



Kentucky Office of the Attorney General
Regular Meeting-Video Teleconference

October 25th, 2022

10:00 a.m. EST

Agenda

Primary Location:

Conference Room "C"

1024 Capital Center Drive

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

I. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am via zoom.

II. Roll Call (All members and guests appeared virtually)

Commission Members:

Caroline Ruschell

Dilyana Pursley

Heather Wagers

Carrie Ovey-Wiggins

Susan Rhema

Britany Barber

Matt Johnson

Rewa Zakharia

Dr. Jackie Sugarman

Dolores Smith

Guests:

Laura Kretzer

Jami McLemore

III. Review of minutes from June 28, 2022 meeting:

Dolores Smith made a correction on the meeting minutes from the June 28th, 2022. Dolores stated the Administrative Office of the Courts is doing their annual report for the citizen foster care review board. A motion was made and the minutes from the June meeting were approved.

IV. Local MDT Updates:

Caroline Ruschell stated that the Commission recently adopted a new model protocol for all local multidisciplinary teams in the state of Kentucky to use. The model protocol must now be adopted by each local team and submitted to the Commission for approval. Local teams may add to the statewide model protocol, but they may not take away the language that the Commission adopts. At this time there are no protocols to be reviewed for approval.

Caroline and Laura Kretzer will review the data from the multidisciplinary team data collection tool that is due from all local teams at the end of the calendar year. Laura stated that she received 118 data collection forms out of 120 counties. Laura reports the data from last year's collection tool noting that over 6,000 child abuse cases, 263 human trafficking cases, and 1,400 physical abuse cases. Heather stated that Prosecution Advisory Council (PAC) data is making progress.

V. Discussion of Annual Report:

The Commission members discussed the annual report. Caroline suggested incorporating the PAC data information into the annual report. Dr. Sugarman asked how many DCBS cases are actual convictions and for what crimes were they convicted. Heather suggested that doing a pilot program in a county to gather data would provide the information. Caroline stated the advocacy numbers are up and that advocacy might be a good topic to focus on for the report. Caroline said she would send out information asking for volunteers within the Commission to help draft the report.

VI. Discussion of Strategic Planning for the Commission:

Caroline will send out a detailed email and tabled the discussion on strategic planning and trainings for next meeting.

VII. Partner Updates and Announcements:

Rewa stated she is doing a child abuse training for prosecutors. She asks for member input to incorporate into the trainings. Heather reported the KYOAG received a Missing Child Initiative grant for a public media campaign. The campaign will be launched over the next year. The funding will focus on foster care, runaways, and the most vulnerable children.

VIII. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

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