



Illinois Children's Justice Task Force

ILLINOIS CHILDREN'S JUSTICE TASK FORCE MEETING

August 9, 2023

Chair Virginia Zic-Schlomas, Presiding

Location: Virtual

Webex Link

<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=m0c6b9a4e01d80ea5834bca0775debc1e>

8:45 am Meet and Greet

9:00 am Call to Order/Roll Call/Who they are/represent Ginny Zic-Schlomas/Misty Mariner

Public Comment Per Open Meetings Act GZS

Adoption of May 10, 2023 Minutes (**attachment**) Misty Mariner

Task Force Recruitment Update Kim Mangiaracino

DCFS Updates Charles Talbert/GZS

Citizen Review Panels updates (no live conference in 2023):

- CDRT/SCAN

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Task force purpose/commitment

Three-year assessment Charles/Ginny

Summary of Recommendations from Task Force GZS/Kim Mangiaracino

- Investigative
- Administrative
- Judicial

Upcoming meeting dates:

- FY24 Meeting Dates (**attachment**)
- November 8, 2023 Cook County Juvenile Court-Hosted by Mary Stein

12:00 p.m. Adjourn (Next Quarterly Meeting: **November 8, 2023**)

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone about 9:00 AM.
- II. **Roll Call/Guests Introduced:** See list under attendance.
- III. **Public Comment per Open Meetings Act :** No public comment.
- IV. **Review May Minutes**
Motion passed to approve the May minutes.

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

- Kim M. provided update on recruitment efforts. Need the task force to search their circle for potential recruits. Chris Cox has filled the homeless experience role. Mike Burns to fill the parent role. Charles T. will confirm parent/parent representative eligibility prerequisites. Need a defense attorney to be in compliance-can be retired.

Action Item: Fill Defense Attorney role

VI. **DCFS Updates – Charles Talbert and Kara Hamilton**

- **UPDATED 2023 DEIA MANDATED TRAINING.** The updated Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Training 2023 from the Office of Equity in the Governor's Office is live. It serves as a part of the onboarding and annual OneNet trainings for state workers and appointees. The Office of Equity developed and updated the 2023 DEIA training in partnership with the Illinois Department of Human Rights' Training and Development Institute. In alignment with Governor Pritzker's firm commitment to advancing equity and racial justice, the Office of Equity aims to ensure diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility standards of excellence are integrated into the strategic priorities of DCFS. The foundational training aims to 1) provide shared DEIA language and understanding across the State of Illinois agencies, boards, and commissions; and 2) introduce approaches and practices to create more equitable, inclusive, and accessible workplaces, services and programs. This training has been added to the list of mandatory trainings and will take you around 60 minutes to complete. You should notice that this training has been added to your 'Current Registrations.' For any questions/comments regarding this DEI training, or if you continue to have access issues to the OneNet, please send an email to Kara Hamilton. Attached is a reprint of the OneNet instructions. **Note that the deadline for mandated training completion has been extended to November 1.**
- Reimbursement – Outstanding vouchers are being processed.
- An in-depth discussion was held regarding Children's Justice Act Funding. Charles advised that funding should be spent at the direction of this task force. The report should state how funding is supposed to state how funding has been spent. Charles will provide further information regarding the funding soon. Ginny advised that there was a previous vote on how the funding would be spend in the past. Charles advised that no funding was spent last year. Ginny advised that we take a look at recommendations and streamline how to improve and see where they align and don't align. Mari advised other states CJTF issue RFP to eligible entities that align with recommendations. The CJTF needs to take a more active role in reviewing where the funding is going and how it is being spent. Charles advised all of this is noted in a statute, to be provided later.

Action Item – Charles T. to send the statute and more information regarding the Children's Justice Act Funding to the Group.

VII. **Citizen Review Panel Updates
SCAN – Veia Crawford**

Veia advised SCAN has many vacancies. SCAN has a new liaison officer, Megan Sturtevant. Veia asked if there is anything in writing to assist new liaisons to CRP's. Charles T. advised there is nothing at this time. Veia advised SCAN's recommendations are very similar to ours and suggested that we work together to make a presentation to the director.

Action Item – Executive Boards of all CRP's to meet.

VIII. **Task force purpose/commitment**

Ginny Z. advised the 3 year assessment will be due May 2024. The CJTF will not be using Stephen Budde and the Juvenile Protective Association as the previous assessment was research oriented. We need a shorter, more usable working document that can be revised over time. Ginny Z. showed the 2023 suggested outline, highlighting progress made of goals and recommendations from the previous 3 years. We need an action plan. Kim M. advised the Executive Board will be holding an in-person meeting to focus on the expertise of this group and to follow up on the recommendations from last time and those new recommendations as brought forward from the individual committees. Also looking for an outside facilitator for this meeting. We are looking to hold this retreat in October (day and a half) and all are encouraged to attend. Charles T. advised the state must approve the facilitator and they require a 6 week lead.

Elba Karim spoke about the timeline and issues regarding the 2021 assessment.

Matt Klahn asked who we are writing this for? For ourselves and the federal government to get the funding. He also asked for an explanation regarding the operations management of DCFS, where their resources are, and an understanding of the different roles of DCFS roles. Charles T. advised that it is not essential however will assist in the recommendations. A manual is on the website that will assist in the knowledge of DCFS. Leadership organizational chart on DCFS website. Jill Glick advised to stay within the mission of the task force. Come together on systemic recommendations and get DCFS to hear them and be accountable. DCFS leadership should attend and educate the CJTF to assist in what would formally help regarding in recommendations. Kim M. advised it is our part to make recommendations and as a MDT task force we need to figure out how to implement those recommendations.

Chris C. asked what information we need now from DCFS. What areas and data do we need to move forward? The previous assessment was pandemic related. Need more data. What kind of data is needed? Kim M. advised committees have included access to data and will enhance that.

Jill G. advised that Child maltreatment should be viewed as a public health issue and move forward with recommendations and the collection of data on the status of child health domains.

Tamela Atwood advised she can provide data regarding intake. She is asking what kind of data the CJTF is looking for. Illinois Connect is set to go live on October 9th. Safe and Illinois Connect will go live together. More information on the DCFS website

Action Item: Charles T. will forward the past couple of 3-year assessments. Possibly put them in a drop box

IX. **Summary of Recommendations from Task Force**

Ginny Z. advised to review recommendations; not sure this is how we would like to proceed.

X. **Next meeting dates and times**

- **November 8, 2023 – Chicago (Hosted by Mary Stein)**
- **February 14, 2024**
- **May 8, 2024**
- **August 14, 2024**
- **November 13, 2024**

Looking for hosts for additional meetings. According to the state, from this point forward, we must have a physical place to convene. Michael Brandt has come up with verbiage for bylaws and attendance of in-person meetings. Need a quorum for in-person meeting to vote on items.

XI. New Business/Current Events

- **Legislative Updates – none**
- **The Chicago CAC will be hosting a Human Trafficking training on Sept. 07, 2023**

XII. Meeting adjourned at about 12:08PM.

XIII. Attendance and Voting Record

Name	May meeting minutes approved	08/09/23 Attendance	5/10/23	2/8/23	12/7/22 Attendance	Region
Atwood, Tamela	Yes	Present	Present	Present	Absent	4
Baptist-Spruiell, Sandra	-	Absent	Present	Present	Present	1
Brandt, Michael	Yes	Present	Present	Present	Present	3
Christopherson, Mari*	Yes	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	1
Cohan, Carrie	Yes	Present	Present	Present	Absent	
Cowart, Lark	-	Absent	Present	Present	Present	2
Glick, Jill	Yes	Present	Absent	Present	Present	1
Hofmann, Molly	Abstain	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	3
Karim, Elba	Yes	Present	Present	Present	Present	2
Klahn, Matthew	Yes	Present	Present			
Mangiaracino, Kim*	Yes	Present	Present	Present	Present	4
Marinier, Misty	Yes	Present	Present	Present	Present	
McNamara, Kathy	-	Absent	Present	Present	Present	2
Petrak, Channing	Yes	Present	Present	Present	Absent	3
Singleton, Prestina	-	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	1
Stein, Mary	-	Absent	Present	Present	Present	1
Theus, Frederika	Yes	Present	Present	Present	Present	1/2
Trotter, Dion	-	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	1
Zic-Schlomas, Virginia	Yes	Present	Present	Present	Present	1
Hamilton, Kara	-	Present	Present	Present	Present	
Stutz, Tierney	-	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Talbert, Charles	-	Present	Present	Present	Present	

***Statewide**

Guests

Chris Cox, Hoyleton Youth & Family Services (Potential Member)
Mike Burns, CAC of Illinois (Potential Member)

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Cordelia Coppleson, Attorney General's Office (Potential Member)
Vea Crawford, SCAN Committee Chair

Respectfully submitted,

Misty Marinier (Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County), Secretary
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