

CJA Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date: July 21, 12:00-12:20 pm

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 Gueinzus	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	Dr. Mara Borges-Gatewood	x		

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	DeClara Tripp	x		
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	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
- II. Vote for appointment of the following recommended applicants (5 mins)
 - ACTION ITEM: Vote to appoint Dr. Mara Gatewood to Individual with Experience Working with Homeless Children and Youth- **APPROVED**
 - ACTION ITEM: Vote to appoint DeClara Tripp to Individual with Lived Experience- **APPROVED**
- III. Update on CJA/Citizen Review Panel Annual Retreat
 - Monday, August 18, 2025, 9:30 am – 3 pm in St. Cloud
 - Coffee, tea, water and lunch provided
 - Agenda items: Legislative update, CFSR report, and break out time in the afternoon
 - Voting member expenses can be covered through SWIFT account (\$55/stipend and mileage)
 - In-person meeting, no virtual option to attend
 - Questions, comments, concerns?
- IV. Public Comment(s): None

Next CJA Task Force Meeting:

When: Monday, August 18, 2025, 9:30-3 pm in-person

Location: SCSU Atwood Memorial Center- Cascade Room: 651 1st Ave S, St. Cloud, MN 56301