



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES**

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**— NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING —
CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT (CJA) TASK FORCE**

DATE:	Monday, January 14, 2008
TIME:	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm (or until adjourned)
LOCATION:	<u>CARSON CITY</u> : Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS) • Training Room 4126 Technology Way, Second Floor • Carson City, NV 89706
VIDEO CONFERENCE ACCESS:	<u>LAS VEGAS</u> : Desert Regional Center (DRC) • Conference Room 1391 South Jones Boulevard • Las Vegas, NV 89146
TELECONFERENCE ACCESS:	Dial this toll-free number: 1.866.302.8881 Enter this conference code, followed by the # sign: 9011965599

AGENDA

- The meeting will not commence until on or after the designated start time. The meeting will be adjourned after all scheduled agenda items have been addressed, which may be before or after the estimated end time.
- The meeting time frames for individual items are estimated in order to provide reasonable guidelines for public attendees who wish to hear about certain topics, but may not be able to attend the entire meeting. These times are are not guaranteed unless designated as time-certain on the agenda.
- Agenda items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair in order to accommodate persons appearing before the Task Force and/or to aid in the time efficiency of the meeting.
- If members of the public participate in the meeting, they must identify themselves when requested under agenda item one.
- Public comment is welcomed by the Task Force but may be limited to five minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair.
- Public comment is for discussion only, and action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting, per NRS 241.020.
- Action items are noted by an asterisk (*) and typically include review, approval, denial, and/or postponement of specific items. Certain items may be referred to a subcommittee for additional review and action.
- The Task Force is pleased to provide reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and require special arrangements or assistance at the meeting. If assistance is required, please notify Council staff by phone or by e-mail no later than three working days prior to the meeting, as follows: Andrew Zeiser • Tel: 775.786.1328 • e-mail: andrew@azconsulting.us

Estimated Time:	Items:	Primary Speaker(s):
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	1. * Call to order, roll call, introductions	Candy Hunter
	2. * Approve minutes from previous CJA Task Force meeting: October 29, 2007	Candy Hunter

Estimated Time:	Items:	Primary Speaker(s):
1:45 pm – 2:15 pm	3. * DCFS policy review: 0502.0 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and discuss relationship with NEIS assessment process • Action may pertain to formation of a CJA Subcommittee to review implementation of this and other disability-related policies 	Betsey Crumrine Marji Walker
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	4. * Updates on current projects related to CJA triennial recommendations and action plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review, discuss, and approve specific project recommendations based on approved CJA triennial recommendations and action plan items, as required 	Candy Hunter
	<p><u>Recommendation 1:</u> Ensure that child protection workers; law enforcement officers; multidisciplinary teams; attorneys; judges; and medical, mental health, and other professionals who work with child abuse investigations and abused children have access to specialized training and technical assistance for the development of protocols, policies, and procedures. The following are priority specialized training on child abuse and neglect targeted for the next three years: a) law enforcement, b) medical professionals, and c) children with disabilities. For the 2006 – 2008 triennium, the CJA Task Force will partner with DCFS to ensure that training opportunities are expanded to other disciplines outside of existing child protective services (CPS) staff training.</p>	
	<p><u>Priority 1: Ensure training for all disciplines involved.</u></p>	
	<p>Activity 1: Add material to mandated reporter guide on unsubstantiation.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed per DCFS web-based training 	
	<p>Activity 2: Connect with law enforcement agencies on terminology.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review materials from POST Commission • Determine if any additional collaboration with POST is required 	Andrew Zeiser
	<p>Activity 3: Support improved caseworker knowledge of mental health assessment and referral.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAN Prevent conference report on mental health assessments 	Candy Hunter
	<p>Activity 4: Ensure CPS staff understand changes in the RFQ process.</p>	
	<p>Activity 5: Support realignment of the Academy concept in terms of basic, intermediate and advanced trainings.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on DCFS RFQ outcomes for child welfare training 	Leslie Bittleston
	<p><u>Priority 2: Target the following professionals for priority specialized training on CA/N: law enforcement, medical professionals, and children with disabilities.</u></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on DCFS curriculum surrounding children with disabilities in the CPS system • Update on available UNITY information related to CAPTA requirements related to developmental assessments of children who are victims of child abuse and neglect 	Leslie Bittleston Jacque Ellis
	<p><u>Recommendation 2:</u> Support the coordination, technical assistance, and training of child death review teams to ensure the transition to a new statewide child death review system as established by State Assembly Bill 381, and improvement of the statewide child death review process. The CJA Task Force will partner with DCFS to ensure that a quality assurance (QA) component is developed and implemented to measure training outcomes that contribute to statewide process improvement.</p>	

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	<p><u>Priority 1: Ensure COI process development and implementation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on statewide CDR activities 	Andrew Zeiser
	<p><u>Priority 2: Explore feasibility of adding fetal infant mortality review to the process</u></p>	
	<p>Activity 1: Conduct presentation on FIMR to Executive and Administrative Committees for Child Death Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Subcommittee update on FIMR actions 	Candy Hunter
	<p><u>Recommendation 3:</u> Continue to explore and assist with the development of access protocols on jurisdictional issues related to the Indian Child Welfare Act and ensure that child protection workers; law enforcement officers; multidisciplinary teams; attorneys; judges; and medical, mental health, and other professionals who work with child abuse investigations and abused children have access to specialized training and technical assistance for the development of protocols, policies, and procedures.</p>	
	<p><u>Priority 1: Assist with development of access protocols on jurisdictional issues</u></p>	
	<p>Activity 1: Continue regular meetings to draft protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on TALCIT/ICWA Steering Committee 	Norma Moyle Marji Walker
	<p><u>Recommendation 4:</u> Examine and recommend a systemic approach for the inclusion of health professionals operating within the CPS system to evaluate and report child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and children with disabilities.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities postponed until 2008 – 2009; determine if work will begin in calendar 2008 	Candy Hunter
	<p><u>Recommendation 5:</u> Continue to examine and improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect through the use of advanced technology in video, photographic, recording, computer, and/or related systems.</p>	
	<p><u>Priority 1: Examine and improve investigation and prosecution through use of advanced technology</u></p>	
	<p>Activity 1: Provide funds to counties</p>	
	<p>Activity 2: Review report on purchase and use of new technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review proposal from Washoe County Department of Social Services (WCDSS) 	Marji Walker
	<p><u>Recommendation 6:</u> Explore and examine opportunities to increase collaboration, communication, and judicial training between the CJA program and the Court Improvement Project (CIP) and the juvenile justice system. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of new court initiatives and explore the feasibility of developing or supporting a project that will improve the judicial handling of child abuse cases.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities postponed until 2008 – 2009; determine if work will begin in calendar 2008 	Candy Hunter
	<p><u>Recommendation 7:</u> Continue to explore, develop, and support pilot projects to promote child advocacy and collaboration between child welfare agencies and other programs, including community-based organizations that work with domestic violence victims, substance abuse, and children with disabilities. Support the implementation of CAPTA requirements related to developmental assessments of children who are victims of abuse and neglect.</p>	

Estimated Time:	Items:	Primary Speaker(s):
	<p>Activity 1: Explore Foster Children’s’ Bill of Rights (FCBR). Activity 2: Revisit policies governing children’s rights in foster care. Activity 3: Invite key informants to discuss gaps between current and best practices and develop solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Subcommittee update on FCBR <p><u>Recommendation 8:</u> To continue to examine and invite discussion among multiple disciplines on improving the laws, regulations, protocols, and procedures on child protection and to increase the opportunities for child advocacy on best practice issues. Support the development of legislative and advocacy recommendations and collaborate with other committees and work groups to improve the child protection system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative updates on FIMR, CAPTA assessments, and Children’s Bill of Rights all provided above 	<p>Maggie Freese</p> <p>Candy Hunter</p>
<p>3:15 pm – 3:30 pm</p>	<p>5. Public comment (Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting.)</p>	<p>Candy Hunter</p>
	<p>6. * Set date, time, location, and topics for next CJA Task Force meeting</p>	<p>Candy Hunter</p>
	<p>7. * Adjournment</p>	<p>Candy Hunter</p>

Public notices for this meeting have been posted in compliance with NRS 241.020 at the following locations:

- **Bureau of Indian Affairs** 1677 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV
- **Children’s Cabinet** 1090 S Rock Blvd., Reno, NV
- **Clark County Department of Family Services** 601 N Pecos, Las Vegas, NV
- **Legislative Counsel Bureau** 401 S Carson Street, Carson City, NV
- **State of Nevada – Department of Human Resources** 4126 Technology Way, Suite 101, Carson City, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services** 4126 Technology Way, Third Floor, Carson City, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services** 6171 W Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services – Information Management Services** 727 Fairview Drive, Suite E, Carson City, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services – Nevada Youth Training Center (NYTC)** 100 Youth Center Drive, Elko, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services – Youth Parole Bureau** 620 Belrose Street, Las Vegas, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services** 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 101, Elko, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services – Desert Willow Treatment Center** 6171 W Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV
- **United Way of Southern Nevada** – 1660 E Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV
- **Washoe County Department of Social Services** – 1001 E 9th Street, Reno, NV
- **Washoe County Library – South Valleys** 15650A Wedge Parkway Reno, NV