



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

## Governor's Crime Commission

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### Children's Justice Act Task Force Meeting

**Date:** February 2, 2023

**Location:** Virtual Meeting via WebEx and in-person at 1201 Front Street

### In Attendance

Members: George "Tripp" Ake, Whitney Belich, Patricia Cardoso, Rick Croutharmel, Lorrie Dollar, Jennifer Evans, Kella Hatcher, Lyana Hunter, Deana Joy, Nick Lett, Christine Long, Matt McKay, Stacy Morgan, Rhonda Morris

Staff: Diane Barber, Caroline Farmer, Toni Lockley, Adonicca McAllister, MK Smith, Jason Wimmer

### Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Deana Joy at 1:09 P.M. After roll call a quorum was established.

### Reminders

Chair Deana Joy provided an ethics reminder from the General Statute, Chapter 138A-35, and other provisions of the State Government Ethics Act. A reminder for recusal was made. No conflicts were raised, and no one recused themselves.

### Approval of 10.06.22 Minutes

The minutes were sent prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rhonda Morris, seconded by George "Tripp" Ake. The members voted and the minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

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## GCC Staff Updates

Toni Lockley shared the GCC staff updates, which included details on the CJA funding update, federal call updates, and the upcoming New Member Orientation, to be held on February 7, 2023, from 12 p.m.-1:00 p.m. via WebEx.

## Three-Year Assessment - 2024

Toni Lockley presented on the 2024 three-year assessment, which included details on the CJA funding priority, the categories and areas for use of CJA funds, funding projects and activities, and the recommendations of the CJA Task Force. There was also a summary review of the information and details of the 2021 three-year assessment.

## Grant Scoring Training

Toni Lockley and Adonicca McAllister presented on the Children's Justice Act funding requirements and grant scoring, which included details on core requirements, grant administration, subaward requirements, required program and budget areas, as well as on the scoring of GCC grants and important application scoring dates.

## Membership Update

Chair Deana Joy provided the membership update, introducing the new members Christine Long, Rick Croutharmel and Lyana Hunter to the task force. Christine Long and Rick Croutharmel briefly introduced themselves to their fellow task force members.

## Task Force Member Highlights

Whitney Belich shared information regarding the work of the Child Fatality Task Force, including training law enforcement officers and first responders regarding child abuse and neglect, how the Division of Social Services operates and how best to work with it, as well as FirstCall training through the RADAR program.

George "Tripp" Ake shared a resource from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) entitled "Gender Affirming Care is Trauma-Informed Care." He provided information on Disability Rights North Carolina's Abuse Neglect (DRNC) Hotline, which targets abuse and

neglect issues in residential treatment facilities for children and adults, schools, as well as privately and state operated facilities.

### Old/New Business

There was no old or new business.

### Announcements and Adjournment

Next meeting will be on April 13, 2023  
Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:27 P.M.

### Attachments

- Agenda
- Roll call
- Minutes from prior meeting
- Voting Roll
- All other attachments listed individually