

Office of the Child Advocate
Childhood Trauma Task Force Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
3:00pm-4:00pm
Meeting held virtually

Task Force Members or Designees Present:

Andrea Goncalves-Oliveira (DMH)
Keesha LaTulippe (DPH)
Dawn Christie (Parent Representative)

OCA Staff:

Alix Rivière
Kerin Miller
Samantha Perry
Bessie Pierre

Other:

Krysta Parrell (FamilyAid Boston)
Vilma Uribe (Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Human Trafficking)

Meeting Commenced: 3:02pm

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Rivière welcomed attendees to the second of two optional brainstorming sessions. Ms. Rivière asked attendees to put their name, role, and organization in the chat.

Ms. Rivière described that the purpose of the one-hour session was to review the draft recommendations. She noted that suggestions from the previous brainstorming session had been incorporated via track changes.

Review of CTTF 2025 Draft Recommendations

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Ms. Rivière asked if anyone had general comments, questions, or feedback on the six-page recommendations sent before the meeting.

None were raised.

Ms. Rivière shared her screen for attendees to review the recommendations together and provided an overview of the recommendations' three goals. Ms. Rivière asked attendees if anyone had feedback on the goals.

None were raised.

Regarding the first recommendation about agencies strengthening training requirements on trauma, trauma-responsive practices, and resilience, Ms. Rivière noted that yesterday's attendees added a section about the intersectional and societal nature of the trainings.

One participant shared in the chat that they liked it.

Another participant asked if the training content would include a review of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Ms. Rivière said it would.

One participant asked in the chat whether it is helpful to specify child-serving agencies in the appendix. Another participant echoed this question in the chat.

Ms. Rivière shared that the appendix will note which child-serving agencies were included in the research. She suggested that the recommendations could specify which child serving agencies, including non-traditional ones like the courts, these recommendations could be towards.

Ms. Rivière reviewed the subsections of the first recommendation and asked if anyone had suggestions or feedback.

None were raised.

Ms. Rivière reviewed the second recommendation, noting that the previous brainstorming session attendees raised the importance of incorporating lived experience. Ms. Rivière asked if anyone had additional examples of lived experience groups or organizations that could be incorporated.

None were raised.

Regarding local training resource hubs, Ms. Rivière asked if anyone had further ideas of what local training infrastructure could do. Ms. Miller added that attendees could share any other innovative training models from other states that they were familiar with.

None were raised.

Ms. Rivière pointed out that the recommendations could include a footnote acknowledging other beneficial training topics that fall beyond CTTF's scope. Members suggested training on:

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- Violence, such as gun violence and domestic violence
- Trauma related to housing, such as housing instability
- Identity affirming care, healing-centered approaches, and identity-based trauma
- Radicalization

Ms. Rivière invited attendees to share any additional thoughts on the recommendations.

None were raised.

Closing Comments

Ms. Rivière thanked everyone for their suggestions and participation. She shared that attendees could expect a full report to review around December 1st, which members will vote on at the next meeting on December 15th, and adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment: 3:35pm