

**ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE
SALT LAKE COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER**

DRAFT Meeting minutes

Prepared by: Meaghan Marks, Office Coordinator - Victim Support Services Division

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, August 14, 2023

LOCATION: Webex

PRESENT: Carol Verdoia, Asha Parekh, Susanne Mitchell, Brandon Turner, Ryan Woodmansee, Annette Jan, Angela Martindale

GUESTS: Lizet Torres, Sarah Houser, David DeTorres, Cristina Hudak-Rosander, Emily Merian, Gina Toledo, Lydia Midgely, Clint Heiner, Michelle Bo,

EXOFFICIO: Meaghan Marks

EXCUSED: Kris Ownby, James Bigelow

1. Carol Verdoia called the meeting to order at 12:04.
 - A. Carol welcomed all participating in today's meeting and introduced two new Advisory Board members. Asha Parekh, Division Director for the DA Victim Support Services Division and Lt. Brandon Turner of West Jordan Police Department.
2. Roll Call - Meaghan Marks
3. Approval of the minutes – Carol Verdoia
 - A. Susanne motioned approval of the May meeting minutes, Ryan Woodmansee seconded. All present in favor.
- 4.. Public Comment
 - A. No public in attendance.
5. Business Items – Susanne Mitchell
 - A. Susanne provided a status update regarding the vacant Victim Advocate, School Resource Officer, and Mental Health Provider slots on the board. The nominees have been presented to the County Council and are pending final approval.
 - B. Asha introduced herself to the board and described her new role within the District Attorney's office.
6. Friends Nonprofit Report – Angela Martindale
 - A. Angela detailed ongoing work of the Friends nonprofit. A sponsored service project with Swire Coca-Cola provided 110 hygiene kits, 60 calm kits, and 40 blankets, and additional service projects are in the works with other organizations in the community.
 - B. Additional ongoing work includes building community partnerships, rebranding messaging and marketing for the nonprofit, and support for new initiatives and services.

7. VOCA Grant Report – Susanne Mitchell
 - A. The VOCA federal grant has been renewed for two more years, FY 2024 to FY 2025. Funding has decreased with one full-time staff position funded which is a Child and Family Specialist.
 - B. A new VOCA requirement this year requires collaboration with other agencies to improve services. The CJC has targeted mental health services for victims due to identified gaps and created the CJC Mental Health Collaboration Committee which started in April. The two main goals of the committee are to improve client access to services and training networking for providers.
 - C. Mental Health Committee members attended the board meeting and introduced themselves. They provided updates on needs identified during the first two meetings, including the low CVR reimbursement rates for therapists and guidelines on credentialing requirements for CVR rate eligibility, discussion of the the Pediatric Care Process Model, and barriers to ease of access for mental health services.
8. CJC Report – Lizet Torres
 - A. Lizet detailed her experience at the NCA Leadership Conference in June in Washington, DC. Key points from the conference include effective onboarding for MDT to create a supportive environment and focusing on partnerships and engagement to build solid relationships. Compassionate leadership is critical.
10. MDT Report – Sarah Houser
 - A. Sarah discussed the status of the CJC MDT Protocol Committee. The committee met over the course of two years to prepare the updated protocol to reflect victim-centered best practices. The protocol is ready for signature and will be introduced at the MDT Conference in November.
 - B. Ryan Woodmansee commented that MDT Orientation is a good training that lays the foundation for how MDT should be working together as a victim-centered team. Orientation is mandatory for the specialized CPS child abuse teams with all other CPS workers encouraged to attend.
 - C. Clint Heiner advised that all on the DA Special Victims team are required to attend MDT Orientation. The collaborative effort between agencies has improved MDT processes immensely, largely due to relationships built and conversations had between community and agency partners.
10. Motion to Adjourn
 - A. Annette Jan motioned to adjourn at 1:09pm. Asha seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.