

North Carolina Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families

February 25, 2011 9:00 am to 11:00 am Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: National Center for Child Traumatic Stress Training Room

North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company Building

411 West Chapel Hill Street, Suite 200

Durham, NC 27701 <http://www.nccollaborative.org>

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Dean Duncan, UNC-CH Sch SW		Mark O'Donnell, DMHDSAS	X	Phyllis Fulton, NCDSS	X
Jeff Eads, CenterPoint		Martin Pharr, DJJDP (Judy Stevens)		Anne Sagers, PCANC	X
Linda Evans, Moore County Schools	X	Tiffany Price, UNC SW		Katatina Weinreb	X
Maria Fernandez, DMHDSAS		Tiffany Purdy, Beacon Center (LME)		Ricky Lindley	X
Alex Fonville, Five County COG SOC Coordinator		Kay Paksoy, NASW-NC	x	Tyler Paradis	X
Kirstin Frescoln AOC		Heather Reynolds, NC DPI / PBIS	X	Durbin Colbert NCCASA	X
Terri Grant, CSFT LME Coord.,Durham Ctr		Frank Rider, FFCMH	X	Kiricka Yarbough Smith, NCCASA	X
Kelly Graves, CYFCP UNC-G		Susan E. Robinson, DMHDSAS		Christina DiSalvo DHHDS	X
Iris Green, DRNC		Joel Rosch, Duke Univ CCFP	X		
Cynthia Daniels-Hall, NAMI-NC		Jennifer Rothman, NAMI-NC			
Melissa Hill, NASW-NC		Lisa Salo, SOC Coord, Guilford Center			
Judy Holland, Ntl Ctr for Child Traum. Stress	x	Paul Savery, DMH/DD/SAS	X		
				List updated 2-12-11	

February 28, 2011	
1. Welcome & Introductions	
2. Approval of minutes from 2-11-2011 meeting	Please pass requested Meeting Minute edits to Erin McLaughlin at gwugraduate@yahoo.com
3a. Discussion Topics/ Presentations	<p>Phyllis Bolten: Community Child Protection Teams (CCPT) were established in response to a series of maltreatment incidents of children. The intent was to enhance child protection in community through collaboration and advocacy. In 1997 Citizen Review Panels (required by federal law) were established through the Comm. Child Protections Teams (since the Teams were already covering some of the necessary areas).</p> <p>Currently, community child protection teams are in all 100 counties. Various community leaders sit on the Teams and County Commissioners can appoint up to 5 different community members who represent the diversity in the county. All child fatalities are reviewed by the Teams, but in counties with a large number of child fatalities, the Teams are often split into two entities. The Teams also advocate by discussing the needs of the community and report to the Board of Commissioners and make annual reports to the state. See the attached handout for more information about CCPTs and their successes.</p> <p>Kristen O’Conner, Division of Social Services- CCPT serve under the Federal Child Abuse, Prevention and Treatment Act, to evaluate to the extent that states are addressing the needs of children and provide recommendations on how to improve their systems. Six regional teams have been formed from the CCPTs in order to better fulfill the CAPTA. However, there were some concerns about whether the regional format was fulfilling the format as well as whether there should be more citizens involved on the panel. As a result a full review was done to ensure NC DSS is addressing all parts of the CAPTA Citizen Review Panels.</p> <p>Anne Sayers of Action for Children then presented Citizen Review Panel recommendations from a group convened by Action for Children and asked for feedback from the Collaborative. These recommendations draw on preparation that included review of unmet requirements and models from other states were doing.</p> <p>It was determined that the Child Fatality Taskforce was not structured to address the needs of the CAPTA Citizens Review Panels (CRP). Therefore it was recommended that five regional CRPs would be created and comprised of system users, leaders of the community, and professionals involved in service delivery. It was determined that at least 51% of the CRPs would consists of citizens. Recommended hubs are Pitt, Cumberland, Guilford, Mecklenburg, and Buncombe. The panels would be staffed by independent entities with a proven track record in statewide policy work.</p> <p>Participants at the meeting suggested including medical, school, school health-centers and childcare professional associations to work with DSS; together they could ensure collaboration and better cooperation at the state and local level. A copy of the full report and an explanation of CCPT are included in as an attachment.</p>

<p>3b. Collaborative Partner Updates</p>	<p>Prevention of Sex Trafficking - Kiricka Yarbough Smith, NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault</p> <p>NC ranks in top 8 states for human trafficking in the US</p> <p>300,000 people nationally trafficked a year % of homeless youth forced into prostitution/trafficking-70% # of hours before coerced into prostitution 2 % of people who are children—50% Av. Age child forced into prostitution-13 years old Money garnered per year- 32 Billion National Crime Rating for Human Trafficking-2 (flip flops with arms dealings)</p> <p>Definition of Human Trafficking: anyone under the age of 18 involved with commercial sex acts, over the age of 18 through force fraud or coercion, or force to perform labor.</p> <p>Types of Exploitation: Sex Trafficking, forced prostitution, pornography, and sex tourism; Labour Trafficking sweatshops, restaurants and agricultural work, manual labor; Domestic Servitude housekeeper, nanny, servant</p> <p>Legislation needs ensure that children under the age of 16 are not charged with prostitution, instead children found involved in prostitution should be connected to social services for help and treatment.</p>
<p>3c. Agenda Items for Future Meetings</p>	<p>3/11: Business meeting. SA Prevention Coordinator, Ann Hancock will explain ACYAC and other prevention programs</p> <p>3/25: NC TOPPS, Becky Ebron. NC-TOPPS Project Manager/Quality Management Evaluator. Quality Management Team, Community Policy Management Section. NC DMH/DD/SAS</p> <p>4/22: No meeting on the 4th Friday of April – Good Friday</p> <p>5/27: TBD</p> <p>6/24: sharing by local systems of care (Five County CC and Mecklenburg CC) on how they are addressing key issues they face – confirmed. Hope Jones share SOC synopsis from state perspective</p> <p>7/22: youth presentation</p> <p>8/26: possible DMHDDSAS on children with sight/hearing impairments</p> <p>Other topics we want to schedule soon: family partners; state survey on school-based health care; CCNC</p>

Work Group & Partner Updates

▪ **Training and T/A,**

Martha Lowrance, Johna Hughes & Mark O'Donnell

2nd Friday after NC Collaborative mtg. @ Duke

▪ **School-Based Behavioral Health**

Keith Letchworth & Susan Robinson

4th Friday after NC Collaborative mtg. @ Duke

▪ **Youth in Transition**

Lana Dial & Trishana Jones

2nd Wednesday from 2 - 4 PM @ NC Judicial Center

What is CCPT

Authority

Community Child Protection Teams (CCPT) - established in 1991, as a response to the increased numbers of children reported as abused, neglected or dependent in North Carolina. CCPTs were established to add a community dimension to child protection.

The duties and responsibilities of the CCPT were adopted as North Carolina Administrative Code 411.0400. The original purpose and composition of CCPTs was further formalized and expanded by **G.S. 7B 1406**, effective July 1, 1993.

In 1997, North Carolina designated CCPTs as Citizen's Review Panels, which were required by the ***Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA)***.

The intent of the CCPT is to enhance child protection in the community through collaboration and advocacy. CCPT, established as a community partner in child protection changed the community's perception that child protection is the sole responsibility of the Department of Social Services. Communities are encouraged to work with the local Department of Social Services in identifying deficiencies and gaps in resources and developing strategic plans to address the conditions that compromises the safety and wellbeing of children.

Purpose of CCPT

The Community Child Protection Team is an interdisciplinary group of community representatives who meet to promote a community-wide approach to the problem of child abuse, neglect and dependency.

Who Are CCPT Members

CCPT consist of representatives of agencies and organizations as well as citizens-at-large that have children and families as a focus. **NC law mandates membership for certain agencies and organizations (G.S. 7B 1407)**, effective July 1, 1993. **This members are:** The county director of social services and a member of the director's staff, a local law enforcement officer, an attorney from the district attorney's office, the executive director of the local community action agency, the superintendent of each local school administrative unit; a member of the county board of social services, a local mental health professional, the local guardian ad litem coordinator, or the coordinator's designee; the director of the department of public health; and a local health care provider. The board of county commissioners may appoint a maximum of five additional members to represent various county agencies and the community-at-large to serve on any local team. Domestic Violence coordinators and/or staff are encouraged to participate on the CCPT

CCPT Tasks

Review active cases in which abuse, neglect, or dependency is found and that are:

- Selected from categories defined by the team.
- Brought for review at the specific request of a team member.
- Brought for review at the initiative of the director of the department of social services.

In partnership with the Division's fatality reviewers, CCPT shall review fatalities, which are:

- Suspected to have resulted from child abuse, neglect or dependency and
- The child or the child's family had received child welfare services within 12 months of the child's death.

Report to the Board of County Commissioners and the community about the status of families in the community.

Advocacy and Collaboration

CCPT educates the community about issues that puts children at risk of harm and how this influences families and the community. The knowledge of CCPT members is utilized to create services in response to identified gaps. The sharing of information among members about under-utilized resources in the community help to address service gaps. CCPT informs board of county commissioners about trends in child maltreatment that suggest a need for changes in services in the in the community, and advocate for necessary resources.

Some 2009 CCPT Accomplishments

Teams cite better collaboration between agencies as a major accomplishment of CCPT. Many teams have sponsored or co-sponsored community conferences or workshops for the public to increase awareness about Safe Surrender, Purple Crying, domestic violence, reporting child maltreatment, the need for adoptive and foster parents. Teams have been instrumental in getting stop lights placed in danger areas of the county, making child advocacy centers more accessible, developing written community standards and supporting DSS in increasing social work staff. One county sponsored a poster contest at the county schools during child abuse prevention month.

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NC DIVISION OF
SOCIAL SERVICES ON CITIZEN REVIEW PANELS
MAY 26, 2010**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To ensure that North Carolina was in compliance with requirements for Citizen Review Panels of the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), the NC Division of Social Services contracted with Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina (PCANC) to develop recommendations for a new system and to have this process serve as the activities of the Citizen Review Panels for the state fiscal year 2009-2010.

To accomplish this, PCANC in partnership with NC DSS and various stakeholders:

1. Conducted an external scan of the federal CAPTA policies (and their interpretation at the federal and state levels), research literature on review panels, and current structures and impact of Citizen Review Panels (CRPs) in other states.
2. Conducted an assessment of existing resources in North Carolina that have played a role or could play a role in a Citizen Review Panel structure, including the state's Child Fatality Prevention System, the Community Child Protection Teams, and others.
3. Developed a Citizen Review Panel Advisory Committee comprised of state and local level stakeholders to help guide this initiative, review findings, and develop the final recommendations to the NC Division of Social Services for the implementation of CRPs starting State fiscal year 2011.
4. Developed a set of goals and outcomes for NC's CRPs, and proposed a new CRP structure (including staffing, training needs, costs, etc.) for the Division to consider based upon these findings through a facilitated conversation of the Advisory Committee.
5. Produced the federally required CRP report as evidenced by this document.

Through this process, the following core recommendations were made:

- The creation of five regional Citizen Review Panels comprised of users of the system, leaders of the community, and professional involved in service delivery to be staffed by an independent entity with a proven track-record in statewide policy work. These should coincide with the State's Regional DSS training regions with one modification. Regions are anchored by the following counties:
 - ✓ Buncombe
 - ✓ Mecklenburg
 - ✓ Guilford
 - ✓ Cumberland and
 - ✓ Pitt (this was modified from Lenoir).
- The activities of the CRPs should include:
 - Review policies and procedures in consultation with county and state child welfare staff to ensure the protection of children and in compliance with NC's CAPTA plan.
 - Review the consistency of practice and compliance with stated policies.
 - Work with the Child Fatality Prevention System (State Team, Local Teams and Community Child Protection Teams) to ascertain recommendations based upon their data and findings.
 - Analyze trends, provide valuable insights that those working within the system may miss, and provide feedback on what is or is not working.

- Recommend policy changes and work with other entities as appropriate, to ensure implementation and follow-through.
- Advocate for needed resources to serve children and families, including prevention of child maltreatment and the treatment of children from the sequelae of abuse and neglect.
- Increase community understanding, ownership and investment in child welfare and family strengthening.
- Promote cooperation among community resources and child welfare services.
- Prepare a public annual report containing a summary of the activities of the panel with recommendations to improve the child welfare system and keep children safe from abuse and neglect. In addition to submitting the annual public report to the Division of Social Services, the CRPs should also share the report and the response from the Division with the Governor and other members of the executive branch, members of the legislatures, the various bodies/task forces and advocacy organizations. (It should be noted that in order to be in full compliance with CAPTA, the Division must respond to this report in writing no later than six months after its receipt.)
- Each year the Panels should establish their work plan and measures for success.
- The State should contract with an independent organization with a history of policy work and advocacy as well as a demonstrated ability to move a policy agenda forward, a supporting organization, to support the work of the Citizen Review Panels.
- The supporting organization in partnership with the central “Steering Committee” (comprised of representatives of the regional Citizen Review Panels) should carry out the core responsibilities including staffing of the CRPs, coordination, data analyses, report writing and advocacy.
- Potential members of the CRPs should possess certain characteristics that include influential (loud and vocal), passion about children’s issues, team-oriented and analytical. Furthermore all candidates must make a commitment to attend the four meetings per year and perhaps review material throughout the year.
- The panel composition should be comprised of 51% community members, consumers and /or individuals who are not currently human services professionals and no more than 49% professionals working in either the private or public service systems. In addition, panel membership should be reflective of the region (racial, social and economic) and a balance of rural and urban.
- Explore the development of a statute requiring the implementation of these regional Citizen Review Panels. The statute should not include a fiscal note and would include the requirement that this process be staffed by an independent entity that met the criteria laid out above.
- Decide upon a name that could be readily accepted by all integral partners and more effectively describe the work of the panels.

This report reflects the work of the Advisory Committee. Throughout this process, minutes were shared with members and used as the basis of this report. Upon completion of the draft report, inclusive of the appendices, the report was shared with the committee for their review and feedback. Feedback and edits were incorporated into this final draft.

Prepared by Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina

