



Designation and Certification Subcommittee Meeting



June 3, 2020

Conference Call: 888-585-9008

Participant Code/Conference Room: 662-715-645

Attendance

Members Present
Erick Quevedo, Subcommittee Chair
Jay Howell, CFIAC Chair
Maria Sanin
Jackie Sandefer-Gonsen
Jamny Coronado
Stephanie Cox
Allison Cowell
Stacy Bromfield
Angie Griffin
Guests Present
Maureen Honan
DOH Staff Present
S. Nicole Jordan
Marceller Hines

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Welcome and Roll Call:

- Meeting started at 10:00AM

Member Introductions:

- Maria Sanin
- Jackie Sandefer-Gonsen
- Allison Cowell
- Jamny Coronado
- Angie Griffin
- Stephanie Cox
- Stacy Bromfield
- Maureen Honan

Introduction to Subcommittee's Tasks and Goals:

- **Identify Successful Models:**
 - Identification of effective models
 - Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) Designations
 - 40-hour weeklong trainings are re-designated every three (3) years with a 24-hour training
 - National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewers
 - Multi-tiered/Multi-structured credentialing program based on training, years of experience, and number of interviews conducted
 - Associated costs
 - APSAC position papers
 - International Association of Interviewers
- **Annual and Ongoing Training Requirements:**
 - What is a reasonable number of hours to be effective?
 - Important to look at credential or designation in lieu of licensing
 - Licensure has several components
 - Important to highlight certification of Forensic Interviewers that are not (specifically for court purposes)
- **Monitoring and Accountability**
 - Importance of institutions being liable for the quality of forensic interviews conducted
 - Certification and on-going/continued education
 - Examinations
- **Other Goals and Objectives**

Open Discussion:

- Importance of Peer Reviews
- Requirements for credentialing and monitoring
- Ensure that training will be offered, available and accessible multiple professionals
- Which agency or entity will be responsible?
- Consider grandfathering exception for existing Forensic Interview professionals with several years of experience
- Positions created with the title to oversee lower tier interviewers should be incorporated into on-going training and monitoring
- Incremental steps to move forward (with the first step being designation)
- Pilot Project:
 - May need to try designation as a pilot project
 - Attorney General sponsors annual designation
 - Obtain the Department of Health position on this

Next Steps:

- Follow-Up Tasks and Research and Next Meeting Topics:
 - Monitoring and Accountability:
 - Follow-up with other agencies. Contact the Attorney General office to inquire about a pilot program. CFIAC Chair, Jay Howell will follow-up with the Attorney General office
 - Explore future virtual designations due to COVID-19. May need to decrease hours from eight (8) to three (3)
 - Department of Health:
 - Jackie Sandefer-Gonsen will identify launching point for Quality Assurance monitoring, implementation of training and final course exam- I don't remember saying something about QA monitoring for certification or for something about doing something for a final course exam. What am I supposed to be doing?
 - Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement: Lead peer-review component to implement the training or final course of exam -I don't remember this either. How is DOH going to do this?
- Next Meeting Date(s):
 - Subcommittee agreed to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (for the next three months)
 - The next three meetings will be conducted on the following dates:
 - Wednesday, July 8, 2020 from 10:00AM – 11:30AM
 - Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from 10:00AM – 11:30AM
 - Wednesday, September 9, 2020 from 10:00AM – 11:30AM

Adjourn:

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM