



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Governor's Crime Commission

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CJA Task Force Quarterly Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022

Location: Virtual Meeting via WebEx and in-person at 1201 Front Street

In Attendance

Members: Whitney Belich, Patricia Cardoso, Lorrie Dollar, Jennifer Evans, Kella Hatcher, Deana Joy, Nick Lett, Victor Maynard, Matt McKay, Tara Minter, Stacy Morgan, Rhonda Morris, William Solomon, Jr., Kathy Stone

Staff: Diane Barber, Caroline Farmer, Toni Lockley, Adonica McAllister, Mary Kathryn Smith, Jason Wimmer

Guests: Lynne Dupuis, Ashley Ireland, Rita Katzman, Candice Ward, Charlotte Woolard

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Deana Joy at 1:00 p.m. After roll call a quorum was established.

Chair Deana Joy introduced the new members Lyana Hunter and Rick Croutharmel who were not present. Toni Lockley introduced Patricia Cardoso, replacing Kelsey Mosley, and Nick Lett to the CJA Task Force.

Reminders

Chair Deana Joy provided an ethics reminder from the General Statute, Chapter 138A-35, and other provisions of the State Government Ethics Act. A reminder for recusal was made. No conflicts were raised, and no one recused themselves.

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Approval of 7.7.2022 Minutes

The minutes were sent prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Judge William Solomon, Jr., seconded by Stacy Morgan. The members voted and the minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

Opportunities for Advancing Racial Equity in Child Welfare

Toni Lockley introduced Candice Ward, Rita Katzman, and Lynne Dupuis from the Capacity Building Center for States. Candice Ward presented on Opportunities for Advancing Racial Equity in Child Welfare, which included information on Administration for Children and Families and Children's Bureau Information on Racial Equity.

A virtual breakout discussion was held that focused on efforts to advance racial equity in the child welfare system. Each breakout group reported to the full membership.

DSS Update

Kathy Stone, Section Chief of Safety and Prevention provided an update for DSS, which included a presentation on child welfare transformation and North Carolina's child welfare priorities. The presentation highlighted the Safety Organized Practice child welfare practice model and objectives of a transformed system.

GCC Staff Updates

Toni Lockley shared the GCC staff updates, which included details on the 2022 Grant Workshops, the CJA funding update, federal call updates, and updates on upcoming events. The tentative 2023 meeting schedule, which is pending approval of the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee Chair.

Member Updates

Tara Minter shared information about the Human Trafficking Commission Annual Conference that took place September 7 – 8, 2022, and shared that the next Human Trafficking Commission quarterly meeting will occur on October 27 and open to anyone interested in attending.

Old/New Business

No old or new business was brought before the CJA Task Force.

Announcements and Adjournment

Next meeting will be on January 12, 2023 (tentative).

Chair Joy adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Attachments

- Agenda
- Roll call
- Minutes from prior meeting
- Voting Roll
- All other attachments listed individually