



Designation and Certification Subcommittee Meeting

July 8, 2020



Conference Call: 888-585-9008
Participant Code/Conference Room: 275-269-015

Attendance

Members Present
Erick Quevedo, Chair
Jackie Sandefer-Gonsen
Brandy Macaluso
Maria Sanin
Allison Cowell
Members Not present
Jamny Coronado
Stephanie Cox
Stacy Bromfield
Angie Griffin
Guests Present
Jay Howell, Chair
DOH Staff Present
S. Nicole Jordan
Marceller Hines

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Welcome and Roll Call:

- Meeting started at 10:01AM

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

- Subcommittee reviewed and approved minutes from previous meeting

Updates:

- **Monitoring/Accountability – QA/QI Workgroup**
 - DOH QA Workgroup:
 - Will meet during the week of July 13th – 17th to discuss various questions from the subcommittee.
 - QA members are volunteers; therefore, the QA Workgroup may not have the capacity to spearhead additional duties
 - Attorney General Office:
 - A response has not been received from the Attorney General Office regarding the following:
 - Implementation of designation structure
 - Origination
 - A subcommittee member will continue to follow-up with the Attorney General Office to obtain this information
 - VOCA Designation Model and NOVA Training:
 - Nova training exists and is voluntary and the Florida Training is mandatory for advocates or VOCA funded programs.
 - A cost is associated with each training.
 - National standard is 24-hours every three years
 - Training level depends on the number of training hours
 - VOCA requires designation through the Florida Crime Designation
 - Pilot Project:
 - Need to explore the Attorney General model
 - May be possible to pilot at a Child Protection Team that is willing to volunteer
 - Pilot project will require training with minimum requirements
 - Forensic Interviewers with prior Forensic Interview experience will be required to take a refresher course/training
 - Training curriculum will be modified to focus on 'hot topics' and Children Advocacy Center requirements

Subcommittee's Tasks and Goals:

- Identify minimum standards
- Multi-Tier vs. Inclusive

- NACCFI – Basic or registration level which requires completing the 32- or 40-hour basic training
- Different length and styles of presentations
- Important to determine if there will be one designation and if there will be a beginner, intermediate or advanced component
- Training designation may improve the ability to present exceptional work of interviewers in court settings

Open Discussion:

- Position papers and best practices
- Importance of gathering information and charting a plan to move forward
- Surveys: Survey the field to obtain information about credentialing, National Association for Child Forensic Interviews
 - Surveying is a good starting point to obtain information and Children’s Advocacy Centers in Florida should be included
- Potential/Proposed Designation Strategies:
 - Include information from the State Attorney Office. They can provide trainings, which may improve credibility in the court setting
- Minimum Standards to Achieve Designation:
 - 40-Hour DOH Forensic Interview Training
 - Follow-up/Refresher Training Requirement
 - 8-Hour annual training should entail 1-Hour of interviewing
 - Minimum number of child forensic interviews

Next Steps:

- Further discuss designation in the state of Florida:
 - Structure
 - Origination
- Obtain more information from the VOCA structure
- Formulate surveys
- Obtain an idea/structure for what will be presented during the CFIAC meeting
- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from 10:00AM – 11:30AM

Adjourn:

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:14AM