

Minutes of the Training and Education Subcommittee Meeting  
February 13, 2007

Attendees

Karen Alexander  
Jeannie Boone  
Verna Wyatt  
Rory Alley

The Training and Education Subcommittee had several goals they defined as part of the 2007 Child Sexual Abuse State Plan. This meeting was held in order to execute action steps toward these goals.

The Joint Task Force and Citizen Review Panels are developing a jointly “owned” web site for information related to the two groups with the assistance of the University of Tennessee. One of the goals of this subcommittee was to establish a protocol in approval of submissions for addition to this website. The subcommittee recommended that they make these approvals with input from the executive committee in order to avoid drafting an additional subcommittee to undertake this task. UT staff will take this recommendation to the next Executive subcommittee meeting and report the findings to the Training and Education subcommittee members. They will also contact Stacy Miller to seek input on getting an icon developed for courts and legal staff. An explanation of attending and presenting at various training sessions would be linked to the icon.

Social Work Training Consortium College or University participation on the Task Force is seen as an important link to facilitate exchange of information and ideas between the two entities. In a previous meeting with TDCS Commissioner Viola Miller and her staff, Dr. Miller suggested that Glenn Carter, of Austin Peay State University, would be a valuable addition to the Task Force in order to encourage this connection. UT Staff will contact Mr. Carter to invite his participation in the next Joint Task Force meeting.

Curriculum development is currently underway within the TDCS Social Work Consortium headed by Middle Tennessee State University. In an effort to include child sexual abuse materials in the curricula of the major colleges and universities involved in its development, the Training and Education Subcommittee suggested that the Board of Regents be contacted to solicit their support. Jeannie Boone was designated to contact members of this body to garner their support in this endeavor and invite a representative to attend future Joint Task Force meetings.

The subcommittee discussed the revision of the two-page Child Abuse Reporting Fact Sheet so that it could be tailored to more specific needs of medical/health care agencies and personnel, starting with school nurses. This subcommittee's members thought that because the Community Partners Subcommittee had been instrumental in the development of the original two-page document for teachers, they should take the lead in the document revision. This information will be relayed to the Community Partners Subcommittee Chairperson.

The last agenda item concerned development of another computer based training to better inform teachers and other professionals of the signs and symptoms of child maltreatment. UT staff will research existing web sites that contain information related to this problem and forward them to subcommittee members for consideration of their inclusion in this training. Verna Wyatt will begin a draft of points related to this topic that can be used to develop the training at a later date in coordination with the Shelby County Citizen's Review Panel.