF to work towards a more collaborative relationship. The Task Force voted and approved the Task Force annual report with the noted edits:

- Page 2 (Children's Trust Fund): Include an asterisk indicating the funds are from fiscal year 2017 to be transferred into fiscal year 2019.
- Page 10: Wendi White's title is "Program Specialist".

8th Annual SORS report

The Task Force was informed that edits have been made to the SORS annual report that was discussed. At the November 20th meeting, there will be a further discussion on including the cultural humility into the report. The Subcommittee will be meeting with DCF Office of Training and Professional Development regarding regarding "Disproportionality". The Task Force voted and approved the SORS annual report as written.

Review and approve 2019 NJTF CAN Meeting Calendar

The Task Force 2019 meeting dates were discussed. There was a brief discussion on whether the meetings should still be held on Fridays to ensure members participation. Members agreed to the original date, time and location of the meetings. Part of this discussion focused on new members and reaching out to current members that haven't been attending the meetings to see if they are still interested in serving on the Task



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Force. DCF has reached out to the Governor's Appointment office asking for reappointments of members that have been attending and appointees have received their notifications.

- Daniel Yale informed the Task Force that someone is being interviewed for the youth representative seat on the Task Force. Matthew Schwartz expressed his concern to have someone from any of the homeless agencies to be present on one of the Task Force committees.
- The call went out for members to join the Communication Committee.

The Task Force voted and approved the 2019 meeting dates.

Committee Application

The Task Force voted and approved Tara Rizzolo's application for the Protection Committee.

Subcommittee/Committee Updates

Communication Committee - Matthew Schwartz

The Committee's update focused on the awareness campaign to increase the Children's Trust Fund through the nineteen thousand licensed accountants in New Jersey. The Committee is looking at reevaluating its approach due to the extremely low response to the email blast. DCF's Communication Director has been in contact with the Certified Public Accountant Trade Association and the Governor's office asking for assistance with this campaign and he's waiting on their responses. The Communication Committee's next conference call is scheduled for December 18, 2018.

Prevention Committee – Niurca Louis

The Task Force was informed that the Prevention Committee last meeting was held on November 1, 2018. The Prevention Plan workgroups have met individually to work on their work plans which requires Task Force approval. The workplans will be aligned with the Prevention Plan.

Protection Committee– Richard Stagliano

It was announced that the Protection Committee meetings have had great member participation. The Committee is focusing their efforts on the two major issues within the Digital Realm of Child Abuse and the Juveniles with Sexual Inappropriate Behaviors workgroups.

- Digital Realm of Child Abuse Workgroup - Rutgers has provided the Committee with a narrative from the results of the survey and they are also analyzing the data further to guide the workgroup's next steps.
 - The Task Force discussed the pending legislation around internet safety, texting and cyber bullying as well as thoughts around Assembly Bill 4430, which would establish a sixteen-member Task Force within the Department of Education. The Task Force discussed that this newly formed Task Force would be responsible for the prevention of sexual abuse of children and spoke about the duplication of work should the Task Force be created. Nancy Munoz agreed to look up versions of the Assembly Bills to see how the Task Force can support the bills.
 - Commissioner Beyer discussed the increased concern in the number of teachers and school staff having inappropriate sexual relationships with students. Members emphasized that



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education plays a major role and it should begin in preschool and continue throughout the stages of development. The Task Force is concerned with what curriculum is being provided for private and parochial schools.

- Juveniles with Sexual Inappropriate Behaviors Workgroup: The Protection Committee proposed putting together a proposal to provide a statewide training for clinicians working with this population; and to see if they can find clinicians interested in working with this population. Commissioner Beyer referenced the work and funding that the Child Advocacy Center – Multidisciplinary Team (CAC-MDT) Advisory Board are putting towards the development of more CACs and training. It was mentioned that the workgroup should keep in mind the Family First Act when putting services in place to treat this population.

SORS – Marygrace Billek

SORS next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2018. The subcommittee will work on finalizing their workplan.

Announcements

Commissioner Beyer indicated that an announcement will go out around the holidays announcing DCF's new Office of Family Voice. The Office of Family Voice will focus specifically on parent and youth voice. There are significant needs around young adults and transitioning out of care.

The Task Force agreed and voted on the adolescent workgroup name – “Adolescents in Transition”. The Commissioner’s Office and the DCF Office of Adolescent Services will work on identifying youth to be a part of the workgroup and identifying ways to make it easier for youth to participate in the discussions.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: January 25, 2019 - Trenton