

Council's Committee

Location: **Teams Meeting**
 Date: Tuesday, 8/8/2023
 Time: 1:00 P.M. CDT

Staff Present: Richard Kennedy, Exec. Dir., Dana Cobb, Jeni Davis, Jerri Moore, Jill Stott, Kristi Paling, Marissa Player – Montgomery, Lindsey Cody, Rob Burke, Steve Petty, Craig Hargrow, Brian Jefferies, Carla Walker, Gabriela Smith, Psasha Taylor, Russette Marcum – Embry, Melissa McGee.

Staff Absent: N/A

Commission Members Present: Ella Britt, Steven Neely, Allan Sterbinsky, Judge Rob Philyaw, Kelly Drummond, Randy Butler.

Commission Members Absent: Glenda Terry, Cameron Carver, Stan Settles, Ashely Dunkin, Chair, Petrina Jones-Jesz.

Guests:

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| 1) | <p>Call to Order – Ashely Dunkin, Chair</p> <p>Neely called the meeting to order at 1:03. Philyaw moved that the meeting come to order, Britt seconded the motion. New staff Gabriella Smith and Psasha Taylor introduced themselves.</p> |
| 2) | <p>Approval of May 2023 Council's Minutes (ACTION)</p> <p><i>Sterbinski moved to approve the minutes from May 2023.</i></p> <p><i>Philyaw seconded. Unanimously Approved.</i></p> |
| 3) | <p>Regional Coordinator Updates</p> <p>Lindsey Cody- ETCCY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The East TN Council on Children and Youth conducted a Watch Party on May 10, 2023, at the McNabb Center for the “Resilient Tennessee Summit” in the 2nd Floor conference room. The watch party was hosted by Rob Burke, Director of the TCCY |

Child Wellness Council and Regional Administrator Lindsey Cody. Lunch was provided by the ETCCY, and the meeting was very well received by participants.

2. The ETCCY/MDC/Cornerstone of Recovery will present “Not My Kid!”-Safety in the Era of Fentanyl and Vaping on Friday August 11, 2023, at Jubilee Banquet Facility in Knoxville. The event will be presented by the staff of the Metro Drug Coalition. The objectives of the presentation are to discuss the overdose crisis in Tennessee, responding to an overdose, emerging substances in Tennessee, and provide informational resources to attendees. There 106 registrations so far.
3. Regional Administrator Lindsey Cody coordinated East TN area Legislative visits to discuss the latest Kids Count County Profiles July 7-14th, 2023. TCCY Executive Director Richard Kennedy and TCCY Policy Advocate Kylie Graves conducted the County Profiles presentations to Rep. Dennis Powers in Jacksboro, TN, Senator Becky Massey in Knoxville, TN, Rep. Gloria Johnson in Knoxville, TN, Rep. Lowell Russell in Vonore, TN, Rep. Elaine Davis in Knoxville, TN, Representative Rick Eldridge in Morristown TN, Rep. John Ragan in Oak Ridge, TN, and Rep. Bryan Richey in Maryville, TN.
4. RA Cody spoke at the most recent KAPPI meeting at the Knox County Health Department on June 20, 2023. RA Cody discussed the Knox County Kids Count Data profile with attendees and the East TN Council on Children and Youth mission, council membership, and upcoming training events.
5. ETCCY and the Community Coalition on Human Trafficking will conduct an educational training event on Sept. 8, 2023, at Jubilee Banquet Facility on the Human Trafficking of Boys. Nathan Earl, from the organization “Giant Slayer” will be the guest speaker will discuss the types of trafficking boys experience which include familial, drug facilitated, sextortion, and forced criminality.
6. The ETCCY has 43 new members this quarter. 2 from Anderson County, 13 from Blount County, 2 from Hamblen County, and 25 from Knox County.

Gabriela Smith - NE

1. Gabriela “Gabi” Smith is the new Coordinator for the Northeast Council on Children and youth. Ms. Smith has a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology. She also has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. Ms. Smith began her position on July 24, 2023. RC Smith has already begun planning events, attending health council meetings and other agency meetings. RC Smith sent an

introduction email to the Northeast Council members and has coordinated a Watch Party in Sullivan County (Blountville, TN) for the upcoming Resilient Tennessee Quarterly Meeting to be conducted on August 23, 2023. RC Smith has already visited the Juvenile Facility for which she will conduct monitoring, toured the facility, and met the staff. RC Smith will be attending other regional councils training events and will visit the ETCCY training event on August 11th in Knoxville.

Marissa Player-Montgomery – SE

1. Regional Coordinator Marissa Player-Montgomery participated in the Southeast Local youth roundtable on April 28th.
2. Regional Coordinator Marissa Player-Montgomery, and Policy Specialist Kylie Graves provided a TCCY legislative update on behalf of Early Matters on May 9th.
3. Regional Coordinator Marissa Player-Montgomery, and the SE council hosted an event entitled Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System on May 24th.
4. Regional Coordinator Marissa Player-Montgomery conducted an ACES/Resiliency training on June 14th with DRC program.
5. Regional Coordinator Marissa Player-Montgomery and TCCY Chair and Hamilton County Juvenile Judge Robert Philyaw provided an overview of Youth Justice for the NAACP on June 17th.

Mid - Cumberland

Kennedy reported to the Councils Committee that Kate Gonzales is no longer employed with the Commission.

Carla Walker- SC

1. Walker and the South-Central Council on Children and Youth (SCCCY) Board held an in-person event, Resilient Tennessee Collaborative with Melissa McGee, Richard Kennedy, and Ginger Wells as presenters on May 22, 2023. More than 50 persons were in attendance. Melissa McGee gave an update on Resilient Tennessee Collaborative, Richard Kennedy gave an update of TCCY and thanked everyone for their support, and Ginger Wells-Smith shared her story of resilience.

2. Walker held a YSO roundtable on July 14, 2023. At this meeting, The YSO were able to get information from Dustin Richie, Project Lifeline, on the new drug trends and what is coming down the pipe. This meeting also gave the YSO's a chance to talk together to learn from one another.
3. Walker completed the ASIST training on June 29-30, 2023. This training was to give knowledge to help someone that may be in crisis or considering suicide.
4. Walker was chosen chair of the Maury Prevention Coalition. This anti-drug coalition will promote and encourage drug and other substance use prevention. With these duties, Walker met with stakeholders to help find a Coordinator for the Coalition.
5. Walker was notified that she has been chosen to participate in the Leadership Maury County class of 2023-2024.

Kristi Paling- UC

1. Regional Coordinator Paling will participate as a volunteer for the Bridges Out of Poverty Event on July 18, 2023, presented by Helping Hands of Putnam County. It will be an all-day event with a Ruby Payne presentation in the morning highlighting education, science, and behaviors around the issue. The afternoon will consist of a poverty simulation.
2. Regional Coordinator Paling has volunteered for a partnership with DCS in delivering the "Think Trauma for JJ" training curriculum for DCS Staff and interested community members. A Training for Trainers (T4T) will occur in July 2023 and the partnership will be on-going.
3. Regional Coordinator Paling will be facilitating a Resiliency/Trauma Informed Communities/ACE's presentation on July 19th, for the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for law enforcement at Volunteer Behavioral Health in Cookeville.
4. An UCCCY Event is planned for August 23 from 9:00-11:00 am, "Is This Going to Happen at My School? -How to Talk to Kids About School Shootings" with Kristen Dean, PHD, ABPP. Our UCCCY Annual Business Meeting will be conducted during the event as well.

5. Regional Coordinator Paling participates in the multi-agency collaborative group, UC Children in Disasters (CID). Our next event with a targeted training for childcare providers will be held on Saturday August 26, 2023, from 9:00am-1:00pm “Active Shooter” training from 9:00am-12:00pm followed by “Stop the Bleed” training from 12:00pm – 1:00pm.

Dana Cobb- NW

1. Cobb convened a NW Council on Children and Youth Board Retreat on June 23, 2023, at Carey Counseling Center in Martin, TN. There were nine Board members in attendance. Board discussed Board and County vacancies and offered a list of potential new Board members. Board discussed and approved revisions to the Bylaws made by the Bylaws Committee. The NW Council’s financial report and Regional Council Funds Administration Guidelines were reviewed and approved. Cobb provided a summary of last year’s training events and upcoming events. The Board members made training and speaker suggestions for the upcoming year.
2. Cobb, Hargrow, Petty, and Cody reviewed over 200 applicants for the Memphis/Shelby County and Northeast Regional Coordinator positions. First and second interviews were held with chosen applicants. Offers were made and accepted for the Memphis/Shelby County and Northeast Regional Coordinator vacant positions.
3. Cobb planned and held the “Resilient TN Collaborative Event- Building Strong Brains” educational event on August 25, 2023, at UT Martin. Presenters, Melissa McGee provided an overview and updated the audience on current Resilient TN Collaborative efforts and Richard Kennedy gave a TCCY update and thanked attendees for their support for TCCY.
4. Cobb, Moore, and the Rural West Citizen’s Review Panel hosted “Love in Action: Connecting Foster Care with Community Partners” educational and networking event on Friday, September 22, 2023, in Gibson County. This event focused on bringing Foster Parents and Community Agencies together to share information and resources.
5. Cobb and Moore continue to Co-Chair the West TN Bright Start Leadership Council. Bright Start West TN aims to make a continuum of quality early care and education the norm for all West Tennessee children at birth through third grade.

In partnership with Tennesseans for Quality Educations (TQEE), we strive to accelerate early learning outcomes and close achievement and opportunity gaps for this demographic.

6. Cobb arranged two Legislative visits with Rep. Brock Martin, Rep. Tandy Darby, Richard Kennedy, Kylie Graves and Jerri Moore.
7. Cobb shared that she has participated in the NW Regional counties' Drive Thru Baby Showers and Back to School events.

Psasha Taylor- Memphis Shelby

1. Taylor accepted the Memphis/Shelby County Regional Coordinator position and began employment with TCCY on July 10, 2023. Psasha is a born and raised Memphian. She attended Austin Peay State University where she received her Bachelor's in Health and Human Performance with a concentration in Healthcare Management. She began her career in community outreach as an intern with Baptist Memorial Healthcare in Memphis, TN where she found her passion in educating and empowering the community about health and wellness. She recently worked as a community relations representative for one on the TennCare MCOs. She educated the West Region on various topics but most importantly the wellness of the children. She is looking forward to making an impact where she lives and helping those who may not can help themselves.

Outside of work, Psasha assists her aunt in her small décor business Kreative Kreations by Kim. She also enjoys spending time with family, traveling (especially for concerts), and listening to true crime podcasts.

2. Taylor met Gwen Wright, former Memphis/Shelby County Regional Coordinator, to ask questions regarding contacts, events, and the Board. Wright offered to continue to assist Taylor and shared her personal contact information.
3. Taylor reviewed Compliance Monitoring reports and required forms, familiarized herself with those facilities assigned to her Region and has read and asked questions regarding TCCY's Policy and Procedure Compliance

Monitoring Manual. Taylor is being coached and mentored by her supervisor will accompany her to her site visits.

4. Taylor generated emails to existing email lists introducing herself and has already engaged with and attended several Memphis/Shelby County meetings. Some of the meetings she has attended include the Shelby County Citizens Review Panel and the new Mental Health Simulation conducted by Eagle Nest Mental Health Center. Taylor has previously established relationships with numerous community partners and groups and has introduced them to the Council and encouraged them to become active members.
5. Taylor held a Memphis/Shelby County Council Board Meet and Greet on August 1, 2023. The Board discussed Council Bylaws, Membership and suggested trainings and events.
6. Taylor will host the Memphis/Shelby County Resilient TN Collaborative Event for September 27, 2023, in Memphis with Melissa McGee.

Jerri Moore- SW

1. Moore continues to represent the Southwest Council on Children and Youth at the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Region VI Policy and Planning Committee. Moore plans monthly informational meetings for the Children's Committee as she continues to serve as chair for this subcommittee.
2. Moore served on the planning team and will be presenting on Building Strong Brains/Adverse Childhood Experiences at the Southwest Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network Annual Conference on July 21, 2023, at Freed-Hardeman University.
3. Moore has presented at several of the Department of Health's County Health Councils per the request of the West TN Regional Director to help explain the Kids Count County Profiles.
4. Moore and Cobb were asked to begin serving on the West Tennessee Community-Based Perinatal Support Project by Daryl Chansuthus to help advise on a grant that UT SWORPS will be applying for next year.

- 5. Moore is planning a Southwest Resilient TN Collaborative Event for August 11, 2023, in Jackson with Melissa McGee presenting and updating on current efforts. Richard Kennedy gave a TCCY update. Registration is currently live and at half-capacity. Moore is also working on two joint events in September.
- 6. Moore arranged a Legislative visit with Senator Page Walley, Richard Kennedy and Kylie Graves.

Kennedy expressed his appreciation to the Regional Coordinators for all the work they do across the state.

Philyaw expressed concern about childcare in Tennessee. Kennedy responded that the Annie E. Casey National Kids Count Report was about childcare and the struggle parents are having obtaining and paying for childcare. Kennedy reported on a trip to a new childcare center sponsored by Tyson Foods at a new plant in West Tennessee. Burke reported his participation in the new State Pre-school Commission. Paling reported that the Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency was working to develop more childcare opportunities in the Upper Cumberland Region.

- 4) **Motion to Adjourn**
Britt motioned to adjourn the meeting, Butler seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 P.M.

Prepared by: Steve Petty