

## CJA Task Force Meeting

**Date:** May 20, 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. Prosecuting attorney	Adam Hinz		x	
6. Defense attorney	Emmalie Brudzinski	X		
7. Attorney for children	Anne Gueinzus	X		
8. Attorney for children	Cresston Gackle		x	
9. Guardian ad litem	Erika Randall	X		
10. Guardian ad litem	Lynn Braveheart	X		
11. Health professional	Dr. Mark Hudson	X		
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		
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 Carter	X		
25. Survivor of child abuse or neglect	Brent Genereux		x	
26. Survivor of child abuse or neglect	Cindy Devonish	X		
<b>Role (non-voting members)</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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	
Ad hoc -CJI Representative	Judy Peterson (Courts CJI)	X		
Ad hoc-Ombudsperson	Muriel Gubasta (OBFF)	X		
Ad hoc-Ombudsperson	Misty Coonce	X		
Ad hoc-Ombudsperson	Manuel Zuniga (OBFF)	X		
Ad hoc-Ombudsperson	Ann Hill (OBFF)		x	
DHS American Indian Well-Being Unit   CSP Division	Cindi Miller		x	
DHS CJA Task Force Coordinator	Laura Gapske	X		
DHS CS&P Dept. Manager	Rebecca Wilcox		x	
DHS CS&P Family Supp & Place Svcs Attorney/ CJI	Baudry, Jennifer L (DHS)	X		

## I. Welcome and brief intros of members

- Welcome Lynn Braveheart and Cresston Gackle
- BREAK OUT GROUPS:
  - Intro yourself and role
  - Check in question: Share about a time you felt the most like yourself in the past few days?

## II. Updates DHS:

- Legislative Session will end May 20<sup>th</sup> (today)
  - Legislative proposals for 2025
    - Problematic Sexualized Behaviors (PSB) work group
    - Forensic interview scholarship funding
- SAVE THE DATE: Late summer retreat on Monday, August 19, 2024, from 9:30-2 pm

## III. CJA Task Force 3-Year Projects Overview:

- Brief overview of the three priority projects identified under Category A, B, and C.
- ACTION ITEM: Voting members present 19 of 26: MOTION PASSES.

- Vote to accept the CJA Task Force projects for 2024-2027.
- YAY: 19 NAY: 0
- **ACTION ITEMS: MOTION PASSES.**
- Vote on funding for CornerHouse for the amount of \$94,500 for forensic interview scholarships in 2024-2025.
- YAY: 18 NAY: 0 Abstain: 1
- **ACTION ITEMS: MOTION PASSES.**
- Vote on funding for First Witness Child Advocacy Center for the amount of \$50,000 for forensic interview scholarships in 2024-2025.
- YAY: 18 NAY: 0 Abstain: 1

#### **IV. Presentation by Sarah Ladd, DHS and Linnea Lindemann, Hennepin County on MN Human Trafficking Response**

- Sarah will provide a more in-depth presentation on the changes proposed/accepted around human trafficking.
- Information regarding work she has already conducted around screening tools and provide a brief description with Linnea Lindemann and the considerations of a screening tool.
- Discussion and identify areas for collaboration between the CJA task force and the DHS Trafficking Workgroup-lead by Sarah Ladd.
- SEE PPT ATTACHMENT

#### **V. Comments from the public: None.**

#### **VI. Announcement of future presentations and meetings**

- Agenda for July 15, 2024, from noon- 2pm during
  - Presentation: DHS Child Safety Permanency on screening guidelines, Rapid Consult and Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) response for screening review process.
  - MN Child Welfare Training Academy new staff, Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator, Rachel Johnson introductions and connect.
- August 19, 2024, 9:30-2 pm special meeting-Annual Retreat
  - Legislative updates from 2024 sessions.
  - Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR), Child and Family Services Report (CFSR), and other DHS/DCYF Annual Program Improvement Plans shared with citizen review panels and task force.
  - Break out groups to develop in-depth strategy on work plans A, B, C for next year.

**IV. Announcement of future presentations:**

- DHS CSP on screening guidelines updates
- Legislative update

**Next Meeting**

Meeting-Virtual	Schedule	Date
CJA Task Force	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of every other month noon-2 pm	Monday, July 15 <sup>th</sup> from noon-2 PM