

*CJA TASK FORCE MINUTES
FULL COMMITTEE
FRIDAY JANUARY 19TH, 2007
HSB-137D
9:00 AM-1:45 PM*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shary Mason, Teri Shultz, Sam Salazar, Becky Smith, Judge Douglas Van Dyk, Matthew Pearl, Don Darland, Kevin Dowling, and Eva Kutas

GUESTS: Judge Pamela Abernethy, Gail Wenig, Steve Duvall, Amy Miller, Troy Lakey, Samantha Byers, Annie Zander, Patty Finch, and Teresa Benson

STAFF PRESENT: Jan Slick, Stephanie Stafford, and Wendy Elstun

ABSENT: Karen Andall, Morris Blakey, Steve Atchison, Courtland Geyer, Edward Jones, Stacy Liskey, and Robin Wright

Meeting called to order by Shary Mason, Chair at 9:05

Minutes from October 13th, 2006 meeting were approved.

Don Darland, Chair of the Foster Parent sub-committee introduced Judge Pamela Abernethy and Gail Wenig.

Judge Abernethy spoke about Child Centered Case Planning and her Fostering Attachment Treatment Court. These concepts reinforce positive emotional attachments for children from 0 to age 3 with parents and child care providers. This would include foster parents. Judge Abernethy and Gail Wenig spoke about "Hands that Protect and Heal 2007" and the "Age/Development Guide for the Child Well-Being". Judge Abernethy presented a hand out for "Great Beginnings" an initiative that is in the process of being implemented in Marion County.

Discussion by members followed.

Judge Abernethy said that she and Gail are putting together a training for foster parents in Marion County and will absorb all costs. If CJA is interested, it could then take the materials that have been developed and provide the training statewide. She is looking at a 3 month time frame, meaning that the training will occur in Marion County early summer. Judge Abernethy indicated that the training is geared towards foster parents because the average shelf life of a caseworker is one year, while the average foster parent tenure is longer than that. The training will reinforce what the foster parent is showing them the value of what they are already doing with the child and provide supports for them in order to retain stability for the child. She believes the training needs to be collaborative. Group consensus decided that a meeting should be scheduled to discuss possible role out funding for this training, which should include, Child Welfare, a representative from the Child Welfare Foster Care Training Committee, the Juvenile Court Improvement Project, Judge Abernethy, Gail Wenig, CASA, the CJA Foster Care Sub-Committee, PSU, and the State Foster Parents' Association. Details of the project will be decided by those participating in the meeting and the sub-committee members. The first year of the project would be a planning process.

Teens Project update:

Amy Miller, Staff Attorney for the Juvenile Right Project, and Troy Lakey, representative for the PSU-Child Welfare Partnership, gave an update on the on going project. They provided members with a handout outlining the progress and future steps. Member discussion followed.

The additional \$20,000 that was allocated at the October 13th, 2006 meeting to the Teens Project, allows them to develop a website for their curriculum. (See handout "Teens Project #4")

Reunited Video and Guests Q&A:

Members watched a 20-minute video that showcased the effects of Methamphetamines and the progression of the relationship between the recovering addict and DHS. Samantha Byers, DHS Child Welfare Portland Branch , and 3 of the individuals from the video, Annie Zander, Patty Finch and Teresa Benson, answered question from members.

Budget:

Stephanie Stafford, Grants Coordinator, gave a short update of the budget.

Judge Van Dyk requested that the committee reopen discussion on the Reunited Video. Members consented. Judge Van Dyk stated he thought this video was a great tool and would like to see it distributed to Juvenile and Drug Court Judges. The cost for each video is \$8.50. Members agreed to purchase 60 DVD's at a total cost of \$510.00 to be purchased with 2005 Grant funds, and distributed-as follows:

Multnomah -4
Clakamas-2
Jackson-2
Lane – 2
Marion-3
Washington-2
Deschutes-2
All other counties-29
OJD libraries-3
CJA Task Force-11 (to use as they decide)

Allocation of 2005 funds:

\$76,000 Neglect Summit
\$20,000 PSU Teens Project
\$ 0 Systems
\$60,000 NCCAN

Allocation of 2006 Funds:

\$50,000 Foster Care

- See earlier discussion by Members

\$60,000 Children with Disabilities

- See October 13th, 2006 CJA Meeting hand out
“CJA Disability Sub-Committee Recommendations”
- Meeting to be scheduled to discuss RFP

\$39,000 Strategic Planning for Children’s Safety

By-Laws:

Judge Van Dyk made a motion and Don Darland seconded that# 6 be added to Article II, Section 3 stating “Make recommendations regarding allocations of resources to improve the administrative and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases”.

The Draft By-Laws were reviewed with members giving their input. A By-Laws Sub-Committee meeting was scheduled for Friday February 2nd at 1:30.

Next meeting date to be decided. Shary Mason is unavailable for the April 13th date.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45.