

**Consultant and Trainer Advisory Group**  
**April 16, 2014**  
**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Amy Warnagiris (facilitator), Kathleen Swain, Deb Mock, Rob Winesickle, Sharon England, Andrea Randolph, Carolyn Truchon (note taker)

**On the Phone:** Joan Mosier, Launa Kowalczyk, Kim Gavran, June Fisher, Bonnie Marsh

**Note:** Andrea Randolph will be taking over as the Specialist for CTAG in place of Jessica Wittman

**Spring Event Update:**

- There will be no Spring Event this year.
  - If you are in need of Professional Development hours, there are many ways to gain hours. Melissa Yoho/Amy Warnagiris will be sending out an email with ideas of how to complete your hours.

**CPSL Updates/Changes:** Sharon

The following bills have been signed into since January 22, 2014

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The Governor signed the following Bills into law on April 7, 2014

<b>Act</b>	<b>Bill</b>	<b>Focus</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Act 29 of 2014	SB 24	Definitions, electronic reporting, mandatory reporting	Dec 31, 2014
Act 27 of 2014	HB 89	Funding for Child Advocacy Centers	May 6, 2014 (on or about)
Act 28 of 2014	HB 316	Establishing Child Advocacy Centers and funding provisions	July 1, 2014

The Governor signed the following Bills into law on April 15, 2014

<b>Act</b>	<b>Bill</b>	<b>Focus</b>	<b>Proposed Effective Date</b>
Act 33 of 2014	SB 21	Mandatory reporting and procedures	Dec 31, 2014
Act 34 of 2014	SB 33	Mandatory reporting and protection from employment discrimination	Dec 31, 2014
Act 31 of 2014	HB 431	Requirements for training for licensed professionals	Dec 31, 2014
Act 32 of 2014	HB 436	Mandatory reporting, privileged communication, and penalties for failure to report	60 days from enactment

- For additional information and/or details, please visit <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/>

- At the top right hand corner of the site is a search bar where you place either the house or senate name and press search. Example: SB24 or HB89. They are currently not listed in the site as Acts so you must search for the bill.
    - If you are unsure how to read a bill, see the bottom of the page after you have located the bill and click the link “How to Read a Bill”.
  - Due to the laws continuing to change, the Curriculum Department will not be updating or changing the curriculum until the Statutes are completed.
- Updates to Child Protective Service Laws
  - A CPSL Implementation Workgroup, consisting of over 100 stakeholders from diverse child welfare related professions. They have met twice and at the next meeting they will divide into four sub workgroups to discuss implementation of four categories of the legislative changes:
    - Reporting including penalties for failure to report
    - Investigations and dispositions
    - Appeals and Expunctions
    - Child Custody
  - The Sponsor Team, led by Cathy Utz and Cindi Horshaw oversees the larger group and consist of key leaders from several professional groups including Mike Byers and Sharon England from CWRC.
  - Questions: What impact if any with the legislative changes have on trainers and consultants? For instance if a participant divulges information that could be considered possible child abuse will the amendments impact the trainer’s response? Would they be required to report suspicion of child abuse? Will trainers/consultants be considered to be a mandated reporter? Answer: Sharon will look into answers to these questions through her participation on the workgroup.
- Possible training/Ta strategy for CPSL amendments:
  - High level overview for supervisors, trainers, and consultants
  - Development of job aids and tools.
  - Identifying reusable objects.
  - Online curriculum for changes consisting of 20 minute segments. .
  - Family examples that will support the participants’ use of critical thinking skills.
  - Supporting trainers and consultants to use and/or develop facilitation skills to support critical thinking skills.
  - Transfer of learning to include coaching skills.

### **CWRC Staff Updates**

- Western Regional Supervisor is now David Zilka
- Gene Caprio (PI) will be retiring July 7<sup>th</sup>. Well wishes to him and his new adventure!

### **CTAG Monthly Calls**

- Upcoming monthly calls (all calls are 12 pm – 1 pm)

- June 18, 2014
- July 15, 2014
- August 14, 2014
- September 17, 2014
- October 15, 2014
- November 13, 2014
- December 17, 2014
- January 22, 2015
- February 18, 2015
- March 19, 2015
- April 15, 2015
- May 21, 2015
- Clarification of the Purpose:
  - Call is open to everyone.
  - This is an open forum where good discussions occur. If you have something you want to add, even if it is not on the agenda for the day, please feel free to share.
  - A safe place for collective feedback from trainers to the Resource Center. This helps the Resource Center know what is working, what isn't, where the needs are, and a place to provide concerns and also positive feedback.
  - Ways to reach out: Pallet and/or email
  - A great way to get information out about CPSL, asking questions, and hearing it here first.
  - Call schedule: the schedule was set up to rotate between Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

**Questions/Open Forum:**

- Will there be an event scheduled this year?
  - There is no Spring Event due to the changes in CPSL; however, we are possibly looking at doing one in the summer around CPSL.
  - We are planning to have a fall event and will add that to the agenda as a topic for discussion in June.
- The Palette is in final review and will be sent out within a week or two.