Council’s Committee

Location:  **Teams Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, 5/9/2023

Time: 1:00 P.M. CDT

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| **Staff Present:** Richard Kennedy, Exec. Dir., Dana Cobb, Jeni Davis, Jerri Moore, Jill Stott, Kristi Paling, Lindsey Cody, Melissa McGee, Steve Petty, Craig Hargrow, and Bill Latimer  **Staff Absent:** N/A  **Commission Members Present**: Ashely Dunkin, Chair, Randy Butler, Petrina Jones-Jesz, Ella Britt, Kelly Drummond, Stan Settles  **Commission Members Absent**: Glenda Terry, Cameron Carver, Steven Neely, Allan Sterbinsky  **Guests**: | | | |
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| 1) | | **Call to Order – Ashely Dunkin, Chair**  Dunkin called the meeting to order at 1:04. After roll call a quorum was ascertained. | |
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| 2) | | **Approval of February 2023 Council’s Minutes (ACTION)**  Dunkin asked for a motion to approve the Regional Council’s minutes from the February 2023 Committee Meeting.  ***BUTLER moved to approve the minutes from February 2023.***  ***Jones-Jesz seconded. Unanimously Approved.*** | |
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| 3) | | **Regional Coordinator Updates**  **Lindsey Cody- ETCCY**   1. The ETCCY and CAMELOT presented the **“ETCCY Legislative Lunch on the River”** on Friday, February 24, 2023, at Calhoun’s on the River. Guest speakers and attendees included 9 Members of the TN General Assembly, Knoxville City Mayor Indya Kincannon, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Senator Becky Massey, TCCY Chair and Judge Rob Philyaw, TCCY Executive Director Richard Kennedy, and Judge Tim Irwin. The event was sponsored by CAMELOT and was conducted in the upstairs river view conference space and featured a Barbeque Buffet. The event was very well received and had 155 attendees. 2. The East TN Council on Children and Youth presented: **"Head Start to Harvard-The Importance of Early Childhood Education, Mindset, and Service”** with guest speakers Drema Bowers and Yvon Baptiste on Friday, March 31st at Jubilee Banquet Facility. Through a series of reflections and personal stories, Ms. Bowers shared the impact of Head Start, Upward Bound and acts of service on her life and the lives of her children. The attendees learned that by sharing, you will have a better understanding of how a first-generation high school graduate became the mother of three college graduates, including Harvard; and how she herself recently became the Assistant Director for Student Support at Harvard’s Divinity School. The second part of the event was entitled: **“Cultivating Confidence in Students of Color: Creating a Framework for Parents and Students”** with guest speaker Yvon Baptiste. The presentation provided some strategies educators can utilize to positively connect with parents- with a focus on positive communication and mindset; while the second part introduced engaging, time-effective, cost-efficient strategies that parents can integrate into their children’s everyday lives to increase confidence and self-esteem- using established parent education frameworks. Many of the attendees commented today that this was one of the best educational events ETCCY had ever had! It was an honor to have Commission Member Kelly Drummond in attendance along with 136 attendees! 3. ETCCY Regional Administrator Lindsey Cody and ETCCY VP Kathy Bryant were invited by Rep. Monty Fritts for a Lunch meeting in Harriman TN to discuss **"Collective Impact"** in Roane County. Lance Villio with the Governor's Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives, Dr. Daryl Crouch with Everyone's Wilson, and Dr. Monty Burks with the TN Dept. of Mental Health were also present at the meeting along with many other community leaders. The initial meeting was positive and inspiring and there were several Roane County Stakeholders in attendance. 4. The ETCCY/Village Behavioral Health will present **“Is This Going to Happen at My School-How to Talk to Kids about School Shootings”** on Friday, May 5th, 2023, in Knoxville at Jubilee Banquet Facility. The guest speaker is Dr. Kristin Dean from the UT Center of Medicine and the Center for Excellence. The Objectives for the participants will be to describe the history and impact of school shootings, outline key points for talking to students about school shootings, and identify resources for students who have been impacted by school shootings. There are presently 179 people registered for the event. 5. There are 40new ETCCY members who have joined the council in the last quarter which include 2 from Anderson County, 8 from Blount County, 2 from Campbell County, and 28 from Knox County. 6. All ETCCY training events are now approved by **TrainTN** which meet the qualifications for DHS approved childcares for workable training hours towards their licensing requirements.   **Jill Stott- NE**   1. Regional Coordinator Stott delivered the new Juvenile Law Compilations to the Northeast Region. The books are delivered to the following: Juvenile judges and staff, DCS, CASA, Children’s Advocacy Centers, District Attorney offices, Juvenile Detentions, Law Enforcements (as requested) and other child advocates as needed or requested. 2. Regional Coordinator Stott conducted the annual OJJDP Compliance Monitoring in the Northeast Region and completed reports for all. 3. Regional Coordinator Stott conducted 4 East Region Mental Health Lunch and Learns on Tuesdays in the month of February 2023. This series was offered to the four East Region councils (Northeast, Southeast, East, and Upper Cumberland). The Lunch and Learn series is a collaboration with Mental Health Association of East Tennessee and was a great success. 4. Regional Coordinator Stott’s last day with the Commission was April 2, 2023. She begins a new position with Ballad Health in Johnson City, TN on April 5, 2023.   **Marissa Player-Montgomery – SE**   1. Regional Coordinator Marissa Player- Montgomery spoke at the African American Mental Health Summit on February 18th. 2. March 1st- Regional Coordinator Marissa Player-Montgomery attended her first CAD since joining TCCY. 3. March 20th- Regional Coordinator Marissa Player-Montgomery and the TCCY Director of Children’s Mental Health Melissa McGee presented Building a more Resilient Tennessee to the Southeast region. 45 individuals were present, and the SE TCCY gained 2 new memberships. 4. Marissa completed an ACES and Trauma Informed Care training with Hamilton County Coalition on March 21st.   **Kate Gonzales - MC**   1. Gonzales had ongoing participation with county, regional and State child and family-focused groups and organizations. This quarter alone Gonzales participated either in-person or by virtual meetings with community child and family-focused groups. Examples of Gonzales’ engagement activities include Montgomery County Citizen’s Review Panel, Foster Care Subcommittee, Drug Free Wilco, Health Councils and Community Advisory Boards. Gonzales shared electronic data and evidence-based and best practice information to strengthen the work of these groups and improve the status of children. 2. Gonzales promoted and shared the 2023 Children’s Advocacy Days flyer and registration information to the Mid-Cumberland email lists. She assisted with speaker transportation, registration, and the set-up and take-down of this very successful event. Gonzales was able to connect with many Mid-Cumberland advocates. 3. Gonzales conducted several Mid-Cumberland Council Board meetings, during which the council voted on and transitioned new executive board members, set an annual training agenda, set dates for annual Youth Service Officer Roundtables, and set dates for annual Council meetings. 4. Gonzales has monitored (monthly) and maintained open communication with Sumner County Juvenile Detention Center. 5. Gonzales, along with the Mid-Cumberland Council’s Legislative Committee, has scheduled and planned a Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth Legislative Forum. This event was held on Friday 4/21/2023, from 10 am -12 noon, at the Honey Alexander Center. She hand-delivered invitations to the 43 legislators in her region and shared the Legislative Forum invitation with all MCCY email lists.   **Carla Walker- SC**   1. Walker and the South Central Council on Children and Youth (SCCCY) Board held a virtual meeting on 2/27/2023, where we discussed the priority for educating the community on effects of human trafficking. At this meeting, we had the pleasure of having ANCORA (formerly End Slavery TN) as our speaker. ANCORA stated that they have a program that is in some of the schools concerning human trafficking and are willing to talk with the local systems to present their program. 2. Walker presented at Columbia Central High for their Career Fair. Walker discussed the process to work for the State of Tennessee and some myths. Walker also discussed with youth how they can volunteer to receive Tennessee Promise community service hours. 3. Walker has now become the active scribe for the Maury Foster Care Review board. The Foster Care Review board meets monthly to review case of youth that are in foster care to ensure that all services are being afforded to the youth. 4. Walker became a member of the Connecting South Central Non-profit Organization. This non-profit focuses on showing love to vulnerable children and the adults who care for them.   **Kristi Paling- UC**   1. Regional Coordinator Paling participates in a muti-agency collaborative group, UC Children in Disasters (CID). A targeted training for childcare providers was held on April 1, 2023, from 9:00am-12:00pm “Weather Spotter” training with national weather service meteorologist Faith Borden. Participants engaged in hands on activities, a tabletop exercise, learned about weather events and how to enhance their safety plans for their agencies. 2. The Annual UCCCY Legislative Breakfast Event is April 14, 2023, and will be held at the Upper Cumberland Development District from 8:30am – 11:00am. The theme is “Empowering Voices”. Speakers include Richard Kennedy, Kylie Graves, Melissa McGee, DCS Regional Administrator, Felicia Harris, TTU Professor and Campus Prevention Director, Steven Seiler, Jessica Tucker UCCCY President, DCS Resource Linkage Coordinator and foster care relative placement, and Chris Hodges, TDMHSAS Hybrid Lifeliner. 3. Regional Coordinator Paling along with fellow members of the Putnam County Blue Ribbon Committee are hosting a three-hour Blue-Ribbon event “Safeguarding our Children” on April 28th from 9:00am-12:00pm. Speakers include Dawn Raines Executive Director of the Stephens Center to share about child abuse awareness, Anne Stamps Volunteer Behavioral Health Director to share about mental health for children and youth, Mike Anderson TSPN Upper Cumberland Director to share about suicide, and Capt. Heather Marshall from the Cookeville Police Department to share about internet and social media safety. Sixteen vendors from various agencies will also participate in the event. 4. Regional Coordinator Paling is participating in the Cumberland County Opioid Abatement Funding Working Group. The Cumberland County Trauma Informed Community Alliance members are working collaboratively on the Opioid Abatement grant opportunity and have formed this additional group to prepare the proposal. The request for proposal is expected this summer sometime in July. 5. Regional Coordinator Paling has been asked to be a member of the newly formed Cannon County Collaboration Against Child Abuse group. The purpose is to raise awareness about child abuse, how to prevent it and, take action in the community by connecting organizations and individuals to resources available in Cannon County. The informational and introduction meeting will be on Monday, April 17th.   **Dana Cobb- NW**   1. The NW Council on Children and Youth held the NW Council Fall Conference and Provider Fair on November 10, 2022, at UT Martin. There were 169 attendees Cobb, Moore, and Wright partnered to present the joint West Tennessee Legislative Forum: “Children’s Mental Health In Focus” on February 24, 2023. This was a Hybrid event with 212 people in attendance in person and via Zoom. It is also available for viewing on the TCCY You Tube page. We have several speakers who were experts in the field of children’s mental health, Kylie Graves presented on the 2022 State of the Child Report, Representative Tandy Darby discussed current upcoming legislation concerning children and families, and representatives from Blue Oval City discussed how Ford is focused on supporting children and families in West Tennessee. 2. Cobb and Moore sponsored and participated in the Rural West TN Day of Hope Prayer Breakfast and Community Ministry Conference on March 10th in Jackson with over 100 people in attendance. Cobb introduced the “Breaking Cycles” moderator and panel participants. This event was an uplifting and encouraging celebratory event for all attendees. 3. Cobb left this event to attend the Dyer County TN Day of Hope Provider Fair. Agency representatives and resource materials were provided to all attendees. 4. Cobb planned and hosted “The Ethics of Self Care: Taking Care of Yourself While Taking Care of Others”, on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at UT Martin. Co-sponsors for this event were Carey Counseling Center Inc. and the UT Martin Social Work Program. Cayce Batts, CMS, LCSW, Fulton County Schools was the featured speaker. 5. Cobb and Moore hosted the quarterly West TN Youth Service Officer Roundtable on Friday, May 5, 2023, at Regional TDOT Conference Room, in Jackson. Presentations topics included information and identification of new drugs in the area, vaping and how juvenile courts are handling these referrals and an update on available day treatment and in-patient alcohol and drug treatment facilities. 6. Cobb spent several days in Memphis with retiring Memphis/Shelby County Regional Coordinator, Gwen Wright. A detailed exit plan was made with Wright to capture and save her work, identify and notify all key compliance monitoring contacts and community partners. Wright provided detailed work summaries to help ensure a smooth transition for the next Memphis/Shelby County Coordinator. Wright’s commitment, experience and knowledge will forever be missed. | |
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|  | | **Jerri Moore- SW**   1. Moore, Cobb, and Wright partnered to present the joint West Tennessee Legislative Forum: “Children’s Mental Health In Focus” on February 24, 2023. This was a Hybrid event with 212 people in attendance in person and via Zoom. It is also available for viewing on the TCCY You Tube page. We have several speakers who were experts in the field of children’s mental health, Kylie Graves presented on the 2022 State of the Child Report, Representative Tandy Darby discussed current upcoming legislation concerning children and families, and representatives from Blue Oval City discussed how Ford is focused on supporting children and families in West Tennessee. 2. Moore served on the planning team for the statewide 2023 Children’s Advocacy Days event. 3. Moore and Cobb sponsored and participated in the Rural West TN Day of Hope Prayer Breakfast and Community Ministry Conference on March 10th in Jackson with over 100 people in attendance. Moore moderated a “Breaking Cycles” panel involving several experts from local child-serving agencies to discuss how each of these agencies offer services and resources to address the issues effecting children in West Tennessee to work towards breaking the cycle of ACEs. 4. Moore has been asked to serve as one of twenty local “children’s experts” on a new Madison County Children’s Cabinet begun by Madison County Mayor, A.J. Massey to help suggest and find solutions to current issues surrounding children and families in Madison County to work to improve the lives of children, youth, families, and community members of Madison County. The first inaugural meeting will be on April 12th in Jackson. 5. Moore attended the annual West Regional Rural Health Association of Tennessee Conference in Jackson, Tennessee on March 23rd with speakers from Helping Hands, West Tennessee Healthcare, and TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Moore will also be attending the West TN Public Health Association Conference at Natchez Trace State Park on April 13th, 911 Autism Training in McKenzie, TN on April 18th and the West TN Health Council Community Practice Kickoff on April 28th in Jackson, TN. | |
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| 4) | | **Motion to Adjourn**  ***Ashley Dunkin, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:48 P.M.*** | |
| Prepared by: Jerri Moore | | | |