



Kentucky Office of the Attorney General
Regular Meeting-Video Teleconference
September 14, 2021
10:00 a.m. EST
Minutes

- I. **Call to order.**
- II. **Roll call and introduction of new members:** Heather Wagers, Chelsea Harrod, Christie Penn, Matt Johnson, Christina Weeter, Rewa Zakharia, Alicia Miller, Susan Rhema, Carrie Ovey-Wiggins, Sherika Smith, Caroline Ruschell, Jackie Sugarman, and Dilyana Pursley.
Guests: Cathy York, Theresa Gargan, and Laura Kretzer
- III. **Review of minutes from July 27, 2021 meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Carrie Ovey-Wiggins. Motion seconded by Christie Penn. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Review of the state model protocol for MDTs:** Caroline Ruschell discussed the Commission's duty to develop a model protocol as a baseline requirement for all MDTs in Kentucky. Groups are still working on the legal and education sections. She stated that the final draft will be ready for members to share with their employer for feedback on October 1, 2021.

Laura Kretzer shared the most recent draft copy of the Model Team Protocol template including changes, comments, and edits made since the last meeting. She discussed how members should provide her with their suggested changes/editions. There are sections of this protocol that the intention is for teams to be able to customize their local language. Other than the language that is required to remain, teams will be able to add customized language in the sections that are designated. Rewa Zakharia offered to work on the section that outlines the duties of Prosecutors and Marsy's Law. Additional language was added to the section on Interpreters which would require an interpreter to sign a

confidentiality agreement and sign an MOU that would be approved by CAC leadership and would be specific to interviewing. A discussion was held regarding the title of Mental/Behavioral Health. After discussion, it was agreed that the title would be Mental Health. Dr. Sugarman suggested changing the word victim to children who experience sexual abuse. Chelsea Harrod would like to add language around female genital mutilation as that is now part of the statute for investigations. The group discussed having an attorney outside of the Commission to review the mental health/confidentiality section. Cathy York stated that Katherine Hines with CHFS is a possible resource. Chelsea Harrod will reach out to her for guidance.

V. Partner Updates and Announcements:

Cathy York stated that she filed an amendment to the Commission's regulation. A lot of the amendment was related to the frequency of the Board and the local MDTs to review model protocols. The public hearing on the regulation amendment will be at the end of October.

Christina Weeter discussed the missing children's notifications that get sent automatically to schools when a child is either reported missing or has been located. KDE has updated their notification to schools when the child is located and included additional information that may prompt a trauma-informed response.

Heather Wagers discussed changing the meeting dates for next year so that they are held on a different month than the CSAEP Board meetings.

Caroline Ruschell discussed drafting the required annual report and will gather information needed from CACs. Susan Blake from the Prosecutors Advisory Committee will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the data needed for the annual report.

VI. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Heather Wagers. Motion seconded by Rewa Zakharia. Motion passed unanimously.

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