



The Timothy Montoya Task Force: To Prevent Children From Running Away From Out-Of-Home Placement | Meeting 11

Meeting Minutes -- Full Group Discussion

November 1st, 2023, 8:00 am-11:00 am Virtual Meeting (Zoom)
Facilitators: Keystone Policy Center (Trace Faust & Doris Tolliver)
Members: See Appendix A

<p>Welcome & Approval of Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After member welcome, Task Force Chair Stephanie Villafuerte approved minutes from the October 13th, 2023 meeting. The motion for approval was provided by Norma Augilar Dave and was seconded by Jenelle Goodrich. Minutes approved. Stephanie asked for a motion for approval for the recap. The motion for approval was provided by Ashley Chase and was seconded by Becky Miller Updike. Recap approved. • Trace Faust mentioned that today is a big day • Jordan Steffen said that she is working on being able to record breakout rooms but in the meantime, there will be 2 separate meetings to allow for recording. Prevention will stay in this meeting, intervention will move to another meeting. Some members wanted to switch groups from last time so today it is okay to self-select the subcommittee again but once this choice is made, Jordan asks that members stay in these selections. Intervention will hear presentations from Vermont and Prevention will hear from Texas. Jordan said that there will be time to go over the materials for about 15 minutes before public comment and adorning. • Trace said that they recognize the dual conversations so there will be time for questions later.
<p>Subcommittee Discussions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force members broke into two subcommittees: Intervention and Prevention. Meeting minutes for each subcommittee discussion have been prepared separately. Those documents may be accessed through the links below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intervention Subcommittee Meeting, November 1, 2023 ○ Prevention Subcommittee Meeting, November 1, 2023
<p>Large Group Debrief</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trace brought the group back together and said that there will be time next meeting to voice over which each group discussed. They said that there are 2 requests for public comment.
<p>Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Fisher said he is a civil engineer, a board member for Federation for Families for Children’s Mental Health and has lived across the street from the Tennyson Center since 1995; he has seen hundreds runs and rescues. As an observer to the group, he said that there might be a coinflation of fences and lack of egress from buildings or a ‘lock down facility’. He has looked into the building codes around egress, exit, discharge, safe dispersal areas around facilities, and public ways. He also shared an article. He got a favorable response from the City of Denver Rezoning and Architectural Permit Review on the code interpretation regarding fencing around the facility. He thinks that refusal to employ secure fencing has led to injuries and deaths. There is nothing wrong with secured lot fencing. State laws stipulate that building



	<p>codes are to be met and codes allow for fencing when building specifics are met. He said fencing could result in a lot less restraint. Trace thanked him and welcomed him to either work group. Stephanie also mentioned that both sessions are recorded for review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Treloar-Provider- said that when talking about where clients are and assessing them, that needs to be fluid and timely since situations can change all the time. Assessments are also not always timely. She noted the comment about a RAE; a RAE can do that but not everyone is always partnering immediately with the provider who works directly with the child. She wanted to put that out there since, other than the provider working directly with the child, other agencies coming in to do assessments or to help are not timely or might not be accurate. She also just attended a conference with Lives in the Balance on ending corporal punishment, seclusion, and restraints. The recording is online. There are a lot of bills and a lot of talk about ending these processes in Canada and the US. She suggested a step system to better integrate efforts. She also suggested a fluid treatment plan that is updated all the time. Then, hopefully, the end goal is to be a more integrated CO. Trace thanked her for her comments and continued engagement.
<p>Next Steps and Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trace adjourned the group at 11 AM and reminded the group where to find the materials. Stephanie did not have anything else to share. The group will reconvene in December.

Appendix A:

- Norma Agilar Dave
- Michelle Bradley
- Ashley Chase
- Anna Cole
- Jenna Coleman
- Brian Cotter
- Dennis Desparrios
- Jenelle Goodrich
- Kevin Lash
- David E. Lee
- Dr. Renee Marguardt
- Beth McNalley
- Brandon Miller
- Becky Miller Updike
- Elizabeth Montoya
- Stephanie Villafuerte

Appendix B:

- Steve Fisher
- Pam Treloar