



**Protection Committee
Richard Stagliano, Chair
Liza Kirschenbaum, Esq, Vice-Chair
November 15, 2017
1:30 P.M. Conference Call**

Minutes

In Attendance:

Greta Anderson
Joyce Applegate
Liza Kirschenbaum

Martin Krupnick
Clinton Page
Donna Pincavage
Judy Spinney
Richard Stagliano
Jennifer Underwood
Lisa Landsman
Lorene Wilkerson
Douglas Behan
Darren Brantley
Anna Diaz-White

DCF – Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit (IAIU)
Catholic Charities – Diocese of Metuchen
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of
New Jersey
IEP Youth Services
Department of Children and Families
Metro Regional Diagnostic Treatment Center
Therapist
Center for Family Services
Department of Community Affairs
Attorney/Trainer
NJ Child Placement Advisory Council (NJ CPAC)
Rutgers School of Social Work
DCF – Division of Child Protection and Permanency
180 Turning Lives Around

Staff:

Daniel Yale

DCF-NJTFCAN

Introduction and Welcome

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

Proposed 2018 Meeting Schedule

The committee reviewed and approved the proposed meeting schedule for 2018.

2017 Committee Initiatives

The Digital Realm of Child Abuse Workgroup

The final version of the education of students on internet safety survey and accompanying cover letter explaining the survey has been submitted to the Department of Education (DOE). The workgroup was advised that the survey will be sent through an email broadcast that is sent each week on Tuesday. The email broadcast will contain a link to the survey on the Survey Monkey website. It was requested that the survey be distributed before Thanksgiving. The workgroup was informed that they will be informed when the link to the survey has been broadcast.



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Once the workgroup begins receiving responses, they will work on how to evaluate the information and plan the next steps. The workgroup hopes to find gaps in education that will help to inform a plan on how to proceed with education for families. The workgroup discussed contacting the New Jersey Parent Teacher Association (NJPTA) to determine if they would be a partner in sponsoring a program or conference for parents. The workgroup discussed determining whether the NJPTA still holds an annual conference.

Juveniles with Sexually Inappropriate Behaviors Workgroup

During a previous conference call with the workgroup, there was a discussion regarding ways to have a positive impact on the system. The workgroup was provided with contact information for Richard Burke, Warren County Prosecutor and President of the County Prosecutor's Association. The workgroup will meet to discuss how to proceed with addressing the issue with the County Prosecutor's Association.

Dr. Krupnick provided an update on the Juvenile Treatment Program (JTP) proposal submitted to the New Jersey Bar Association (NJBA). The proposal was accepted by the Executive Committee of the Criminal Division and was sent to the Legislative Committee. The proposal started from the Monmouth County probation offenders program and was tweaked by the different divisions (i.e. Prosecutor's Office, Public Defender's Office, etc.) The proposal was prepared by a committee of approximately twenty people including NJBA members, judges, psychologists and social workers. The committee also recruited two retired judges to join them: Judge Lawson, who prior to retirement, was the Megan's Law Judge and Assignment Judge in Monmouth County and Judge Bernie Hoffman, who handled adult sexual abuse cases in Middlesex County. The committee also recruited three retired assistant prosecutors.

Nora Pearce and Lisa Landsman offered to meet with various county prosecutors and MDT groups to conduct face to face meetings to discuss the JTP proposal once the workgroup decides how to proceed. A face to face meeting of the workgroup will be scheduled prior to the next committee meeting to discuss next steps.

Additionally, the committee spoke about the presentation by Rush Russell, regarding Assembly Bill 4442 dealing with backgrounds checks on educators and school employees. The committee would like to keep the discussion of the bill on the agenda for updates to determine if the committee will support it. The committee also discussed bringing the issue to the NJTF CAN to determine if they would like to take a position on it. Daniel Yale will contact Rush Russell to get an update on the progress of the bill.

Announcements



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Donna Pincavage is retiring from her position at the Metro Regional Diagnostic and Treatment Center at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Donna informed the committee that, depending on her actual retirement date, this may be her last meeting with the Protection Committee.

Meeting adjourned