

CJA Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date: November 18, 2024, 12:00-2:00pm

Summary Statement: The CJA Task Force is a federally mandated, multidisciplinary advisory board that reviews and evaluates statewide front-end child welfare policies and practices and makes recommendations to DHS and others for systemic, equitable improvements to promote children’s justice and well-being.

Attendance:

Role (42 U.S.C. §5106c (c)(1)) (voting members)	Name	Present	Absent	Notes
1. Law enforcement	Barrett Chrissis	x		
2. Law enforcement	Wade Rasch	x		
3. Criminal court judge	Judge Stumme		x	
4. Civil court judge	Judge Anderson	x		
5. Civil court judge	Judge Doll	x		
6. Prosecuting attorney	Adam Hinz		x	
7. Defense attorney	Emmalie Brudzinski	x		
8. Attorney for children	Anne Gueinzius	x		
9. Guardian ad litem	Erika Randall		x	
10. Guardian ad litem	Lynn Braveheart	x		
11. Health professional	Dr. Mark Hudson		x	Excused
12. Health professional	Janaye Stewart	x		
13. Mental health professional	Saprina Matheny	x		
14. Mental health professional	Anna Clavin	x		
15. Child protection services	Kari Hohn	x		
16. Child protection services	Jessica Iwen	x		
17. Parent representative	Joanne Hodgeman		x	Tech issues
18. Parent representative	Tatiana Bergum	x		
19. Foster care survivor	Dawn Hyland		x	
20. Foster care survivor	Marlena Jasch	x		
21. Individual experienced working with children with disabilities	Kate Rickord	x		
22. Individual experienced working with children with disabilities	Tascha Just	x		
23. Individual experienced working with homeless children/youth	Amanda Leathers		x	

24. Individual experienced working with homeless children/youth	Lolita Davis-Carter	x		
25. Survivor of child abuse or neglect	Brent Genereux	x		
26. Survivor of child abuse or neglect	Cindy Devonish	x		
Role (non-voting members)	Name	Present	Absent	Notes
Ad hoc – Corner House CAC	Jane Straub (CAC)	x		
Ad hoc -Minnesota Children’s Alliance	Marcia Milliken (CAC)	x		
Ad hoc -First Witness CAC	Tracie Clanaugh (CAC)	x		
Ad hoc -Ombudsperson	Jill Esch (OAIF)		x	Excused
Ad hoc -CJI Representative	Judy Peterson (Courts CJI)	x		
Ad hoc-Ombudsperson	Muriel Gubasta (OBFF)		x	Excused
Ad hoc-Ombudsperson	Misty Coonce		x	Excused
Ad hoc-Ombudsperson	Manuel Zuniga (OBFF)			
Ad hoc-Ombudsperson	Ann Hill (OBFF)		x	
CYF American Indian Well-Being Unit CSP Division	Crystal Hedemann	x	x	
Ad hoc-DV Expert	Scott Miller	x		
Ad hoc-Lived experience/subject matter expert	Marvalyne Tripp	x		
Ad hoc-Lived experience/subject matter expert	DeClara Tripp	x		
Ad hoc-Lived experience/subject matter expert	Mel Alvar (PAVSA-Safe Harbor)			(soon to be appt)
DCYF CJA Task Force Coordinator	Laura Gapske	x		
DCYF CS&P Dept. Manager	Rebecca Wilcox	x		
DCYF CS&P Family Supp & Place Svcs Attorney/ CJI	Baudry, Jennifer L (DHS)	x		

I. Welcome and break out intro with small groups. (15 mins Barrett & Kate)

- Welcome and introductions of new members!
- Small group breakouts for ice breaker

II. Prep for break out group work (5 mins Barrett/Gapske)

- Directions:
 - Create intentional space for all members of the group to share input.
 - Insert discussion: How will your work group incorporate subject matter expert input?
 - Insert discussion: Use of the Equity Scan Tool from DHS/DCYF for workplans.

III. Break out time for workgroups A, B, and C to prepare for presentations (45 mins)

IV. Workgroup A, B, and C presentations to the full task force (40 mins)

- See attached workplan draft and/or notes from each workgroup.

Next CJA Task Force Meeting:

- Next meeting scheduled falls on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day so meeting will be moved to the following Monday, January 27th from noon-2 pm.

Meeting-Virtual	Schedule	Date
CJA Task Force	3 rd Monday of every other month noon-2 pm	Monday, January 27, 2025, from noon-2 PM