



## CARTF

SpringHill Suites, Boise

June 5, 2020

### MINUTES

**Joshua Wickard**- Public Defender (Chairman)  
**Michelle Weir**- DHW, Family & Children Services  
**Dina Flores-Brewer**-Children with Disabilities  
**Sheila Sturgeon Freitas, PhD**- Mental Health  
**Doug Giddings**-Idaho County Sheriff  
**Melissa Osen**- Foster Youth  
**open** – Homeless Education Liaison  
**Jill Robertson**- Parent  
**open**- Child Advocate Attorney

**Jennifer Tachell**- Educator (Vice-Chairman)  
**Susan Bradford, MD** – Pediatrician  
**Jennifer Bergin**- Attorney  
**Hon. Steve Clark**- Civil Magistrate Judge  
**Galen Carlson**- Prosecuting Attorney  
**Tahna Barton** – CASA  
**Hon. Mark Rammell**- Criminal Magistrate Judge  
**Nadine McDonald** – Juvenile Justice  
**Molly Vaughn**- Victim Services Coordinator

Mindy Peper – Task Force Support

#### ABSENT

Guests:

#### Welcome

Wickard welcomes everyone. CARTF reviews the May 2020 minutes. McDonald makes a motion to approve the minutes with noted change (remove hyphen from Sturgeon Freitas's name), Robertson seconds, all in favor and so moved.

#### Legislative and Budget Update

Weir reports no big changes or expenses since May. Recently submitted the annual report and application. Waiting on some letters that must come from the governor.

DHW is working on drafting some legislative changes that have to do with Family First Act. Part of new drafts are to accommodate requirements that children are placed in a QRTP which requires an evaluation within 30 days and a judge has to make a finding within 60 days.

#### Bylaws Discussion

Wickard states that per the bylaws, every two years, CARTF needs to vote for chairman position. Wickard explains how the nomination and voting process works. CARTF discusses their confidence in Wickard's work thus far as chairman.

Wickard discusses CARTF bylaws and potential changes needed. He has also looked at the bylaws of other task forces.

CARTF is waiting for approvals on appointments and executive order however, our contact person is in charge of the Idaho Coronavirus task force, so she has been very busy.

Sturgeon Freitas wonders if it would be possible at some point for those who have been on CARTF for awhile to summarize where we are now compared to where we have come from. How effective are we, who do we impact, what do

we do with the information we received? Basically, in need of a barometer of where we are now. Tachell explains that many times it depends on the topic and information. Tachell shares the educational neglect work that CARTF did and the changes it created in the educational act. Robertson shares that our activity books were also a large project. Bradford asks if it would be practical to have a running list of CARTF accomplishments and a way to give some historical perspective. A list of past members might be helpful as well.

McDonald nominates Joshua Wickard to continue as chairman, Barton seconds it, all in favor and so moved.

### **CFR Team Report**

Barton states the CFRT only had to cancel one meeting and now will meet next Friday. They will start with 2018 SUID cases. Alana Minton is working on getting an educational representative. CFRT is still working on getting an additional law enforcement person.

### **Upper Valley CAC Follow-Up Visit, Kimber Tower and Ashley Stallings**

Tower reports that a lot has happened these past 2 months. They would like to talk to us about partnering for a 2-3 day conference in eastern Idaho in Idaho Falls. Wickard states that we would be interested in supporting a regional conference in Eastern Idaho. Weir asks Tower to share more about the conference. Tower states that training would be focused on child abuse cases investigation, child trafficking, preventative training focused on educators, working with kids in the juvenile justice system, and a training tailored to law enforcement. Speakers would include Dr. Cox, Dr. Sears, and others. They would like to hit all of region 7 and 6.

Tower updates CARTF about the mobile CAC idea. There are two units in Idaho that are piloting the project. Hope to have a mobile CAC up and running soon for region 6 and 7 which will travel to the counties.

Peper resends Tower the grant information to fill out and submit.

### **Court Improvement Program, Deb Alsaker-Burke**

Wickard welcomes Burke.

Burke updates CARTF that 2 new rules that were approved and effective July 1. The first is a technical rule, rule 42, stating that any home visits extending 6 months must be reviewed every 45 days to figure out why. Another change is to rule 16, which allows for an optional screening team. Justices are looking at two other rules, rule 41, a new rule, which is discovery for adjudicatory hearings. Another new rule, rule 30, which deals with protective orders. This proposed rule sets out the conditions that need to occur in order for the civil protection order to

be entered in the CP case and the process for doing so. It also makes clear that if a court chooses that the issuance of the protection order can be a requirement for the child to return home. These rules will be reviewed end of June.

Another change that they are moving toward is one judge, one family, so that other judges aren't hearing bits and pieces of the case.

Updates are in process of the bench cards (this summer), rule books (this fall), and the child protection manual (next spring). Also working with trial courts to make transitions in light of the new COVID-19 restrictions.

Burke discusses the termination of parental rights, pending adoption, the waiver of notice and consent, and what that looks like in the future. Burke says the statute is clear but we have been practicing it differently in Idaho. Judges are bringing correction to this.

### **MDT/Grant Monies**

Because we are not having a conference this year, we will have some additional funds. We need to get the word out to CAC's and MDT's. One idea is to support regional trainings. How do we get the word out? If they do it through a grant, the cap is \$9999. If we do it as a partnership, then we can exceed that \$9999.

Wickard mentions that perhaps in our upcoming 3-year strategy we can add CAC/MDT regional conferences in Eastern and Northern Idaho and partner with them in that.

Barton mentions that she feels we should have a tighter process on our grants and cycles, and she would be willing to be part of a grant committee that would filter the grants and then also work on some advertising. McDonald, Barton, and Weir will form a grant sub-committee.

Ideas for communication include mass emails, newsletters, and other forms of improving regular communication with stakeholders

### **New Business**

Weir mentions that our homeless advocate representative has been vacant for about a year. We do have some interested parties who are on hold, but we are waiting on executive order to go through. We need a plan for next steps. Peper will put these recommendations on the September agenda and will contact existing interested parties to see if they are still interested.

Jill Robertson asks about travel costs for the Children's Trust Fund conference in September. However, Barton mentions that the conference has went virtual. Weir does mention that we can cover the travel but we need to account for how we use that information. Regarding additional funds for conference registrations, CARTF can use monies to cover that but needs to be voted on.

Wickard and Weir will look into better teleconference technology for CARTF.

**Next Meeting:** September 11 at 9 am at SpringHill Suites in Boise (424 E Parkcenter Blvd)

**Upcoming Meetings/ Agendas**

May-Suicide Prevention Council

June-Deb Alsaker-Burke

~~Tabled grants and nominations~~

Central intake

YES

Foster youth panel

Citizen Review panel

CASA

Casey Program

INCAC- attending September meeting

*Budget update and report*

*Michele Weir- legislative update*

*CFRT Update*

~~Conference Update- Grossman or every other year~~

~~Appointments and Executive Order Updates~~

~~Approval of final CFRT annual report~~

~~March- Upper Valley Child Advocacy Center~~

*Standing agenda items.*

**Adjourn**