



CFIAC Law Enforcement Subcommittee

May 13, 2020, 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Conference Call

Conference Call: 888-585-9008

Participant Code/Conference Room: 280-385-653

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Francine Donnorummo	Erica Puckett
Alan Abramowitz	Marceller Hines
Jay Howell	
Angie Griffin	
Nicole Jordan	
Marcella Hines	
Stacy Bromfield	
Jackie Sandefer-Gonsen	
Kelly Swartz	
Theresa Simack	
Maria Sanin	
Lorena Vollrath-Bueno	

Welcome and Introductions

- DOH Staff, Erica Puckett, opened the meeting and welcomed members
- Chair, Francine Donnorummo introduced herself, welcomed members
- Chair, Francine Donnorummo identified goals of the subcommittee and today's agenda

Membership:

- Chair, Chief Donnorummo requested members in attendance consider others who might be interested in contributing to the subcommittee. Other suggested attendees included Sgt Sonya Bush from Tallahassee. It was learned that although she may not be able to travel to the committee meeting with her schedule, she had previously been willing to be part of the subcommittee. She runs her sex crimes unit and recommends that all her detectives attend Jackie Sandefer-Gonsen's 40-hour forensic interviewing course through the DOH.

Subcommittee's Goals:

- Chair, Francine Donnorummo opened discussion on establishing the subcommittee's tasks and goals including
 - developing a uniform response to FI

- utilizing and familiarizing ourselves with the resources
 - Jay Howell recommended that we look to the previously identified resource, Community Protocol of West Palm. This is an attachment to the report.
- Develop a process to train LEO and implement the resources

Review of How LEO receive training:

- Recommendation that LEO require that their sex crimes detectives attend the 40-hour in depth training with DOH. Attendance is free and it would be beneficial to advocate attendance.
- Some areas around the State do not utilize CAC or CPT interviewers for older children.
- Sometimes LEO is conducting child FI as part of an investigation
- some SAO's conduct their own interviews.

Group discussion continued regarding both the opportunity for the Police Academies and FDLE to make FI training part of their curriculum, but they have not been as amenable to this on the narrow topic of forensic interviewing in the past. At the academy there are the opportunities to attend 40-hour trainings on child sex crimes and they frequently include a segment on forensic interviewing. This portion should ideally be done by an actual forensic interviewer.

Jay Howell referenced supplemental trainings, for those not able to attend the 40 hours with DOH or in addition to the complete training. Supplemental or abbreviated trainings concerning short interviews or the need to be well trained if doing the formal forensic interview.

Lorena Vollrath-Bueno reported the SAO's in Orlando and/or Gainesville were requiring the prosecutors to interview the children before they made filing decisions. This is in addition to the forensic interview. It was agreed that this was not recommended protocol and that a protocol for SAO prosecutors should be part of this sub committee's recommendations.

The next meeting topics were recommended:

- Establish a suggested protocol for LEO and first responders, and prosecutors regarding FI with children and training needed
- Identify the best way to advertise the DOH 40-hour forensic interview trainings. Francine Donnorummo offered to ask her law enforcement partners and Lorena Vollrath-Bueno and Maria Sanin said that many sex crimes trainings were recommended to LEO through SART meetings and FL Regions. Alerts were sent out to Region 3 for instance, and they had a pretty receptive audience and facility for trainings.
- The Subcommittee members unanimously voted to move forward with monthly meetings and to host them virtually.
- Discussion was had regarding video/zoom format rather than conference calls
- DOH Staff, Erica Puckett, agreed to examine possible platforms for video conferences, as DOH does not support the use of Zoom for meetings.
- Jay Howell suggested that the next CFIAC meeting may also occur virtually.
- Chair, Donnorummo stated that a doodle poll will go out to establish the next best date.

DOH Staff, Erica Puckett, reminded members of Sunshine Law requirements regarding member communication.

Chair, Francine Donnorummo adjourned the meeting.