DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

CJA Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19, 2025, 12:00-2:00pm

Summary Statement: The CJA Task Force is a federally mandated, multidisciplinary advisory board that reviews and evaluates statewide front-end child welfare policies and practices and makes recommendations to DHS and others for systemic, equitable improvements to promote children's justice and well-being.

Attendance:

Role (42 U.S.C. §5106c (c)(1)) (voting members)	Name	Present	Absent	Notes
1. Law enforcement	Barrett Chrissis	x		
2. Law enforcement	Wade Rasch	x		
3. Civil court judge	Judge Anderson		x	
4. Civil court judge	Judge Doll	x		
5. Prosecuting attorney	Adam Hinz		x	
6. Defense attorney	Emmalie Brudzinski	x		
7. Defense attorney	Thomas Godfrey	x		
8. Attorney for children	Anne Gueinzius	x		
9. Guardian ad litem	Erika Randall	x		
10. Guardian ad litem	Sheri Johnson	x		
11. Health professional	Dr. Mark Hudson	x		
12. Health professional	Janaye Stewart		x	Leave of absence
13. Mental health professional	Saprina Matheny		x	
14. Mental health professional	Anna Clavin	x		
15. Child protection services	Kari Hohn	x		
16. Child protection services	Jessica Iwen		x	
17. Parent representative	Joanne Hodgeman		x	
18. Parent representative	Tatiana Bergum		x	
19. Foster care survivor	Dawn Hyland		x	
20. Foster care survivor	Marlena Jasch		x	
21. Individual experienced working with children with disabilities	Kate Rickord	x		
22. Individual experienced working with children with disabilities	Tascha Just	x		
23. Individual experienced working with homeless children/youth	Amanda Leathers	(removed)		

24. Individual experienced working with homeless children/youth	Lolita Davis-Carter		x	
25. Survivor of child abuse or neglect	Brent Genereux	x		
26. Survivor of child abuse or neglect	Cindy Devonish	(resigned)		
Role (non-voting members)	**Name**	**Present**	**Absent**	**Notes**
Ad hoc – Corner House CAC	Jane Straub (CAC)	x		
Ad hoc -Minnesota Children's Alliance	Marcia Milliken (CAC)	x		
Ad hoc -First Witness CAC	Tracie Clanaugh (CAC)	x		
Ad hoc -Ombudsperson	Jill Esch (OAIF)		x	
Ad hoc -CJI Representative	Judy Peterson (Courts CJI)	x		
Ad hoc-Ombudsperson	Muriel Gubasta (OBFF)	x		
Ad hoc-Ombudsperson	Misty Coonce	x		
Ad hoc-Ombudsperson	Manuel Zuniga (OBFF)	x		
Ad hoc-Ombudsperson	Ann Hill (OBFF)		x	
CYF American Indian Well-Being Unit | CSP Division	Crystal Hedemann	x		Rep:Nigel Perrote
Ad hoc-DV Expert	Scott Miller	x		
Ad hoc-Lived experience/subject matter expert	Marvalyne Tripp	x		
Ad hoc-Lived experience/subject matter expert	DeClara Tripp	x		
Ad hoc-Lived experience/subject matter expert	Mel Alvar (PAVSA-Safe Harbor)	x		
Ad hoc-Subject matter expert	Katie Erickson		x	
DCYF CJA Task Force Coordinator	Laura Gapske	X		
DCYF CS&P Dept. Manager	Rebecca Wilcox		x	
DCYF CS&P Family Supp & Place Svcs Attorney/ CJI	Baudry, Jennifer L		x	

I. Welcome

- Welcome new members
- Resignation of Cindy Devonish and removal of Amanda Leathers
- Update on appointment process and applicants

II. Labor Trafficking Child Protection Response Update
III. Share back on National MDT National Parent Representation Conference
IV. Presentation from DCYF Legislative Team on session outcome
V. Workgroup updates to the full task force A, B, and C

VI.   Workgroup breakout time to the full task force A, B, and C

VII.   Public Comment(s): None.

Next CJA Task Force Meeting:

When: July 21, 2025, Noon- 2 PM via Microsoft Teams**:**

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