



# MINUTES

## Jolene's Law Task Force

**Senator Deb Soholt, Chair**  
**Senator Alan Solano, Vice Chair**

**Third Meeting**  
**2016 Interim**  
**November 16, 2016**

**Regional Center**  
**SDSU Extension**  
**Pierre, South Dakota**

The third meeting of the Jolene’s Law Task Force for the 2016 interim was called to order by Task Force Chair Senator Deb Soholt at 10:10 a.m. (CST) in the SDSU Extension Pierre Regional Center, Pierre, South Dakota. Roll call was conducted, establishing a quorum with the following members of the Task Force in attendance: Senator Deb Soholt (Chair), Senator Jenna Netherton, Representative Peggy Gibson; Members Christine Bisek, Cameron Corey, Dr. Nancy Free, Wendy Kloepfner, Ann Larsen, Angela Lisburg, Jolene Loetscher, TateWin Means, Hollie Strand, Virgena Wieseler, and Colleen Winter.

Additional coalition members in attendance included Tanya Fritz, Krista Heeren-Graber, Dr. Michael Lawler, and Casey Murschel.

Support staff in attendance included Jessica LaMie, Jason Simmons, Sharon Chontos and Rachel Oelmann.

Other attendees included Limo and Coon Dog (B.A.C.A., Bikers Against Child Abuse), Mary Beth Holzwarth (Endeavor 52), and one intern from the SD Network.

*NOTE: For purpose of continuity, the following minutes are not necessarily in chronological order. Also, all referenced documents distributed at the meeting can be found on the Department of Health website at <http://doh.sd.gov/news/JolenesTaskForce.aspx>.*

### **Approval of Minutes**

**REPRESENTATIVE GIBSON MOVED, SECONDED BY SENATOR NETHERTON, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15-16, 2016, TASK FORCE MEETING BE APPROVED. The motion prevailed by a voice vote.**

### **Remarks from the Chair**

Senator Deb Soholt welcomed all from the Task Force and testimony guests for attending the last scheduled interim meeting of the Jolene’s Law Task Force for 2016. Senator Soholt prefaced the meeting by saying that the day’s discussions will focus on transitioning from planning mode to executing the plan. Senator Soholt noted that the hallmark of the Task Force’s work has been through continued, deep conversation with a variety of state partners and stakeholders. Senator Soholt encouraged Task Force and Coalition members to stay the course on this important planning work, and extended appreciation and pride for the collective work of the Task Force over the past three years.

Noted that Roxanne Hammond has changed positions, and welcomed Jessica LaMie (Research Analyst, Legislative Research Council) as her replacement to the Task Force.

Introduced and welcomed special guests Limo and Coon Dog with Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), Pierre Chapter.

Acknowledgement to Representative Peggy Gibson, who is wrapping up her legislative commitments, for her dedicated years of service to South Dakota and to the efforts regarding the prevention of childhood sexual abuse.

### **Northeast SD MDT (Multidisciplinary Team) Update**

*Casey Murschel, Virgena Wieseler, Cam Corey*

Murschel reported that the MDT Pilot Project in Watertown is up and running. Stakeholders information meeting was held in Watertown this fall, where they were given updates of Jolene's Law Task Force work and an overview of the proposed MDT activities. Watertown MDT members have been identified and the first meeting has been scheduled for December 2016. Noted that current participants in the pilot MDT are providing in-kind time, mileage, and incidental expenses. The MDT pilot efforts will continue to explore funding solutions within each community (e.g. community foundations) to offset/support training expenses for the ultimate betterment of their community's response to incidences of childhood sexual abuse. Extended appreciation to Cameron Corey for building interest and engagement in this project in the Watertown area. Noted that the vision remains to have MDTs be a reflection of each individual community as they are rolled out.

Dr. Lawler described a training facility available at USD (University of South Dakota), Lee Medical Center, that could be leveraged for MDT training, in addition to courtroom and other spaces available on the USD campus that could provide a mock house training platform for state partners. Further noted that exploration of a traveling mock house may be considered down the road.

### **Data Input Update**

*Senator Soholt (Chair)*

Senator Soholt advised the process before the group to ensure data consistency and collection will be arduous, but that understanding operational definitions across the areas that collect information across the state is necessary to build a platform moving forward. Rachel Oelmann, on behalf of Carole Cochran, noted input has been provided through the Data Questionnaire (previously distributed to Task Force members) from Department of Social Services Child Protection Services (DSS CPS) by Virgena Wieseler, Department of Health (DOH) by Colleen Winter, Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) by Casey Murschel, and the Office of State's Attorneys, Hughes County, by Wendy Kloepfner. Task Force members, particularly those representing tribal partners, law enforcement, and South Dakota's Unified Judicial System (UJS) were encouraged to continue collecting information and to report that back to Cochran or Oelmann when available.

Tatewin Means suggested utilizing the Office of Tribal Relations in the Governor's Office for connection to the tribe and their data utilization/collection. Also suggested to invite FBI and State's Attorneys offices to partner in those discussions, as a significant amount of case information is maintained by these sources on behalf of the tribes.

Senator Soholt discussed difficulties in entering data into NIBRS. Corey discussed NIBRS at the MDT Pilot Meeting, and noted that the barrier to data entry is staff and time. Expectations of NIBRS entry at the local level are unknown; it is a federal program and state enforcement of entry is unknown. Noted that further exploration of National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

information is necessary, key questions including: When was the precedent set/how was it set across the state and counties to support utilization of the federal entry tool? Who requires the data be entered? What standards are in place? What course curriculum is required (if any) to train law enforcement on understanding, accountability, and rationale?

### **Jolene's Law Work Plan Approval**

*Senator Soholt (Chair), Sharon Chontos*

Sharon Chontos and Senator Soholt facilitated a final review of the draft 10-Year Work Plan. Oelmann captured edits to the Plan. Notable additions to the plan included:

- Language will be inserted in the executive summary to reflect how the collective work will be a building block for the prevention of child maltreatment overall, but that emphasis in the plan objectives and action steps is intentionally placed on making child sexual abuse no longer an 'unheard' or 'silent' problem. This work will be used a launch pad for downstream work in other areas of maltreatment.
- Language will be inserted in the executive summary to reflect how the Plan will be both culturally sensitive and inclusive, notably for tribal communities. Each objective may not specifically reference individual partners, but it will be stated that the reader should assume in all cases that tribal communities will be partners in the execution of the Plan.
- Noted that a qualifier should be inserted in the beginning of the Plan to note that the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment at USD is involved in all objectives and tasks within the plan. Workplan will note direct leadership, but their involvement in all tasks should be inferred if not directly noted.
- Dr. Lawler noted that the student survey prepared and reviewed by Dr. Amy Schweinle (USD) should be included in the work plan. Objective A.5 will be modified to reflect this addition. The survey is still pending Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval at the time of the meeting.
- A new task will be added under B.3 ("No Hit Zone" protocols) to explore implementation in other community venues where children frequently congregate. The Task Force also advised more definition around "No Hit Zone" protocols is needed; Chontos will add to the final draft.
- Added reference to Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE-P) in Objective B.5.
- Added a new task within C.5 (virtual support services to schools) to identify resources available in South Dakota, map those assets, and use that information to develop a recommended platform and content moving forward for virtual support services to schools.
- Added new objective within Goal D (Criminal Justice & Child Protection Services) to capture compilation of education and awareness opportunities available to date, and capacity development for those training gaps.
- Added new objective within Goal D (Criminal Justice & Child Protection Services) to create a certified training hub (mock house) that addresses health, home, and judicial aspects of a multidisciplinary response to incidents of child sexual abuse.
- Added tasks to both D.7 and D.8 (civil and criminal child abuse case response) to address programming at time of sentencing to reduce recidivism, scope definition, and stipulations of sentencing.
- Tasks added to E.8 (prevention efforts in youth serving organizations) to include the development of a faith-based coalition, including support for those organizations in implementing policy.

### **Budget Estimate**

*Senator Soholt (Chair), Sharon Chontos*

Chontos and Senator Soholt provided update on continued discussions with DSS and what elements of the work plan may be eligible costs under additional VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funding. Chontos and Senator Soholt to continue discussions in preparation for the work plan launch in 2017.

### **Infrastructure and Next Steps**

*Dr. Michael Lawlor, Senator Soholt (Chair)*

Dr. Lawlor provided update on the status of recruiting and onboarding a Center Director. Cameron Corey, Casey Murschel and Dr. Nancy Free reported that they reviewed all resumes for the Director position and have scheduled interviews to take place mid-December. Final candidates will be further interviewed by Senator Soholt and USD leadership.

### **Public Testimony**

Coon Dog from B.A.C.A. extended appreciation to the Task Force. Noted that the discussion aligned in many cases with the focus of B.A.C.A. and that mission alignment can be extended through partnership. Each chapter works approximately a 100-mile radius in SD. Noted by the Chair, Senator Soholt, that the Plan language be modified to reflect partnership with this organization.

Mary Beth Holzworth provided testimony that the impact of this work has impacted not only her personally but also her family directly. Extended heartfelt appreciation for the work performed to date and excitement for the future.

### **Action Items**

Interim action steps to inform next steps included:

Evaluate use of VOCA dollars to support continued MDT training in other early adopter communities.	Senator Soholt
Add exploration of certification requirements for a mock house training (physical space) to the strategic plan. Include site visits to best practice models in the country, as well as mobile mock house options and timing, as activities in the strategic plan.	Sharon Chontos / Dr. Lawler
Continue exploration of NIBRS utilization statewide and mandate of data entry through conversation with Brenda Manning.	Cameron Corey
Facilitate final edit to 10-year plan per meeting remarks	Sharon Chontos
Senators Soholt and Solano will review final draft plan with Secretary Malsam-Rysdon, Secretary Valenti, and Governor Daugaard as schedules permit.	Senator Soholt

### **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Lawler asked the Task Force for its insight on composition of the to-be-formed Advisory Committee. After discussion, it was decided that the existing Task Force and Coalition move forward as the new Advisory Committee for the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment with intent that the composition of the group be evaluated annually to refine membership. Dr.

Lawler motioned, seconded by Representative Peggy Gibson to have the Jolene's Law Task Force move forward as the Inaugural Advisory Board.

Thanks were extended to Sage Project Consultants for their project management assistance.

Honor and appreciation extended to the group from Jolene Loetscher, and thanks to the Task Force at large for honoring a legacy that she couldn't even imagine.

Final remarks provided by Senator Soholt. Appreciation for continued efforts in 2017. Recognition of Mary Beth Holzworth for her dedication, and to Jolene Loetscher for her namesake and for putting 'a face' to this effort. Final thanks to the Task Force, and review of action items.

### **Adjourn**

**JENNA NETHERTON MOVED, SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE GIBSON THAT THE JOLENE'S LAW TASK BE ADJOURNED. The motion prevailed unanimously by a voice vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm central time.

Minutes were approved December 19, 2016, via email from Task Force Members.