

Council's Committee

Location: **Teams Meeting**
Date: Thursday, 10/26/2023
Time: 1:00 P.M. CDT

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:

1) **Call to Order – Ashely Dunkin, Chair**

Dunkin called the meeting to order at 1:04. After roll call a quorum was ascertained.

2) **Approval of August 2023 Council's Minutes (ACTION)**

Dunkin asked for a motion to approve the Regional Council's minutes from the May 2023 Committee Meeting.

BUTLER moved to approve the minutes from May 2023.

Jones-Jesz seconded. *Unanimously Approved.*

3) **Regional Coordinator Updates**

Lindsey Cody- ETCCY

1. The ETCCY conducted a Watch Party for the **Resilient Tennessee Quarterly Meeting** on 8-23-2023 at the McNabb Center Conference Room and was hosted by Regional Administrator Lindsey Cody and Rob Burke, TN Young Child Wellness Director.
2. The ETCCY conducted an event titled: **"The Unseen Victims of Trafficking:**

Recognizing and Responding to Boys who Experience Human Trafficking on Sept. 8, 2023 at Jubilee Banquet Facility. The event was a collaboration between ETCCY, CCAHT, and Childhelp Inc. The event was sponsored by Camelot Care Centers. There were 194 attendees.

3. The ETCCY is presenting their Annual Suicide Prevention event titled: **“Hope United”** with Guest Speaker Clark Flatt, Dr. Monty Burks, Dr. Emily Hager, and Nathan Wray on October 18, 2023 at Calhoun’s on the River in Knoxville. The event is a collaboration between ETCCY, TSPN, Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition, and the Jason Foundation, who is sponsoring the event. There are 225 attendees registered for the event.
4. The ETCCY has 32 new members in the last quarter which include 12 from Anderson County, 1 from Blount County, 4 from Hamblen County, 13 from Knox County, 1 from Roane County, and 1 from Sevier County.

Gabriela Smith - NE

1. The Northeast Council has had one event so far on 09/19 with 33 total participants. This event was titled “Youth Suicide Prevention”, and it was in partnership with the Mental Health Association of East Tennessee, Frontier Health, and Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network.
2. We have our next event on 10/24- there are 98 participants registered so far. This event is titled “Domestic Violence Through the Eyes of a Child. This is in partnership with Dr. Tim Perry from Frontier Health Children’s Services, the Branch House Family Justice Center, Abuse Alternatives, Safe House, and East Tennessee State University.
3. The Northeast Council has been represented at 12 different regional community workgroups.
4. Gabi Smith has been appointed the subcommittee leader for the Carter County WIDE (Wellness, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity) committee. This committee hopes to develop a strategic plan issues facing Carter County including youth mental health, basic needs for families, and youth violence/violence in the home.
5. The Northeast Council has had one Resilient TN watch party on 8/23 partnered with the Branch House Family Justice Center. There were 11 attendees present.

6. The Northeast Council has gone from 4 members with up-to-date memberships to 29 paid members.
7. The Council now has a monthly newsletter! So far, we've had August, September, and October sent out to our members (and everyone else on the email list- there's around 180).

Marissa Player-Montgomery – SE

1. Regional Coordinator Marissa Player- Montgomery and the SETCCY council hosted the Resilient Tennessee Collaborative Meeting Watch Party on August 23rd.
2. Regional Coordinator Marissa Player-Montgomery and the SETCCY council hosted a regional training event with Guest Speaker Matthew Marshall, CEO of United Way of West TN, entitled “***Translating Numbers into Narratives the Journey of State Data to Impact***” There were 25 individuals who attended.
3. Regional Coordinator Marissa Player- Montgomery and the SETCCY council assisted in the planning of the domestic violence summit scheduled to take place on October 27th in Chattanooga TN .

Russette Marcum-Embry - MC

1. Marcum-Embry has been a TCCY employee for eight years, currently served as the Ombudsman for the agency. She applied for the Mid-Cumberland Regional Coordinator position, was selected as the top applicant, and accepted the Mid-Cumberland Regional Coordinator position beginning September 25, 2023. Marcum-Embry has lived in the Mid-Cumberland region for over 25 years. She brings established relationships in Wilson County with the school system, Chamber of Commerce, faith-based community, Rotary Club, local community theater, and Girl Scouts of America. Marcum-Embry has both a personal and professional commitment to issues impacting children and youth and community engagement.

Marcum-Embry also continues to serve as the TCCY's Ombudsman until someone can be hired and trained.

2. Marcum-Embry worked with the Mid-Cumberland Council President to schedule a Mid-Cumberland Council Board Meet and Greet on October 3, 2023. Introductions were made, a financial update was shared, and upcoming learning opportunities were discussed.
3. Marcum-Embry has met with her supervisor, Cobb several times to receive OJJDP Juvenile Justice Compliance monitoring training for juvenile and adult facilities. Marcum-Embry and Cobb made a site visit to the Sumner County Juvenile Detention Center on October 11, 2023, and shadowed South Central Regional Coordinator, Walker, to one of her compliance monitoring facilities on October 12, 2023. Marcum-Embry is working hard to understand the Juvenile Justice Reform Act 2018 compliance monitoring procedures, paperwork required and report deadlines.
4. Marcum-Embry generated emails to existing emails lists and has already engaged with and attended several Mid-Cumberland Regional meetings. Marcum-Embry has facilitated numerous meets and greets and relationship building through email, phone, virtual and in-person interactions with council members, community partners and representatives of the counties she serves.

Carla Walker- SC

1. Walker and the South-Central Council on Children and Youth (SCCCY) Board held an in-person learning event, **“There is H.O.P.E.!” (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences)**. Rachel Hanson and Kimmy Yung were the presenters. This event was another layer to Resilient Tennessee and ACEs. There was a total of forty-five (45) in attendance. The event took place at Columbia State Community College which is one of our great partners.
2. Walker as the chair of the Maury County Prevention Coalition was invited to attend the Statewide Prevention Coalition meeting in Nashville on August 23, 2023. At this meeting, Walker was given tools to help grow the coalition. Walker had the opportunity to meet and plan future partnerships with neighboring county coalitions to help grow the region. There were three hundred (300) in attendance.
3. Walker attended the East TN Regional Council’s learning opportunity, **“The**

Unseen Victims of Sex Trafficking”. This event discussed sex trafficking from a male perspective. This is a potential event that will be replicated in South Central.

4. Walker helped plan and organize the Recovery Fest of Maury Co which took place on 9/23/2023. Walker assisted with securing vendors and entertainment. The day of the event Walker welcomed attendees, introduced the vendors, and made event announcements. She also assisted with the speakers and games. This event was hugely successful with over 500 people in attendance.
5. Walker sent emails scheduling Compliance Monitoring visits with her thirteen (13) South Central jails, the Bedford County Juvenile Detention Center, the Middle Tennessee Detention Center, and court holding cells in each county. Walker distributed the 2023 Tennessee Compilations of Selected Laws on Children, Youth and Families books to six compliance monitoring facilities, DCS and some of her courts. Walker has distributed 48 compilation books as of 10/20/2023. The Mid-Cumberland Regional Coordinator, Russette Marcum-Emory, shadowed Walker to one of her facilities.

Kristi Paling- UC

1. An UCCCY Lunch and Learn Event is planned for October 24th from 11:00am-1:00pm, “What Happens When Your World Turns Upside Down?”. This event is in partnership with the Upper Cumberland Family Justice Center. A multi-disciplinary panel of experts will walk participants through a domestic violence case study. Panelists from the following agencies will share how their agency supports clients; 13th Judicial District Attorney’s office, Putnam County Sheriff’s office, Geneses House, Legal Aide, Empower Upper Cumberland, and the Family Justice Center.
2. UCCCY will partner with the ETCCY, SECCY, and NECCY councils, along with Melissa McGee in hosting a Resilient Tennessee Regional Mini Summit on November 3rd in Knoxville. Guest speakers include, Dr. Altha Stewart, Dr. Wallace Dixon, Dr. Keith Bailey, Mathew Portell, and Jen Trail. The summit supports knowledge acquisition on building engagement, resilience and trauma-informed spaces through strong systems infrastructure and regional networking.
3. Regional Coordinator Paling is planning an event for December 1st, 9:00am – 11:00am “HOPE” (Healthy Outcomes for Positive Experiences) training with Kimberly Ladd from Centerstone.

4. Regional Coordinator was invited to participate in the DCS Child and Family Service Review (CFSR) as a shadow on December 4th – 7th for the NE Region.
5. Regional Coordinator Paling received a scholarship to attend the Tennessee Public Health Association's conference on September 20th – 21st in Murfreesboro.
6. Regional Coordinator Paling will be attending the Rural Health Conference on November 15th – 17th in Knoxville.

Dana Cobb- NW

1. Cobb hosted the NW Resilient TN Collaborative/Building Strong Brains training on August 25, 2023, at UT Martin with 67 attendees. Melissa McGee, TCCY, provided the training. Richard Kennedy made a virtual appearance to thank attendees for all their support for TCCY. This session provided an overview of Tennessee's history of Building Strong Brains and the work to educate, prevent, and mitigate early childhood adversity. McGee discussed the transition to the Resilient Tennessee Collaborative and the importance and role of community involvement in addressing these issues which are often complex social problems that can't be solved with simple solutions. As we move to support and expand Collective Impact across Tennessee, we strive to bring people and communities together to support and implement community solutions to complex social issues for children and families.
2. Cobb, Moore, and Taylor continue to partner to present quarterly West Tennessee Youth Service Officer Roundtables. On September 8, 2023, the West TN YSO Roundtable was held in Jackson at the TDOT Regional Office auditorium, as a Hybrid event, with 46 youth justice advocates in attendance, representing 11 counties from 10 agencies from across West Tennessee. Attendees heard presentations from Chandler Haynes, Lifeline Peer Project Coordinator, and visited two Hidden in Plain Sight Rooms, from the Milan Prevention Coalition and Jackson-Madison Prevention Coalition, with follow up discussions. Hidden in Plain Sight rooms provides parents with clues from a teen's bedroom to help them determine if their child might be experimenting with or using drugs or alcohol. Room décor, hidden compartments, and items to conceal use are located throughout the room. TCCY Regional Coordinators gave Council updates and discussed upcoming events, shared links to area Resource Directories, and discussed updates to the West TN Juvenile Court/Facilities Directory.

These Roundtables allow juvenile court and other youth justice advocates to receive timely information, interface and connect with other Court staff and build a support system.

3. Cobb and Moore partnered to co-sponsor and host a West Tennessee Foster Care Resource and Informational event on September 22, 2023, called **“Love in Action: Connecting Foster Parents and Community Advocates”** with the Rural West Citizens Review Panel/UT SWORPS. The very successful event helped educate and inform foster parents and child and family service providers on community resources that are available to assist in improving the lives of children, youth, and families. With over 110 attendees, this event offered almost 40 resource tables and 10 guest speakers. Presentations on Adverse Childhood Experiences by Melissa McGee, Independent Living Services by Courtney Matthews, current updates by Commissioner Quin from the Department of Children’s Services, and an Educational Panel to offer families ideas of educational opportunities available to youth were just some of the information offered at the event. Pastor Tyler Watson, a former foster youth, who was homeless at fifteen, shared his journey in the foster care system and offered support for more good foster homes.
4. Cobb and Moore attended the Regional Drug Trends Seminar by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation/Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force to learn about fentanyl, methamphetamine, vapes, THC, Drug Endangered Children, Handle with Care, Pill Take Back, Drug Evidence Incineration, presumptive testing, and other drugs and available services. Information continues to shock and enlighten. These seminars are still occurring across the state in other regions.
5. Cobb provided agency and council onboarding and compliance monitoring training for the new Memphis-Shelby County (Taylor) and Mid-Cumberland (Marcum-Embry) Regional Coordinators. Cobb has spent significant time in these two Regions, attending community meetings and visiting facilities.

Psasha Taylor- Memphis Shelby

1. Taylor attended the Tennessee Juvenile Court Association Conference in Knoxville, TN, August 14-16, 2023. Taylor attended different sessions such as Trauma Informed Care, Court Appointed Special Services, and many others.

Taylor took every opportunity to meet and make connections with Shelby County agencies and court staff.

2. Taylor held a Memphis-Shelby County Council Board Meeting on September 1, 2023. Business included: recruitment of new Board members, reviewing Council financials and review and update bylaws. The Board is planning a meet and greet to welcome potential new board members. Council Leadership vacancies were filled during the meet and greet.

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4. Taylor hosted **“The Resilient TN Collaborative: Building Strong Brains”** training at Porter-Leath & University of Memphis Early Childhood Academy at Orange Mound on September 27th. Melissa McGee, TCCY, was the presenter. There were 41 participants in attendance representing 17 different agencies, serving the populations from prenatal care up to post-secondary education. This session provided an overview of Tennessee's history of Building Strong Brains and the work to educate, prevent, and mitigate early childhood adversity. McGee discussed the transition to the Resilient Tennessee Collaborative and the importance and role of community involvement in addressing these issues which are often complex social problems that can't be solved with simple solutions. As we move to support

and expand Collective Impact across Tennessee, we strive to bring people and communities together to support and implement community solutions to complex social issues for children and families.

5. Taylor met with Cobb to receive OJJDP compliance monitoring training. Taylor and Cobb completed monthly reports, initiated contact with the 21 Shelby County compliance monitoring facilities which include area County Jails, Memphis Police Department Precincts and Bureaus, Shelby County Court Holding Facility, and the Shelby County Juvenile Detention Center.

Jerri Moore- SW

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4. Moore was asked to help train Community Engagement Specialists with System of Care Across Tennessee at the SOCAT Retreat with Melissa McGee in June. Community Engagement Specialists within SOCAT are still new in navigating through their communities that Laritha Fentress asked Moore to continue with monthly trainings with these staff members to reiterate the importance of understanding local communities and engaging community partners in September and October. Moore has invited all the TCCY Regional Coordinators to participate in the October training to help SOCAT Community Engagement Specialists understand the impact of the Regional Coordinators within their respective communities.
5. Moore continues to serve and represent TCCY on the statewide AIMHiTN Advisory Council. Moore attended the statewide AIMHiTN Advisory Retreat in Granville, TN on October 16, 2023.

4) **Motion to Adjourn**

Ashley Dunkin, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:48 P.M.

Prepared by: Jerri Moore