

## Umatilla County MDT Orientation and Onboarding

Welcome to the Umatilla County Multidisciplinary Team! Your expertise and experience is highly appreciated and you are an important part of child abuse investigations. Meeting dates and times are listed below:

Umatilla County MDT Meeting Dates/Times:

Pendleton – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 1pm

In-person at the Pendleton DHS Conference Room or virtual

Hermiston – Last Thursday of the month, 1pm

DHS Conference Room or virtual

MDT agendas are prepared by Guardian Care Center, CAC listing the child abuse cases that have been assessed at Guardian Care Center thru referrals by ODHS and Law Enforcement. Agendas are emailed out to MDT members about a week prior to the meeting date. If you have a child /family concern and would like to add it to the monthly agenda, please contact [guardiancare1@gmail.com](mailto:guardiancare1@gmail.com).

Role of CAC:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEqwkE6S-Xw>

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Umatilla County MDT is to bring together agencies to work collaboratively on the issue of child abuse in an effort to protect and best serve the needs of child victims and their families.

Statutory Purpose:

The purpose of ORS 418.747 to 418.796 is to establish and maintain a county multidisciplinary team and protocols for timely investigations of allegations of child abuse and provide comprehensive services to victims of child abuse through collaborative, coordinated response.

In Umatilla County the District Attorney (DA) has designated the Umatilla County District Attorney as the Chair and Guardian Care Center as Coordinator of the MDT.

## **GOALS**

The mission of the MDT is to facilitate the following goals:

- Reduce child abuse and child fatalities in Umatilla County
- Protect the child
- Promote efficient and proper prosecution
- Promote efficient administration of cases
- Promote early intervention and prevention
- Promote effective use of resources and coordination between agencies

## **MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM MEMBERS**

The Umatilla County MDT shall consist of representatives from the following agencies or entities:

- Umatilla County District Attorney
- Oregon Department of Human Services – Child Welfare (ODHS-CW)
- Umatilla County Sheriff Department
- Pendleton Police Department
- Hermiston Police Department
- Umatilla Co law enforcement agencies
- Guardian Care Center, Child Abuse Intervention Center (GCC)
- Umatilla County Public Health Department
- Community Counseling Services
- Adult Parole and Probation Department
- Umatilla County CARES
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Domestic Violence Services
- School District Representative
- Other persons specially trained in child abuse.

Team membership may be expanded upon approval by the MDT members listed in this section.

## **PARTICIPATION BY NON-MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM MEMBERS**

The director of any organization listed above, who is not the designated representative for the MDT, may attend the MDT meetings when it is necessary or appropriate without prior approval of the MDT.

Any person employed by an organization listed above, who is not the designated representative for the MDT, may attend the MDT meetings with approval by the MDT prior to or at the beginning of the meeting.

All other visitors to the MDT meetings must be approved by the MDT before appearing at the meeting and will be introduced before such meeting begins.

### **GENERAL AGREEMENT AND TERMS**

Each of the agencies and entities listed above shall designate at least one representative to attend MDT meetings and to act as a liaison between the team and their department.

Small law enforcement agencies are only expected to attend the meeting, either in person or virtual, if they have a case on the agenda that month.

Member organizations shall make a good faith effort to ensure the attendance of their representative on a consistent and regular basis.

Each representative is responsible for informing the MDT of any action or potential action taken by their organization in response to a case involving child abuse or child fatality.

Each team member will be expected to participate in and allow an open expression of ideas, recommendations, disagreements, concerns, and questions, without fear of ridicule, embarrassment, repression, or reprimand.

***Each team member agency head, will be required to sign an agreement regarding their specific role on the MDT beyond the general guidelines of this protocol.*** Team members will be expected to perform the obligations under this protocol, as well as those delineated in the team member role form, to the best of their abilities. Including agreement and acknowledgement of the confidentiality statement.

Confidentiality Statement: MDT meetings are confidential and not subject to public meetings laws per ORS 418.747 and ORS 192.690. To assure a coordinated response that fully addresses all systemic concerns surrounding child abuse, MDT members and guests may need to share confidential information about children and families. With this purpose in mind, I agree, in signing this attendance sheet and confidentiality statement that all information disclosed and received during the MDT review will remain confidential and will only be disclosed when necessary to carry out the purposes of the child abuse investigation.

**Umatilla County Multi-Disciplinary Team**

**Inter-Agency Agreement**

The agency named below hereby agrees to perform all agency functions according to Oregon State Law and statutes and the requirements of the Umatilla County Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Intervention Response Protocols, Revised 2023. As the designated supervisor, the undersigned agrees to monitor, review and ensure compliance with these guidelines.

As a member agency of the Umatilla County Multi-Disciplinary Team, this agency commits to the CAC/ MDT Model and recognizes its obligations and duties and will faithfully perform its role in child abuse investigations as outlined below.

**UMATILLA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Umatilla Police Department shall conduct investigations in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Umatilla County Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Intervention Response Protocols.

A representative from the Umatilla Police Department will be assigned to participate in the Case Review meeting scheduled once a month, either in-person or virtually.

The representative will come to the meeting prepared to share and provide information to the team members regarding cases being reviewed and to provide a law enforcement perspective and expertise regarding investigations.

Name of Agency: **Umatilla Police Department**

Signature of Agency Head:

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Printed Name of Agency Head:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Ronald C. Bridge.*

Date: *4-15-24*

Signature of MDT Chair:

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Printed Name of MDT Chair:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MDT Case Review:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPuwMaGTTnU>

## Elements of Case Review at MDT

### 1. CASE HISTORY

- How was allegation reported?
- Who was the reporter? What did child tell the reporter?
- Any prior family history?

### 2. SAFETY OF CHILD(REN)

- Where is the offender now?
- Who is child(ren) living with currently?

### 3. FAMILY COMPOSITION

- How many children are in the family? Were they all interviewed?
- Who else resides in the home?
- Any other family concerns?

### 4. PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION

- **CPS** – Safety plan? Next step in investigation? Concerns?
- **Law Enforcement** – Next step in investigation? Concerns?
- **Prosecution** – What other info does prosecutor need? Moving forward on charges? Upcoming court dates? Concerns?

### 5. FORENSIC INTERVIEW (WHERE?)

- Was abuse disclosed?
- Was the child able to articulate what happened?
- Were there discrepancies or consistencies in history provided?

### 6. MEDICAL EXAM

- Was a medical exam performed? If yes, where?
- Were there findings?
- Is follow-up necessary and by whom?

### 7. CROSS CULTURAL OR OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES

- Are there racial, cultural, religious, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic or other considerations in the investigation?
- Developmental disabilities in the family?
- Other health concerns/barriers?

### 8. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND TREATMENT NEEDS

- Is the family involved in counseling? With whom?
- Are victim advocates involved?
- Is the family already linked with other support agencies?
- What are the strengths/barriers in the family?

#### 9. ASSESSMENT OF FAMILY REACTION AND INVOLVEMENT

- Who's keeping the family informed and how?
- Has the family followed-up with referrals? How can we facilitate linkages?

#### 10. OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO CASE

*Excerpted from "National Children's Alliance Standards for Accredited Members, 2017 Edition."*

**D. Case review is an informed decision-making process with input from all MDT partner agency representatives.**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT:** In order to make informed case decisions and improve client outcomes, essential information and professional expertise are required from all disciplines. This means that decisions are made with as much information as available, interventions receive the input, discussion and support of all involved professionals, efforts are coordinated and non-duplicative, and all aspects of the case are covered. The process should ensure that no one discipline dominates the discussion, but rather all team members have a chance to adequately address their specific goals, mandates, case interventions, questions, concerns and outcomes.

Generally, the case review process should:

- a) Review interview outcomes;
- b) Discuss, plan and monitor the progress of the investigation;
- c) Review medical evaluations;
- d) Discuss child protection and other safety issues;
- e) Provide input for prosecution and sentencing decisions;
- f) Discuss emotional support and treatment needs of the child and family members, and strategies for meeting those needs;
- g) Assess the family's reactions and response to the child's disclosure and involvement in the criminal justice/child protection systems;
- h) Review criminal and civil (dependency) case updates, ongoing involvement of the child and family, and disposition;
- i) Make provision for court education and court support;
- j) Discuss ongoing cultural and special needs issues relevant to the case;
- k) Ensure that all children and families are afforded the legal rights and comprehensive services to which they are entitled.

The MDT annually provides or facilitates relevant training or other educational opportunities focused on issues relevant to investigation, prosecution, and service provision for children and families. The MDT coordinator documents MDT member participation in annual professional development. Ongoing learning is critical to the successful operation of the MDT. The MDT identifies and/or provides relevant educational opportunities for MDT members that include topics to enhance the skills of MDT members, are cross-discipline in nature, and are MDT-focused.

Oregon Karly's Law:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5OGwUXhBCc>

Oregon Mandatory Reporting video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO4uRPbl4YQ>