

**Texas Children's Justice Act Project Task Force
Texas Center for the Judiciary, Austin, TX
January 22, 2010**

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MINUTES of Texas Children’s Justice Act Task Force
Meeting date: October 23, 2009

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Texas Children’s Justice Act Task Force, was held at the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Austin, TX on October 23, 2009. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m., Fairy Rutland presiding.

Members in attendance:

William Briley
Kriste Burnett
Cozette Bustamante
Cathy Crabtree
Jon Evans
Joe Gagen
Tom Gaylor
Rolf Habersang
Denise Hyde

Randi King
Margaret Lalk
James Lukefahr
Dan Powers
Daniela Ontiveroz
Chris Oldner
Fairy Rutland

Members not in attendance:

Larry Thorne
Joyce James
Audrey Deckinga
Gerry Williams
Valerie Milholland
De Shaun Ealoms
Roy Block

Staff in attendance:

Colette Bonstead
Heidi Penix
Ginny Woods

Grantees/Guests in attendance:

Carl Reynolds
Cathy Cockerham
Liz Kromrei
Connie Almeida
Melodye Cure
Justin Mazzeo
Courtney Pero
Alison Watros

Welcome and introductions by Fairy Rutland. Ms. Rutland welcomed members and guests. Each member introduced themselves.

Approval of July 24, 2009 minutes:

Minutes from the July 24th Task Force meeting had been emailed to the members following the meeting and posted to the CJA website.

Motion was made by Rolf Habersang and seconded by Denise Hyde to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2009 meeting. Motion carried without opposition.

Grantee Presentations:

1. **Texas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (TADEC), Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse** by Alison Watros, Program Director, TADEC; Justin Mazzeo, Quality Assurance Coordinator, TADEC; and Courtney Pero, Sergeant, Neighborhood Police Officer Unit, Plano Police Department.
2. **Kids in Court, Children’s Advocacy Center of Smith County** by Melodye Cure, Kids in Court Coordinator, CAC of Smith County.
3. **Fort Bend County Court Team for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers, Zero to Three** by Dr. Connie Almeida, Texas Training and Outreach Coordinator, Zero to Three.

4. **Quality CASA Advocacy and Volunteer Recruitment, Texas CASA** by Joe Gagen, Chief Executive Officer & Cathy Cockerham, Program Operations Director, Texas CASA, Inc.

CPS Update by Liz Kromrei, CPS Director of Services. Ms. Kromrei gave an update of ongoing CPS activities. At the next Task Force meeting, Ms. Kromrei will give an overview of the CFSR measures, as well as other performance measures outside the federal review and explain the how much control CPS has over these measures.

Grant Proposal Review Committee Report by Denise Hyde. Ms. Hyde summarized the targeted grant applications submitted by the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Office of Court Administration.

1. Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Application

DFPS is seeking \$100,000 to host an Investigations and Family Based Safety Services (FBSS) Joint Leadership Intensive Staff Training. The training will enhance the ability of FBSS and Investigations supervisors and managers to support family-centered practice without compromising child safety and protection as part of a systemic transformation. DFPS will offer two identical sessions and target all 600 CPS Investigative and FBSS supervisors, program directors, regional directors, and state office leaders statewide. The curriculum will be developed in partnership with the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services. This project addresses the Task Force recommendation to support training opportunities for CPS staff designed to strengthen levels of accountability, enhance staff support, and improve workforce retention.

Motion was made by Rolf Habersang and seconded by Margaret Lalk to approve the grant application submitted by the Department of Family and Protective Services. Motion carried without opposition.

2. Office of Court Administration (OCA) Application

OCA is seeking \$117,614 to enhance its child protection courts. OCA will hire a new, full-time attorney to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of promising practices within the child protection courts (CPCs). Additionally, the staff attorney will assist the child protection courts with legal research, as needed. During the first year of the project, the staff attorney will identify what promising practices are currently employed in the CPCs and develop a baseline for court performance data related to safety, permanence, timeliness, and well being. OCA will convene an advisory committee to review and recommend a set of promising practices to be adopted by all CPCs, as appropriate. This project addresses the Task Force recommendation to encourage the use of specialized courts of highly committed, specialized judges to hear child abuse and neglect cases.

Motion was made by Joe Gagen and seconded by Rolf Habersang to approve the grant application submitted by the Office of Court Administration. Motion carried without opposition.

Legislative Committee Report by Joe Gagen. Mr. Gagen directed Task Force members to the letter submitted to state representatives regarding recommendations for interim session studies included in the meeting notebook behind tab 4. The Legislative Committee will provide an update to the Task Force when the interim charges have been released.

Report on Undoing Racism Workshop by Fairy Rutland. Ms. Rutland discussed the Undoing Racism workshop she attended in August. Task Force members discussed the possibility of hosting a workshop for members and other participants, as appropriate. Participants must be prepared prior to the workshop and provided an opportunity to attend a feedback session following. The Task Force will consider whether to allocated funding in support of an Undoing Racism Workshop during the budget discussion.

CJA Status Report by Heidi Penix and Ginny Woods. Ms. Penix updated the Task force on some of the highlights from the 2008-2009 grant year. Ms. Woods provided a preview of the projects approved for the upcoming grant year. A PowerPoint presentation was included in the notebook materials.

Budget by Colette Bonstead. Ms. Bonstead updated the Task Force on the status of the FY '09 budget. Ms. Bonstead discussed the balance of unexpended funds for CJA Subgrantees. Ginny Woods updated the Task Force on the status of the FY '10 budget. Both budgets were included in the notebook materials.

CJA staff recommended setting aside \$15,000 for the Task Force to host an Undoing Racism Workshop and \$25,000 for additional scholarship opportunities.

Motion was made by Cathy Crabtree and seconded by Randi King to set aside \$15,000 for the Task Force to host an Undoing Racism Workshop and \$25,000 for additional scholarship opportunities.

New Business: The Task Force did not discuss any items of new business.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at **2:04**.

These minutes were approved at a Texas Children's Justice Act Task Force meeting on January 22, 2010.

CJA Budget

1/29/2010

Fiscal Year: October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009

Income	
GY 08 Remaining Funds:	\$ 416,490.25
GY 09 Grant Income:	\$ 1,356,331.00
Interest Income:	\$ -
Program Income:	\$ 5,735.00
PMS Adjustment:	\$ (0.28)
PMS Adjustment:	\$ (2.19)
Total Grant Income	\$ 1,778,553.78
Budget Reserve	\$ 98,431.19
Operating Expenses	\$ 294,800.00
Total Budgeted	\$ 1,379,587.59
Funds Remaining for New Projects	\$ 5,735.00

Total Grant Income	\$ 1,778,553.78
Operating Expenses	\$ 257,807.70
Project Expenditures	\$ 1,184,547.43

FY 09 Unexpended Funds: \$ 336,198.65

	Budget	Expenses to Date	Balance
Abilene Police Department	\$ 42,909.00	\$ 31,193.56	\$ 11,715.44
CAC of Hidalgo County	\$ 96,421.00	\$ 92,598.57	\$ 3,822.43
CAC of Smith County	\$ 45,789.00	\$ 44,702.68	\$ 1,086.32
CAC of Texas	\$ 94,922.00	\$ 94,922.00	\$ -
CAC of Texas - Forensic Interview	\$ 2,345.00	\$ 2,345.00	\$ -
CAC of Tom Green County	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
CASA of Hidalgo County	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,852.22	\$ 147.78
CASA of Trinity Valley	\$ 43,036.00	\$ 29,483.78	\$ 13,552.22
Dallas CAC	\$ 65,700.00	\$ 56,867.35	\$ 8,832.65
Greater Dallas Council on A & DA	\$ 99,999.00	\$ 97,044.41	\$ 2,954.59
Navarro County CAC	\$ 24,625.00	\$ 23,288.67	\$ 1,336.33
Northeast CAC	\$ 7,474.00	\$ 7,474.00	\$ -
Nueces County CAC	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 74,813.52	\$ 186.48
Rusk County CAC	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -
TCU Institute of Child Development	\$ 57,125.00	\$ 57,125.00	\$ -
Texas CASA	\$ 251,916.00	\$ 242,812.48	\$ 9,103.52
Texas Foster Families Association	\$ 12,372.00	\$ 12,372.00	\$ -
TX Office for Prev of Dev Disabilities	\$ 61,129.00	\$ 61,129.00	\$ -
UTHSC-SA	\$ 141,750.00	\$ 42,877.58	\$ 98,872.42
Zero to Three	\$ 69,362.00	\$ 65,167.92	\$ 4,194.08
Training Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Organization Grants	\$ 21,454.50	\$ 19,186.84	\$ 2,267.66
Individual Scholarships	\$ 80,259.09	\$ 56,570.66	\$ 23,688.43
CJA Task Force	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 11,720.19	\$ 13,279.81
Total Budget	\$ 1,379,587.59	Total Expenses \$ 1,184,547.43	Balance \$ 195,040.16

CJA Budget

Fiscal Year: October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010

1/19/2010

Income					
GY 09 Remaining Funds:	\$	336,198.65	Total Grant Income	\$	1,692,530.65
GY 10 Grant Income:	\$	1,356,332.00	Operating Expenses	\$	59,091.77
Program Income:	\$	-	Project Expenditures	\$	119,843.59
			GY 10 Unexpended Funds:	\$	1,513,595.29
Total Grant Income	\$	1,692,530.65			
Budget Reserve	\$	50,000.00			
Operating Expenses	\$	268,599.96			
Total Budgeted	\$	1,242,234.99			
Funds Remaining for New					
Projects	\$	131,695.70			

Expense Category	Budget	Expenses to Date	Balance
Projects			
Fatherhood Roundtable	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Undoing Racism Workshop	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Subgrants			
CAC of Smith County	\$ 34,735.00	\$ 8,078.78	\$ 26,656.22
CAC of Texas	\$ 249,566.00	\$ 12,091.53	\$ 237,474.47
CASA of Travis County	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 8,870.21	\$ 34,129.79
DFPS	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
East Texas Child Advocates	\$ 44,599.00	\$ 7,196.50	\$ 37,402.50
Greater Dallas Council	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 19,183.45	\$ 60,816.55
Harris County	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
OCA	\$ 117,614.00	\$ -	\$ 117,614.00
TCU Institute of Child Development	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00
Texas CASA	\$ 249,531.00	\$ 18,509.56	\$ 231,021.44
UTHSCSA	\$ 98,872.00	\$ -	\$ 98,872.00
Small Training Grants	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 3,868.00	\$ 16,132.00
Scholarships	\$ 67,317.99	\$ 36,644.86	\$ 30,673.13
CJA Task Force	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,400.70	\$ 14,599.30
Total	\$ 1,242,234.99	\$ 119,843.59	\$ 1,122,391.40

Proposed Budget Additions/Revision

1/22/2010

Expense Category	Approved Budget	Revision Request	Proposed Budget
New Projects			
Child Abuse and Neglect Training for School Personnel		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
First Responder Training		\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Projects			
Fatherhood Roundtable	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Undoing Racism Workshop	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Subgrants			
CAC of Smith County	\$ 34,735.00	\$ -	\$ 34,735.00
CAC of Texas	\$ 249,566.00	\$ -	\$ 249,566.00
CASA of Travis County	\$ 43,000.00	\$ -	\$ 43,000.00
DFPS	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
East Texas Child Advocates	\$ 44,599.00	\$ -	\$ 44,599.00
Greater Dallas Council	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00
Harris County	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
OCA	\$ 117,614.00	\$ -	\$ 117,614.00
TCU Institute of Child Development	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00
Texas CASA	\$ 249,531.00	\$ -	\$ 249,531.00
UTHSCSA	\$ 98,872.00	\$ -	\$ 98,872.00
Small Training Grants	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
Scholarships	\$ 67,317.99	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 92,317.99
CJA Task Force	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00

Total \$ 1,242,234.99 \$ 129,000.00 \$ 1,371,234.99

Funds Remaining for New Projects \$ 2,695.70

81st Legislature Interim Study Charges

Relative Care

1. Monitor the implementation of provisions in SB 2080 (81R) relating to the creation of a permanency assistance program. Evaluate and make recommendations about the foster care licensing process for relatives, the payment structure for a relative who becomes a child's permanent managing conservator, and any factors that should be considered in evaluating program performance and sustainability in the future. *House Committee on Human Services*
2. Analyze the practice of using informal or voluntary caregivers ("parental child safety placements") during a Child Protective Services investigation. Study and make recommendations regarding:
 - a. Efforts to track data related to parental child safety placements;
 - b. Incorporation of the power of attorney process authorized by SB 1598 (81R);
 - c. Appropriateness of voluntary placement;
 - d. Review of caregiver qualifications; and
 - e. Potential improvements to the voluntary placement process. *House Committee on Human Services*
3. Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services, 81st Legislature, Regular and Called Sessions, and make recommendations for any legislation need to improve, enhance, and/or complete implementation.
 - a. Monitor Department of Family and Protective Services' implementation of the U.S. Fostering Connections Act, including the new Kinship Care program. Include recommendations on how to optimize the use of monetary assistance to qualified relative caregivers. *Senate Committee on Health and Human Services*
4. Evaluate the voluntary relative placement process in issues of guardianship and the ability of nonparent relatives to make decisions for children under their care. Monitor the progress and implementation of SB 1598 relating to an agreement authorizing a nonparent relative of a child to make certain decisions regarding the child. *Senate Committee on Jurisprudence*

Sex Trafficking

5. Study the human and sex trafficking problem in Texas. Make recommendations on best practices in the areas of investigation, prosecution, and tracking of the victims of these crimes. Study whether victims of these crimes are allowed to adequately recover from their attackers in a civil cause of action. *Joint Interim Charge with House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

Child Friendly Courts

6. Evaluate the usage of current Texas practices for facilitating the fair and accurate courtroom testimony of children and reducing trauma associated with testifying, particularly for children who are victims of sexual abuse. Specifically consider recent efforts and trends across the nation to develop best practices, including "court orientation" programs, and ensure that courtrooms are

more child friendly and accommodating for young victims to reduce the trauma associated with testifying in court while ensuring the fair and accurate information is solicited from the child as a witness. *Senate Committee on Criminal Justice*

Mental Health

7. Study the type, duration, frequency and effectiveness of mental health services available to and accessed by abused and neglected Texas children. Recommend strategies to address the impact of the trauma, and enhance therapeutic services available to this population in an effort to eliminate the cycle of abuse and neglect. *Senate Committee on Health and Human Services*

Information Sharing

8. Study and make recommendations to promote and enable confidential information sharing among state agencies and courts serving at-risk children and youth to ensure that comprehensive and appropriate services are being provided. The study should focus on the technological, legal, and fiscal barriers that prevent information sharing among these entities regarding affected children and youth. *Senate Committee on Jurisprudence*

Children's Justice Act Task Force Quarterly Report for January 22, 2009 Meeting

SCHOLARSHIPS - \$67,318

- Obligated - \$48,930
- Awarded 68 scholarships totaling \$36,646
- Staff recommends setting aside additional \$25,000

Program Title	Event Date(s)	Location	# Attended	Amount
Texas CASA 20th Annual Conference	10/07/2009-10/09/2009	San Marcos, TX	20	\$ 9,548
Texas Foster Families 36th Annual Conference	10/08/2009-10/10/2009	Corpus Christie, TX	11	\$ 8,252
Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas Annual Conference	11/02/2009-11/04/2009	Austin, TX	15	\$ 11,156
ChildSafe 2009 Child Abuse Conference	12/07/2009-12/08/2009	San Antonio, TX	22	\$ 7,690
National Children's Advocacy Center Annual Symposium	3/22/2010-3/25/2010	Huntsville, AL	No data	No data
National Children's Alliance Annual Leadership Conference	6/7/2010-6/9/2010	Washington D.C.	No data	No data
Crimes Against Children Conference	8/9/2010-8/12/2010	Dallas, TX	No data	No data

SMALL TRAINING GRANTS - \$20,000

- Obligated approx. - \$14,913
- Awarded 4 grants totaling \$3,868

Grantee	Program Title	Event Date(s)	Location	Amount
38 th Judicial District	15th Annual Bexar County Children's Court Ad Litem Training	10/23/009	Uvalde, TX	\$ 4,000
CACTX	Strengthening Partnerships/Protecting Children Annual Conference	11/2/2009-11/4/2009	Austin, TX	\$ 3,868
CAC of Smith County	Multidisciplinary Team Training	2/16/2010-2/17/2010	Tyler, TX	\$ 3,045
Center for Child Protection	Investigative Techniques in Child Sexual Abuse Cases	April 2010	Austin, TX	\$ 4,000

CACTX, *Strengthening Partnerships/Protecting Children Annual Conference*, - \$3,868

- 213 total attendees, representing 44 of the 64 local CACs across Texas , (46% increase in attendance over last year)
- CJA sponsored 5 of 17 total workshops
 - Children for Sale
 - Before the Forensic Interview: Screening Children in the Field
 - Family Advocacy Programs in CACs
 - Improving Participation and Retention of Counseling Clients
 - Case Study: CAC + MDT = Life
- Each session accommodated an average of 45 attendees
- 88% of participants were able to cite specific knowledge gained that they anticipated using in their work going forward
- 92% of participants indicated that the training would be useful in their daily work
- 92% indicated that training increased their knowledge on the subject.

GENERAL PROJECT GRANTS

CAC of Smith County, Kids in Court, \$34,735 – Rec. 10

- Assisted 10 child victims with the process of court preparation
- Improved relationship with the Smith County District Attorney’s office. The District Attorney’s office has called seeking assistance from the KIC Coordinator several times in the past few months and the lines of communication continue to open.
- Improved accuracy of follow-up to case dispositions
- Will Present the Kids in Court project at the Prevent Child Abuse conference in Dallas in February

CACTX, Statewide Training and Technical Assistance, \$249,566 – Recs. 1, 2, 4, 7, & 10

- After extensive development of the format and related materials and training and recruitment of Lead Interviewers, held the first-ever **Spanish-Language Peer Review Session**, December 11, 2009. Session was attended by 20 Spanish-speaking forensic interviewers from CACs throughout Texas.
- Set date for **CAC Team Leadership Training**, January 25-28, 2010. It is anticipated that four teams will be in attendance (7-8 team members from various disciplines). They include teams from Amarillo, Laredo, Belton and Plano.
- Scheduled the first of three **CAC Director Networking Forums** for February 19th. Directors of the 8-10 largest CACs have been invited to attend along with a member of the leadership team of their Board of Directors. This networking session will encourage participants to share their ideas and problem solve creatively.
- Scheduled **CAC Team Facilitation Training** for March 25-28, 2010.

CASA of Travis County, Transitioning Youth Advocacy, \$43,000 – Recs. 2, 9, & 14

- Held monthly meet-up sessions to provide training on life skills and relevant issues for transitioning youth through monthly meet-up sessions.
- Developed youth court report to be used by youth in PMC so that their voices and opinions can be heard directly by the judge. Judges in Travis County have been enthusiastic about receiving the report.
- Modified existing CASA reports to judges to include issues that impact transitioning youth.
- Achieved greater knowledge about and familiarization with services and resources available to youth transitioning into adulthood from foster care. Training on this topic for all staff and volunteers was held on January 16. Judge John Hathaway will be present to express his support for this issue.

Department of Family and Protective Services, Joint Investigations and Family Based Safety Services Intensive Staff Training, \$100,000 – Recs. 2, 3, 5, 6, & 12

- Developed theme for the conference - "Knowing the Family: An Important Piece of the Enhanced Family Safety Decision Making Puzzle."
- Expecting 700 participants (leaders) to attend the conference from the FBSS and INV programs. Two identical conferences of approximately 350 staff will be held over the course of a week.
- Continuing to work closely with the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services (NRC CPS) to plan training and develop tools and curriculum.
- Will distribute a copy of the "Child Safety: A Guide for Judges and Attorneys" booklet, published by the NRC CPS to each participant attending the conference. The Guide is written primarily for judges, but anyone in the legal community who participates in the child safety decision making process should find the content useful. This guide does not contain a "model" for child safety decision making. Rather, it uses a framework that centers on the logical steps of decision making, emphasizing the need for a sequential process that is grounded in principles of critical thinking and rigorous and precise analysis.
- Working with a graphic designer to development marketing materials and strategies. The registration site is being set up and will be open for attendees to sign up once the speaker's list is finalized.
- Conference will be held in June 2010 in the DFW area, specifically, Richardson, TX.

East Texas Child Advocates, Bridge to Permanency, \$44,599 – Recs. 2, 9, 10, & 14

- Hired Bridge to Permanency Coordinator who has been assigned to 58 cases of children in PMC with termination of parental rights who are currently awaiting adoption.
- Re-evaluated 3 cases and fast-tracked the children into permanent placement.
- Recruited and trained 5 new Bridge to Permanency volunteers who are now assigned to cases.
- Identified Bridge to Permanency multi-disciplinary team members.
- Developed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BTP project and CPS. MOU is pending approval.

Greater Dallas Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Texas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, \$80,000 – Recs. 2, 3, & 12

- Completed the development of the new training curriculum, which has already been piloted in trainings in Red River and Lamar counties. The initial feedback has been extremely positive. The new training features material from the National Core Training program in which the Texas Alliance is prominently featured.
- Held Train the Trainer session on the new curriculum January 14, 2010. Attendance included more law enforcement than in years past. A webinar will also be held later in the month for those who are unable to attend the training.
- Received a number of training requests from a wide variety of sources, from police academies to school districts, and interest in the development of DEC alliances remains strong.
- Will target Grayson, Wichita, Cameron, Hidalgo, Jasper, Jefferson, and Nueces for future alliances.
- Averaged at least one off-site training on DEC protocols/alliances per week.

Harris County, Court Team Training for Infants and Toddlers Court, \$20,000 – Recs. 2, 5, & 11

- Developed a training plan outline which includes a local/regional symposium on child abuse and designed a mission statement to be used as the basis for program literature, funding requests, etc.
- Held a Court Team meeting to approve the mission statement and training plan, establish three committees (training, clinical and data), and set up regular monthly Court Team meetings.
- Working towards program funding and expansion.
- Expanded team outreach to include Public Health (WIC) and the Joint City Commission on Children.
- Continuing to review program-related literature, including performance review of ZTT Court Teams, compilation of a bibliography, and ensuring consistency of mission with best practices and & recommendations (other models reviewed include drug courts, mental health courts, model courts, and others).

Office of Court Administration, Child Protection Court Enhancement Project, \$117,614 – Rec. 11

- Hired Staff Attorney to begin at the end of January.
- Began processing and analyzing data from the CPC case management system.

Texas CASA, Quality CASA Advocacy and A CASA for Every Child, \$249,531 – Recs. 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, & 14

- Completed one Knowing Who You Are training on January 20 and 21st.
- Selected the two sites for the Transitioning Youth Initiative – San Antonio and San Marcos – and the first collaborative meeting was held in Ft Bend in November. Another meeting is scheduled in January.
- Began the development of the Medical/Mental Health Module.

TCU, Training Conference to Improve Outcomes for Children in Care, \$80,000 – Rec. 2

- Designed and distributed Save the Date cards for the Judicial Summit.
- Will open registration at the end of this month.

University of Texas at San Antonio Health Science Center, Accidental and Inflicted Mechanisms of Injury, \$98,872

- Head-injury module is near completion and the revision of the slides is underway.
- Audio recordings for the abdominal trauma section will begin in February.

TASK FORCE-DIRECTED INITIATIVES

Fatherhood Roundtable, \$2,000 – Recs. 2, 5, & 7

- Set date for Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Texas Center for the Judiciary.
- Finalized participant list.
- Reserved block hotel rooms.
- Drafting invitation letters and RSVP cards.
- Will send out invitations by the end of January.
- Staff recommends setting aside additional \$4,000.

Undoing Racism Workshop, \$15,000 – Recs. 2, 3, & 5

- CJA staff held initial planning meeting with Joyce James, Deputy Commissioner of DFPS.
- Sent out proposed dates to Task Force members.
- Will finalize dates at Task Force meeting.

First Responder Working Group – Recs. 2, 3, & 12

- Met Dec. 17th via teleconference.
- Recommended setting aside \$100,000 to develop two trainings:
 - Child abuse and neglect training for school personnel.
 - Child abuse and neglect training for law enforcement.

Children with Disabilities/First Responder Training – Recs. 2, 8, & 13

- Began discussions with Nora Baladerian regarding first responder training in Texas.
- Will develop Texas specific steering committee to work with national advisory committee.
- Will incorporate train the trainer component in Texas training to further disseminate information.