



Kentucky Office of the Attorney General
Regular Meeting-Video Teleconference
April 26, 2022
10:00 a.m. EST

Primary Location:

Conference Room "C"
1024 Capital Center Drive
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Minutes

- I. **Call to order.**
- II. **Roll call:** Caroline Ruschell, Dilyana Pursley, Susan Rhema, Heather Wagers, Chelsea Harrod, Simone Hirsekorn, Christie Penn, Jackie Sugarman, Chelsea Harrod, and Carrie Ovey-Wiggins.
Guests: Laura Kretzer, Theresa Gargan, and Caroline Rinehart.
- III. **Review of minutes from February 22, 2022, meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Susan Rhema. Motion seconded by Chelsea Harrod. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Review draft of KMCCSA Annual Report:** Caroline Ruschell stated that the first piece of the report provides some history of the why and where the protocol came from as well as high-level recommendations. She also discussed the Commission's requirement to collect data, report on that data, and make recommendations. The recommendations for Kentucky and duties are to utilize the new protocol as a basis for discussion and recommitment to the community's response to child abuse, customize the protocol to reflect the local community needs and resources, and collect and maintain annual data for the Commission that is described in the protocol. The data collection includes the total case review meetings by the MDTs as well as new cases reviewed, which comes from the Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs). She saw a 30% increase in new cases reviewed by MDTs in the last year. Heather Wagers made a motion to approve the Annual Report

with minor administrative edits. Motion seconded by Dilyana Pursley. The motion passed unanimously.

- V. **Review draft of MDT Guide:** Laura Kretzer discussed changes made to the guide. There are now links to statutes and other references in the document. Christie Penn made a motion to approve the MDT Guide with minor administrative changes. Motion seconded by Chelsea Harrod. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Legislative Update on Bills Impacting MDTs:** Caroline Ruschell stated that the CACs received an additional 5 million dollars in the budget and operating funds. A discussion was held regarding Senate Bill 8, which updated the language around CAC medical clinics and the rates for medical exams. Heather Wagers discussed that Senate Bill 8 expanded the scope of the CSAEP Board to include all forms of child maltreatment. Accordingly, a new Board will be created. Once the new Board meets, it will be able to consider the FY23 grant applications. Chelsea Harrod discussed a language change for CHFS from those of imminent risk of removal to imminent and moderate risk. Dr. Sugarman and Heather Wagers both testified on Senate Bill 8. Christie Penn stated that the budget included a line item for the implementation of 988.
- VII. **MDT Report Form Review and Status:** Laura Kretzer discussed providing an electronic reporting form to increase participation. The Commission will look at the current reports at the next meeting and evaluate the current information to decide if there should be other types of data collected that would be helpful.
- VIII. **Partner Updates and Announcements:** Heather Wagers stated that the KMCCSA regulation was filed, which includes the new protocol. A public hearing will be in July. She stated that the Commission has four positions that have expired. Chelsea Harrod shared that on April 2nd CHFS launched the new SDM, which is a structured decision-making intake assessment. The goal of these assessments is to have very specific definitions around our acceptance criteria and what meets the criteria for an investigation of abuse or neglect, which ensures workers across the state are using the same definitions for increased consistency and decision making. Additionally, CHFS has finalized the release date of the next two tools, which will be utilized in the investigative stage and include an evidence-based safety and risk assessment. Dr. Sugarman shared that the first sexual assault nurse examiner pediatric class is starting right after Memorial Day. She is also working on a more formalized medical protocol for CACs for standardization.
- IX. **Adjourn:** Heather Wagers motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Caroline Ruschell.

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