



Illinois Children's Justice Task Force

ILLINOIS CHILDREN'S JUSTICE TASK FORCE MEETING

February 8, 2023

Chair Virginia Zic-Schlomas, Presiding

Web Ex Link

<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mbdb95e42f695200843dcebf584fc0056>

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting via **Web X** per the task force preferences

Agenda

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| 8:50 am | Meet and Greet | |
| 9:00 am | Call to Order/Roll Call/Who they are/represent | Ginny Zic-Schlomas/Rhiannon Torres |
| 9:10 am | Public Comment Per Open Meetings Act | GZS |
| 9:15 am | Adoption of December 7, 2022 Minutes (attachment) | Rhiannon Torres |
| 9:20 am | Task Force Recruitment Update | Kim Mangiaracino |
| 9:30 am | DCFS Updates (training, message from Deputy Director) | Kara Hamilton/Charles Talbert |
| 9:40am | Citizen Review Panels updates (no live conference in 2023): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDRT• SCAN | |
| 9:55am | BREAK | |
| 10:00am | Director Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigative• Medical/Mental Health (Administrative)• Judicial | |
| 11:50 am | Upcoming meeting dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 10, 2023 live meeting – reimbursement details• FY24 – Establish Meeting Dates (attachment) | Talbert |

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone about 9:05 AM.
- II. **Roll Call/Guests Introduced:** See list under attendance.
- III. **Public Comment per Open Meetings Act :** No public comment.
- IV. **Review December Minutes**
Motion passed to approve the December minutes with corrections.

V. **Task Force Recruitment Update - Kim Mangiaracino**

Kim started recruiting efforts to fill vacancies as required by the regulations. Kim reached out to several people including, Cordelia Coppleson from AG's office, Chris Cox, CEO of Hoyleton. Need Task Force recommendations for Human Trafficking to fill this role outside of Cook County.

Action Item: Charles to look into if Dion Trotter be switched to the Human Trafficking designated role.

VI. **DCFS Updates (training, message from Deputy Director) – Charles Talbert and Kara Hamilton**

Reminder that Ethics, Harassment Prevention, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Training are due. Several Task Force Members are still having trouble logging in to StateNet for Training. Kara Hamilton and Brandon Hudson, Ethics Officer, are contacts for help with those still unable to complete the training. Task Force raised the issue that prior years, training certification from other State employee training of the same subject matter was accepted in place of this DCFS training.

Ginny, Kim and Charles met with Leslie Rice, Grant Manager, Chief Accountability Officer for DCFS, to address Task Force concerns from December. Due to personnel changes, communication was insufficient. Process changes have been made to avoid in the future. DCFS is working to timely respond to our reports and apologizes for this issue. Joint CRP meeting organization is being renewed.

Request that DCFS update the Task Force on personnel changes and prioritize the CRP joint meeting/symposium.

VII. **Citizen Review Panel Updates**

CDRT – Mary Stein gave update on discussion of gaps in placement and recommendations for DCFS. Gaps in getting records via Administrative Subpoena from Medical provider. Shortage of agencies and placements for kids with medical care needs. Tamela Atwood gave an update on lockouts. Explained the distinction between a lockout and a child that doesn't have mental health resources. Tamela is on the interagency crisis team and can assist in trying to find resources.

SCAN – Statewide Citizens Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect, update and presentation by Veal Crawford. SCAN is responsible for providing input to the Director on initiatives and recommendations.

https://www2.illinois.gov/dcf/aboutus/policy/Documents/SCCAN/SCCAN_Bylaws.pdf

Action Item: Tamela Atwood to present at May Meeting

VIII. **Director Recommendations**

Task Force reviewed and discussed subcommittee recommendations (Investigative, Medical Mental Health, and Judicial) for the Director. Feedback was incorporated into the recommendations. Task Force will approve the final versions for submission via email.

IX. **May 10th Meeting**

Carrie Cohan has offered to host the Task Force in Wood River, IL. There is a train stop in Alton near Wood River and close to the highway. A virtual meeting link will also be made available.

Need new Government ID cards for Government Contracted Rate - Charles to research.

Block of rooms at a designated hotel? Carrie, Ginny and Charles to research.

X. **Next meeting dates and times**

- May 10, 2023 – In Person
- August 9, 2023 - Virtual
- November 8, 2023 - Virtual
- February 14, 2024

- **May 8, 2024**
- **August 14, 2024**
- **November 13, 2024**

XI. New Business/Current Events

Reminder: Champions for Children's Conference taking place March 7-9th

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/2ag262ymesdid0d/2023%20Champions%20Brochure%20Reduced%20Size.pdf>

May Meeting topic: Renew research, best practices of other states for Children's Justice Task Forces in other states.

May Meeting topic: Needs Assessment funding information is still needed. Charles working with procurement on policies to ensure we can meet our deadlines. Ginny, Channing, Elba, Kim, Kathy interested in being on the subcommittee. JPA is our preferred vendor as they have provided a

Link to meeting information:

XII. Meeting motioned and approved adjourned at about 11:37 AM

XIII. Attendance and Voting Record

Name	December Meeting Minutes Approved	2/8/23	12/7/22 Attendance	Region
Atwood, Tamela	Yes	Present	Absent	4
Baptist-Spruiell, Sandra	Yes	Present	Present	1
Brandt, Michael	Yes	Present	Present	3
Christopherson, Mari	Absent	Absent	Absent	1 (Statewide)
Cohan, Carrie	Yes	Present	Absent	
Cowart, Lark	Yes	Present	Present	2
Glick, Jill	Yes	Present	Present	1
Hofmann, Molly	Absent	Present	Absent	3
Karim, Elba	Yes	Present	Present	2
Mangiaracino, Kim	Yes	Present	Present	4 (Statewide)
Marinier, Misty	Yes	Present	Present	
McNamara, Kathy	Yes	Present	Present	2
Petrak, Channing	Yes	Present	Absent	3
Singleton, Prestina	Absent	Absent	Present	1
Stein, Mary	Yes	Present	Present	1
Theus, Frederika	Yes	Present	Present	1/2
Torres, Rhiannon	Yes	Present	Present	2
Trotter, Dion	Yes	Present	Absent	1
Zic-Schlomas, Virginia	Yes	Present	Present	1

Name	December Meeting Minutes Approved	2/8/23	12/7/22 Attendance	Region
Hamilton, Kara		Present	Present	
Stutz, Tierney		Absent	Absent	
Talbert, Charles		Present	Present	

Guests

Victoria Davis Jones, DCFS Human Trafficking

Crystal Rehardt DCFS Youth Advisory Board

Rev. Anibal Vega , Director of DEI and External Affairs for Illinois CASA standing in for Mari Christopherson

Vea Crawford, SCAN representative

Judge Matt Klahn – Potential Member

Respectfully submitted,

Rhiannon Torres, Secretary
Children's Justice Task Force