

**OREGON CHILDREN’S JUSTICE ACT TASK FORCE  
FULL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Friday, July 11, 2008  
Location: HSB – Room 137 A  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT ( 14 ):** Shary Mason-chair, Becky Smith, Matthew Pearl, Steve Brinlee on behalf of Philip Cox, Amy Miller, Margaret Semple, Mark Held, Judge Douglas Van Dyk, Steve Duvall, Judge Alta Brady, Suzy Isham, Debra Markham, Judge Lorenzo Mejia, Don Darland and Kevin Dowling

**MEMBERS EXCUSED: ( 5 ):** Stacy Liskey, Robin Wright, Teri Shultz, Stacey Ayers, and Steve Atchison

**DHS STAFF PRESENT ( 3 ):** Jan Slick, Heather Mowry and Michelle Weber

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Shary Mason at 9:05 a.m.

The meeting began with introductions. We welcomed two new members; Mark Held, Parent Mentor with Parents Anonymous, and Stacey Ayers, DHS/CPS Program Manager. Stacey Ayers had an emergency hearing today and could not attend.

**2009 Meetings**

January 9, 2009	Room 252
April 3, 2009	Room 137 A & B
July 10, 2009	Room 137 A & B
October 2, 2009	Room 137 A & B

All meetings will be from 9:00 am to 1:00.p.m

**April 4, 2008 Draft Minutes**

Margaret made a motion to approve the Minutes; Debra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Statewide Assessment and Priority Recommendations**

We talked about a couple possibilities at our last meeting. Those were-

- Invite Timothy Travis to a CJA Task Force meeting to talk about his involvement with the Juvenile Court Improvement Project (JCIP) and the assessment they did to provide information to the courts. We recently learned that Timothy is resigning his position. Therefore, Shary suggests we invite Helen Hoang who is the JCIP Analyst.
- There was a recommendation that Rob Bovett, chair of the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force, be invited to a CJA Task Force meeting to talk about substance abuse.
- Jan suggested Jay Wurscher-A & D Coordinator, who has a good handle on what's going on from a child welfare standpoint related to substance abuse issues.
- Jan asked if members thought it would be helpful to have someone from the former State Child Fatality Review Team come to a Task Force meeting to talk about where they stand with the statewide process. There used to be an active state team through the Health Division that did a lot of tracking of data, but we lost funding for those positions. So, what they are able to provide is much more limited, now, but they do continue to have the state team that meets a couple times a year.
- Becky suggested inviting the CIRT folks.
- Create a survey that could be online and also given out at upcoming conferences. (See handout of survey that Stacy Liskey, Kevin Dowling and Robin Wright created)

Members discussed the survey and compared the survey content to the categories identified in the April 4, 2008 Minutes. We discovered that the drop-down menus of the survey didn't print.

Jan suggested that, for the first question about the agency you work for, we could have a drop-down for the most likely agencies and an "Other" category. This would make it easier to tabulate and sort.

Becky asked if a person could mark more than one county. Stacy said yes.

## Investigation Section

Judge Van Dyk noted that the survey instructs people to check only the categories that apply to them. In many instances, folks will be likely to check most of the categories. Considering this possibility and as we try to use the information from the survey to determine our highest priorities, should the survey ask people to rank the categories?

Kevin said that ranking was discussed during the creation of the survey and they weighed it against how it would affect the ease of completing the survey. They discussed the fact that the survey asks many questions, and where do we draw the line to make it easy enough to complete that people will actually take the time to do it.

Judge Van Dyk asked if we have past experience with doing an electronic survey.

Shary said that we have never done an electronic survey. She said that last year Task Force members sent out two questions to their individual constituencies:

- What do you think are the biggest challenges facing child welfare?
- What do you see as possible solutions to those challenges?

There were issues with trying to tabulate the responses to those questions and come up with a way to rank them.

The members discussed using a rating scale and/or asking follow up questions. How can we keep the survey simple enough to get folks to complete it, yet ask pointed enough questions to obtain useful information? Kevin will work with Stacy to revise the survey to include a rating scale.

There was discussion about the variety of information that disciplines are required to capture (in paperwork) and how that information gets duplicated across those disciplines. Jan said our child welfare data system is in the process of being updated which should help eliminate some of the paperwork within child welfare. She also said we might need to split out some of the questions according to discipline, and do we want to ask a separate question about workload. Shary referred to page 14 in the April 4, 2008 Minutes and said those points need to be integrated into the survey.

Don noted that the survey does ask which discipline you work in. Jan said the subsequent answers to questions cannot be discerned between child welfare and law enforcement. Judge Brady suggested that the survey might need to be in two different categories: child welfare and law enforcement.

There was discussion about how each discipline interprets the questions on the survey.

Kevin asked whether other folks could take the survey over and what the timelines are for completing it. Shary clarified that we need to have our assessment and priority recommendations completed by May of 2009.

Shary said that when last year's survey was completed, the Task Force – as a group – took a look at the responses and worked on categorizing and prioritizing into three main areas: foster care, child safety and disabilities. Then that work group did more refining. The intent of our survey is to gather information about general areas of concern, as opposed to trying to gather detailed information about a whole child welfare system.

Judge Van Dyk asked about adding a space for comments. Jan said if we get into a scale on number 2, then number 3 won't work. Jan said take out the word "process". Becky said there could be a 2a and 2b.

It is important to ask for feedback about what we do well. Do we need to add more into the survey about what we do well?

**Action Item**

Each Task Force member will submit one thing we do well, related to investigation, prosecution and judicial handling. Please send these to Heather.

Kevin asked if we are going to have separate sections in the survey for criminal investigation and child protective services assessment; or, are only the titles of these two sections different. Or, do we need different questions for each of these areas? The group discussed how they would title the different sections and distinguish between law enforcement and child welfare.

## Prosecution Section

Debra suggested adding a section about timely referrals for mental health, medical and early intervention services.

Judge Brady talked about the issues between attorneys involved in a dependency case as opposed to an attorney involved in the prosecution. There are different challenges to these two areas. It was decided that two columns would be added to the survey; one for criminal prosecution and one for dependency jurisdiction.

There was discussion about asking questions about identifying ongoing and supportive relatives under Prosecution. Jan suggested the following language within the Prosecution section of the survey-

- Available resources to support the parent and child while court processes are pending; including but not limited to supportive family members, mentors, support groups, victim advocates. Give the opportunity to choose the top three issues and also use the two columns for criminal prosecution and dependency jurisdiction. This will take care of number 1.

Jan said there would be a 2a, and 3 would become 2b. We would also need to add language that would match what is stated above for 1.

## Judicial Handling

Judge Van Dyk suggested to Kevin that the survey be circulated to himself, Judge Mejia, Judge Brady and a few other judges to gather feedback about this section of the survey.

Margaret asked if the CRB process, related to child abuse cases/dependency hearing, was included in the Judicial Handling section of the survey. Yes it is.

Judge Mejia talked about the issue of attorney scheduling in his county; when there are multiple fathers, there can be several attorneys, with some of them being criminal and some civil.

Judge Brady said we might also want to ask about attorney preparedness and competency. Amy said we might want to call it “party preparedness and competency”.

Judge Brady suggested adding a question related to caseloads.

Becky mentioned CASA appointments / training.

Children need to be separated out when we refer to competency. Margaret asked whether there will be questions about CRBs. She suggested that, on the dependency side, include both the courtroom and Citizen Review processes.

Jan said that maybe we could include something about time spent waiting to get into court. This could be scheduling or waiting for the case to be called (judges and caseworkers alike).

Judge Brady suggested asking about timeliness of court hearings. Jan said this should be a separate question.

Jan asked if we should also ask whether we are meeting ASFA timelines. Judge Mejia said OJD is tracking this. Jan said even though we have data about how well we are doing, we are asking people if this is one of their priority concerns. For most, it probably isn't a high concern, even though it is at the administrative level.

Kevin asked if this would be an appropriate area to include issues related to the Crawford Decision or children's testimony, in general. The group discussed this and decided there would not be a good way to incorporate this into the survey.

The group will study the survey further to make sure their field of expertise is covered and submit comments to Jan Slick.

Jan will send the survey back out to Task Force members (by email) after the changes discussed today have been made. This will give the Task Force another opportunity to review the survey.

Judge Van Dyk said that, considering the modest amount of money we have to allocate and the peculiar timeframes we have to work with – 3-year

cycles – we might want to have a discussion among this Task Force about what we want to accomplish as a committee and also what our individual perspectives are. What are some of the major issues we face? Then, discuss who we would like to talk to us about it. He asked when there would be an opportunity to have this discussion.

Shary said we usually have a strategic planning meeting of the Task Force after we get information from the statewide survey; but, we could have a discussion beforehand. If we have the discussion before the survey is sent out, we might discover additional points that we would want added to the survey.

### **CJA Children with Disabilities Subcommittee**

Margaret Semple gave the following update.

The contract with CARES, to develop a training called “Demystifying Disability and Child Abuse Interviewing”, has gone live. The focus is to provide training for first responders, who go out into the field to meet with victims of child abuse and who have some type of disability.

The training is scheduled for six venues, in Oregon. It began this week, with the first in Portland; the second training was in Salem, yesterday; the next trainings will be in Eugene, Bend, La Grande and Medford.

Margaret and Shary attended the Salem training yesterday. Some of the other CJA Children with Disabilities Subcommittee members attended the Portland training. Margaret said she and others will be meeting with CARES to provide feedback beyond what CARES received from the evaluations at the trainings.

Margaret said one of the biggest challenges is that there is a lot of information to provide in only one day; and, you are never entirely clear about who your audience is going to be. You might have attendees who are already experienced first responders, like law enforcement, who have already developed their own ways of coping with the challenges that might arise from working with people who have one or more disabilities.

CARES has been flexible about incorporating suggestions about needed changes to the training, as they go along. Heather attended Tuesday’s

training in Portland, made a couple suggestions, to the training team, and those were incorporated into the training that was held on Thursday.

The subcommittee has been discussing the next phase of this project. This current training project (by CARES) must be completed by August 31, 2008. For the next grant cycle, the CJA Children with Disabilities Subcommittee members would like to suggest, to the CJA Task Force Committee, bringing in a national expert to provide a larger conference/training on this same topic (interviewing victims of child abuse who have disabilities).

Margaret distributed a few binders outlining the training.

Don asked for an electronic version of the binder.

Shary said one of the requirements of the contract is that it will be posted on-line.

Judge Van Dyk asked how we could build on this CARES training.

Shary said she spoke to Holly and Karen, from CARES, about bringing in national experts. Some of the people mentioned were Steve Modell, Nora Valaderian, and a project from New York.

Margaret explained that Steve Modell is coming in under the auspices of the Office of Investigations and Training (OIT). They do training for the county-based protective service investigators who go out and do abuse investigations for people receiving services in the counties who are adults with developmental disabilities and/or mental health challenges. Steve will be coming in for a week in October and presenting to investigators more advanced interviewing techniques. Each of Steve's sessions will be about 100 people. One might be able to get a one-day training of this kind.

Shary said this subcommittee previously talked about how it could support or enhance Steve's training, in October, by providing some kind of program support. Another idea was to talk to Steve about developing a specialized training for us. If he isn't able to do this, maybe he could suggest someone else.

Suzy asked Margaret who could attend Steve's trainings. Margaret said Steve's training is open to the protective services investigators from OIT, law enforcement, and MDTs. Suzy asked Margaret if Nyla McCarthy-OIT Training Coordinator could contact her with the information about this training so she could post it on her list serve.

Amy Miller suggested another possible resource being Thom Lyon, University of Southern California Law Professor. He is both a lawyer and psychologist. See <http://weblaw.usc.edu/news/archive/2005/LyonAward.cfm> for more information about Professor Lyon. Amy said he specializes in forensic interviewing of children.

Judge Van Dyk said this would be an excellent topic that could be presented at the Clackamas County Child Abuse Summit, even if it had to be covered superficially. That Summit attracts about four to five hundred people. Kevin said it was a good suggestion and will follow up.

Don said that, for foster parents, the piece related to interviewing children with disabilities (ADD, ADHD, and PTSD) is critical. For instance, it is important to interview children in an environment that is conducive to their disability, whether it happens at home or at school.

Shary said that they see the CARES training as 'train the trainer' training.

### **Foster Care Subcommittee**

Don Darland gave the following update.

The focus of this project is to develop training to reduce the trauma related to initial out-of-home placement. The contract is with PSU.

Don said that on July 7, 2008 this subcommittee met with PSU.

Don referred to the three-ringed binder that PSU presented at the July 7 meeting and Shary said she had it in front of her and would circulate it among the members. Don also referred to the Draft Minutes of that meeting. Those Draft Minutes were circulated among the Task Force members.

Don said that, at first, he thought everyone should be trained together; but, after he listened to PSU's presentation, at the July 7 meeting, he began to understand that there would be a need for separate trainings for the different groups of people.

This subcommittee has been discussing the next phase of this project. Some of those suggestions are in the July 7 Draft Minutes. Part of what the subcommittee recommended doing, in the next phase, is dependent upon information we haven't received from PSU, to date. So, the subcommittee might end up moving in a different direction after the information, from the current phase, is received and evaluated.

One of the subcommittee recommendations that might be viable is to "provide technical assistance to designated organizations or professional groups in developing training components". He said he could see the Oregon Foster Parent Association coming up with foster parent training, in collaboration with maybe PSU, with technical assistance, that would either be incorporated into the foster parent orientation training and then into the ongoing training. It could also be incorporated into some of the regional conferences; the next conference will be in Medford, in October. The other possibility could be to develop 'train the trainer' training for technical consultation within law enforcement, foster parents, etc.

Shary said that at the end of the training, PSU did a brief facilitated discussion, asking people to commit to how they would use the work and any suggestions they had, etc. There were a number of attendees who committed to following through with some action items.

For instance, CASA made a commitment to include the PSU training into their own training and said they needed access to parent mentors. One of the parent mentors shared his personal story and told how the trauma had affected his children.

Also attending the training were FosterClub All-Stars, from other states, who told about their experiences as foster children.

Shary said PSU's training also included how trauma affects the brain. This also came up in the Disabilities training yesterday; that is, how does the trauma affect the disability, itself, and how do you sort those things out?

Shary said it's important to follow up on the commitments that were made to ensure folks carry through their action planning. For the next phase of this project, maybe this subcommittee could work on finding ways to support folks, to help them follow through with their action planning.

Don said it is important to follow through to ensure this current phase is completed, according to the contract.

### **PSU/Center for Improvement of Child and Family Services-School of Social Work**

**Marty Lowery**, Training Director – Child Welfare Training

**Katharine Cahn**, Executive Director and Assistant Professor – PSU School of Social Work

**Angela Rodgers**, Research Associate – Research and Evaluation

Katharine explained that she, Marty and Angela work for a place called the Child Welfare Partnership, Center for the Improvement of Child and Family Services. They have a major relationship with child welfare. Marty runs all of the training for child welfare workers entering the field, foster, adoptive and relative parents, advanced training for child welfare workers once they have worked for a while, training for supervisors, and is basically the training arm for public child welfare. Angela is the manager of a major research project for public child welfare, which is not part of the project they are doing for this Task Force subcommittee. They also have a major professional education program. This is all part of the Child Welfare Partnership, between the PSU School of Social Work and public child welfare. Their job is to advance practice in child welfare, which they have been doing for about 14 years. They have built a series of projects around this to help advance services to children and families because it isn't just DHS's job to take care of abused and neglected children. It takes a village to raise a child, and the best thing that could happen to a child is to keep them out of child welfare. This is what brings PSU into an obvious relationship with this Task Force.

Katharine said they are here today to report on two projects they are working on for this Task Force's subcommittees.

**The first project** involves a series of summits around the state related to child neglect. This year they focused specifically, at the Task Force's

suggestion, on summits that looked at child neglect that is a consequence of the abuse of methamphetamines or other drugs. This is the second grant that they have received to hold these community summits to look at chronic neglect. The first series of summits, that ended last year, were held in seven counties. This Task Force subsequently asked PSU to pick four High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) counties and offer them the same training.

**The second project** involves combining research and initial prospecting for training related to the trauma that a child experiences during the initial out-of-home removal, then looking to see if there are training materials or good practices that could be used in training. It is sort of an early pilot, research, collect pieces of curriculum and come back and talk to us project. Angela collaborated with Linda Bello, who is a PSU master trainer, and will talk about this project.

Katharine said neither of these projects is complete and the reports today are not final. They understand today will be a progress check and an opportunity to provide information to the Task Force.

### CJA Foster Care Subcommittee - Reducing the Trauma of Out-of-Home Placements

Angela said the objectives of this project were to:

- collect and identify information, sources, resources of training materials and curriculum around what is trauma to children, how does it affect children of different ages and developmental stages, and what is the trauma specifically associated with child abuse investigation and initial removal.

To do this, Angela said they identified many resources that included working with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) that has a site in Portland. It is a network of sites that seems to have all the national experts on traumatic stress. It has developed a lot of materials, even a child welfare training tool kit around helping caseworkers do their work through a trauma-informed lens; in other words, be aware of the trauma that the kids they are working with are experiencing. They are also developing a foster parent training that runs parallel to this; it isn't complete, but is expected to be completed in the Fall. This has been a major source of the information that PSU has used to gather information for this project. Angela said she has a strong connection with this network

because she was an evaluator for the Portland site for two years and still participates in the task force. The Children's Relief Nursery is the Portland site for the NCTSN and Leslie Brown has a task force of community partners that are looking at how the trauma response system is in Multnomah County. Angela also serves on their child welfare committee. She has been on the fringes of helping to develop the training tool kit and knows what was going on as far as piloting it and continuing to refine it. So, there are a lot of materials PSU used from this.

In addition,

- PSU spoke to people at OHS about how trauma affects the brain
- Reviewed articles
- Reviewed training curriculums
  - two for law enforcement
  - some for folks who are first responders to child abuse and domestic violence, and also education

Although there is a lot of information about trauma in general, other than the National Child Traumatic Stress Network Child Welfare Committee, there was very little that focused specifically on child abuse investigations (what goes on during those investigations), how the activities during the investigations can be traumatizing, and the initial removal and the trauma associated with that. Other activities PSU was involved in are:

- they conducted focus groups at the Child Abuse Summit in Portland
- they conducted interviews with Law enforcement, child welfare caseworkers, school counselors, juvenile court staff, two doctors with CARES, and FosterClub All-Stars

PSU gathered all the information from these activities, looked at existing child welfare policy, and found there is a lot of good policy in place that, if it was implemented consistently, would help to reduce trauma to children, during these processes. Some of the areas in policy that they focused on are placement, assessment and visitation.

PSU also reviewed the multi-disciplinary teen protocols to see what they consisted of and what might be missing. They gathered all this information together and presented it at a statewide workgroup meeting last week. They received feedback from folks at the workgroup.

Angela referred to the binders that they passed around with some of the materials they have gathered together.

PSU does not know where to go from here and is asking this Task Force for direction.

Katharine talked about how the project has turned out to be much larger than they thought. Does the CJA Task Force want to continue with another phase? What direction does the Task Force want to go in? Katharine said that if the Task Force wants to continue with this project, they will need to give some thought about workload issues.

Angela said one of the things they learned from the workgroup is about trauma and its affect on brain development. If caseworkers knew about this they would be more diligent about doing all the things possible to minimize trauma. We recognize that children coming into child welfare have already been traumatized. There are different levels of trauma. Many of these children are experiencing complex trauma: it's been chronic and ongoing, it began early, and in many cases the perpetrator has been their caretaker. All of these situations have all kinds of effects on brain development. We especially want to be careful and aware about how we help these children, recognize their condition, and the long-term effects if we don't do the right thing for them.

Katharine said they have collected feedback from the workgroup and received positive responses from attendees about action plans. Linda Bello- Lead Trainer at PSU - has been weaving this trauma information into their CORE training. Katharine said they received special permission from Bruce Perry to use his materials in one of their brochures. Katharine asked how we might get the information out to everyone. Should we do more summits?

Don asked about #3 in the contract, "Proposal concerning the best approach to training delivery?" Katharine said this is something that didn't leap out from the day's notes; there are many different directions. She said she is reluctant to give us a proposal without the expertise at this table and on the phone. She added that you know

- your systems better
- how tapped out your people are for training

- what else is going on; how does this fit into the context of all the other systems changes

Don also asked about a “...set of recommended competencies...”

Katharine said they have

- a beginning list, but this is where, after they waded into it, it exploded
- materials that are in the training book
- tips for each profession they have identified
- examples of training materials

She said it turned out to be not as tidy as a list of knowledge, skills and attitudes, for each profession, in a three-ring binder.

Don said he recently had an email conversation with Kristin O’Dell concerning learning objectives for the training that he does for defensive parenting. Don said she did a fine job of breaking down the six points of information that he gave her into two learning objectives/ competencies. Could Kristin look at the trauma information that was presented at the workgroup and put competencies together for multi-disciplines? Would this be part of Phase 1 or would it be a Phase 2 project?

Katharine said Kristin is PSU’s evaluator and has become an in-house mentor on developing competencies. Katharine added that they have not moved the current binder of information into very discreet competencies.

Katharine said it depends on how detailed this Task Force wants the competencies to be. She said that she could say that every professional should:

- be alert to the trauma inherent to removing a child from their home
- know – for their own profession – what skills or practices are appropriate to mitigating the impact of that trauma
- have access to supportive resources to help a child rebuild resilience

She added that, the moment you get to the next level of detail, like, “what are the 12 things a foster parent might do”, or “what can a child welfare worker do”, they found notebooks from the 1980s that were just for child welfare workers, in the moment of placement, which had 10 competencies. That would be a workload that would be beyond their scope in this current

contract. She also does not recommend doing it unless someone was really going to use the training.

Don asked if only those three that Katharine just listed were developed, this would be basic and we could build on that. Katharine said that in their final report they will take note of this.

Angela said they have learning objectives for each section of the presentation they gave at the workgroup; but, they were not added to the binders because they were running out of time. Katharine said PSU would get those detailed competencies and the three she just mentioned, so the Task Force has a final product.

Don also asked about the feedback, from the workgroup. Katharine said they would get some type of general summary of that to us. Don asked about a DVD of the presentation, specifically the one about the mother and her baby when they interacted. Don said that one would be particularly good to show to foster parents. Angela said they have DVDs.

Katharine said that because this Task Force is a committee that represents the whole state and many systems, as opposed to being a source for loaning training materials, it might make more sense - as a final product - to include information about how people could order the materials from PSU and also obtain information about how to use them.

Shary asked if the presentations are embedded into the PowerPoint. Katharine said that although it's a good idea, you have to have special software that not many people have. It is a highly technical tool for a professional training shop, but it isn't something that many folks could use.

Angela said the DVDs are free because the information came from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN). PSU took two excerpts from a DVD called Helping Babies from the Bench. That was the still-faced experiment that Don was referring to. The DVD is about 20 minutes long. There was another that PSU didn't show at the workgroup called Cops Kids and Domestic Violence. This one is about helping law enforcement to be aware when there are children present in a domestic violence call. The 911 Call was from the NCTSN Child Welfare Took Kit.

Don said the Task Force subcommittee is already talking about next steps and maybe having PSU doing some technical assistance for “train the trainer” training.

Shary talked about contracting with FosterClub All-Stars to do booklets that can be given to children when they go into foster care. Katharine said to talk to Celeste Bodner because they are already developing some of those booklets.

Katharine also said moms and dads have lots of information.

Shary said this subcommittee needs to present its ideas to the full Task Force and obtain general consensus about the next steps of this project. After that happens, a meeting could be set up with PSU to plan the next phase.

Debra suggested using County MDTs to get some of this information distributed to some of the functions that law enforcement, child welfare, government attorneys, and assessment center staff attend. Shary asked how this could be accomplished without having to do it county-by-county. Debra said that, this past May, she was involved in planning training for states’ attorneys, who do dependency cases, and the Defense Bar has had similar presentations. Both have obtained funding from JCIP. Debra said to start with MDTs, at local MDT.

Jan clarified that the subcommittee has talked about specific organizations, like the Foster Parent Association, CASAs, or DPSST, using the training for their own group. Then, PSU could provide technical assistance to do that. If we were to use the MDTs as a training venue, what professional organization could take on the responsibility for being the trainers for those MDTs? Kevin suggested using regional centers, but they have responsibility to serve counties in their respective regions.

Jan said maybe we could invite proposals from different organizations about-

- who they could train
- how many people they could train
- number of trainings they could do, and
- the type of technical assistance they would need from PSU

We could then look at how much funding we have and how to pull all the pieces together. This could allow us a broad opportunity to think about different ways to approach doing the training.

Matthew likes the idea of going through the MDTs because it isn't only an issue of training, which needs to happen in terms of trauma-informed care, it is how you are going to apply the training you receive; and how are you going to work with other disciplines in changing what you are doing, so that you aren't re-traumatizing children. He also shared that he enjoyed the PSU presentation last week and how good it was to hear from parents and FosterClub All-Stars about their experiences.

Jan said the initial discussion of the subcommittee was how we could carry this to communities.

Debra suggested having a presentation at an "MDT Day", but isn't sure if there will be one this Summer. Stacy Liskey might have more information about this because they are funded with CAMI money. There is also the Regional Training Centers and the Clackamas County Summit.

Shary suggested it might be a good format for next year's Shoulder to Shoulder Conference. Maybe we could bring in Bruce Perry as the keynote speaker, and then have breakout sessions for foster parents, attorneys, caseworkers, parents, etc, for more specialized training for each group.

Steve Duvall said he would be interested in taking this proposal back to his office. He would also be willing to present training to his uniformed officers and detectives.

Katharine said providing technical assistance would probably work better for PSU than actually assuming all the training workload.

Debra asked if there was a plan to have another presentation like what PSU did last week.

Katharine said they are finished with the project and there won't be additional presentations. She said this first phase of the project would not produce a finished curriculum. But, they could pull together a workgroup from different disciplines to come present a "show and tell" of what they found.

Shary asked Don if we have enough information to move forward.

Don said that our subcommittee needs to consider the available funding and also have another conversation with PSU. He sees the next steps as being-

- PSU finalizing the information from their research into their final report to this Task Force
- Draft the amendment for the current PSU contract
- Develop a 'train the trainer' training and/or technical assistance for designated organizations, depending on the needs of the organizations
- FosterClub All-Star contract
- Parent Mentor contract

Don mentioned 'reflected supervision'. Supervisors should have this information and he hopes it is a part of PSU's supervisor training.

Marty said the current supervisor training closely follows clinical supervision and it is consistent with the reflective supervision strategies. She said she thinks the practices are in there.

## **Meth**

Katharine said three of four summits have been offered. Following is the schedule-

- Clackamas County on June 16th
- Deschutes County (Bend) on the 18th with Judge Brady
- Pendleton/Umatilla on the 21<sup>st</sup>
- Douglas County (Roseburg) on July 21st.

They utilized the research work they completed in the last grant cycle to present information on chronic neglect and its effect on children's developmental, emotional well being and mental health. This was followed by information on the possible effects of substance abuse on parenting behaviors. After the morning break, they went into best practices; what do you do to help the parents, what do you do for the kids, and what are some of the developmental supports that can be put into place. This was then followed by community action planning.

They also wove in a presentation about the Oregon Safety Model.

### **Shoulder to Shoulder Conference Scholarships**

There has been previous discussion about whether the Task Force wants to set aside a set amount of money to fund activities, on a year-to-year basis. One of those activities is the Shoulder to Shoulder conference. Shary asked the group if they wanted to set aside funds for training or scholarships, on an ongoing basis.

Heather distributed a copy of the letter she received from Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center, asking if the CJA Task Force would be providing scholarships this year. They are requesting \$3,250 from this Task Force to support the Shoulder to Shoulder conference. Heather had asked them what other organizations they requested support from which is provided in the letter.

Shary reminded that she shared copies of the JCIP scholarship application process, a few meetings ago. At that time, JCIP had two different draft forms; one for individuals and one for groups. They have now combined those two applications into one form. Shary shared the final JCIP application with the group. JCIP decided to not give money to individuals, but would consider providing program support (speaker), paying for meals or providing a scholarship fund for an activity like Shoulder to Shoulder Conference, Attorney Academy, an MDT Conference, or something that would involve multiple partners. They decided to have a yearly cycle which involved:

- setting aside a specific amount of funds
- sending out their application form - in June of each year - announcing they were considering applications for the coming year. The application form would:
  - outline their goals for the year
  - ask the requestor who they have asked for support from, and
  - ask the requestor how the funds would be used

The JCIP Training Committee would meet and decide which applications they would support for that year.

Shary asked the Task Force if they wanted to do something similar to what JCIP developed, or something different. We could continue to vote on requests for support as they come up, without a formal process, which is what we have been doing. In past years, Katharine Cahn gave a presentation to the Task Force asking for funds to support the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. At that time, the Task Force voted to provide funds that would go toward scholarships, with the stipulations that the attendees would be multi-disciplinary and represent all geographical areas. The same has happened regarding the Shoulder to Shoulder (S2S) Conference; we have voted, in past years, to approve funding when they have asked us for scholarship dollars. The individual cost for the S2S scholarships have increased to \$65.00.

We have never had a formal process that involves:

- setting aside a specific amount of funding for training, for each grant year
- notification of our intent to offer funding, and
- accepting applications/requests for funding

Becky said she would support the CJA Task Force making monies available for inter-disciplinary training in Oregon.

Shary said the organizations we provide funds to would need to support our Task Force priorities; currently, children with disabilities, the initial trauma associated with foster care placement, and methamphetamine related abuse and neglect.

Judge Brady said it makes sense for this Task Force to support programs that carry forth our priorities. But, should it be based on who gets to us first? She would like to see a process in place whereby we set aside a certain amount of funds that will be used for training and have a specific process that needs to be followed, in order to access those funds. Because we are using public funds, having a process will show the requests are handled fairly and equally.

Judge Brady made two motions:

- provide the requested amount of funding to the Shoulder to Shoulder conference for 2008 (\$3,250), with the expectation of geographic and multi-disciplinary distribution of the funds, and

- develop a process to determine a yearly allocation and application process, for training

Steve Duvall seconded the motions.

We will send these two motions out to the whole Task Force for an official vote and report on the vote in the next Minutes.

### **Strategic Planning for Children's Safety Subcommittee**

The last meeting was on May 13, 2008 with PSU to discuss planning for possible meth summits. We will discuss today whether this subcommittee sees value in going forward with a contract with PSU for meth summits.

Shary said the subcommittee had planned to include the business community, local Commissions, and MDTs in the summits and also used the Priority Task Force Recommendations. She asked Judge Brady to share information about the summit held in Deschutes County.

Judge Brady said her initial concern was that Central Oregon has so many summits, commissions, groups, task forces, etc, that she thought she would be giving a presentation to about seven people, who hadn't been included in other venues. She said 150 people were registered and about 140 attended. The program was well planned and they received good feedback. She said the summits are valuable and the presentations highlighted the need to find a way to serve children who have not yet entered the judicial system, but suffer from the effects of meth use. There was a good cross-section of people who attended: education, Commissioners, and health organizations. There is a meth action coalition in Deschutes County, which is a HIDTA county, so there is large community awareness about meth use. Their drug court began about a year and a half ago and recently had a graduation which was featured in the newspaper. The summit was pulled together by the Kid's Center.

Dee Wilson, from the University of Washington, spoke in the morning and folks broke out into groups in the afternoon.

Heather went to the Umatilla Summit. There was a full house. People loved the groups. It brought people together who hadn't met before and

those who hadn't seen each other in a while. Several committees were formed to work on action plans in their areas.

Shary said Suzy Isham shared information about some videos that were developed in Jackson County that the subcommittee discussed purchasing. There was discussion about providing training for foster parents who receive substance-abused infants.

Becky said she is currently gathering information about what the county Commissions on Children and Families are doing and how those activities are related to what this subcommittee is doing. Right now, the counties are doing a reworking process to flush out their biggest priorities. Becky will provide that information to the Task Force.

Kevin said he recently received a request for a summit in another county.

Jan said we should obtain feedback from PSU regarding any changes they think should be made to the summit process. Other than that, it seems that PSU has developed a good process. We need to clarify who would be putting the next summits together and who would be doing the coordination.

Shary said the subcommittee entertained the suggestion of supporting the action plans that came out of the Summits. One of the things that we learned, from past summits, is that the implementation of action plans was difficult; so, we asked folks what some of the barriers were to carrying out action plans. Some of the responses were:

- lack of staffing resources
- no one person was designated to carry through the action plan, and-
- lack of funds

## **Budget**

Jan reported that there is about \$40,000 per subcommittee to spend on projects, during the next federal fiscal year.

Mark Held, Amy Miller, Judge Van Dyk, Matthew Pearl, Steve Brinlee, and Suzy Isham left a noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15