

Council's Committee

Location: **Teams Meeting**
Date: Tuesday, 10/11/2022
Time: 1:00 P.M. CDT

Staff Present: Richard Kennedy, Exec. Dir., Dana Cobb, Gwendolyn Wright, Jerri Moore, Kristi Paling, Lindsey Cody, Kate Gonzales, Steve Petty, Craig Hargrow, Carla Walker, and Bill Latimer

Staff Absent: Jill Stott, Marissa Player-Montgomery

Commission Members Present: Ashely Dunkin, Chair, Judge Rob Philyaw, Commission Chair,

Commission Members Absent: Glenda Terry, Cameron Carver, Steven Neely, Allan Sterbinsky, Randy Butler, Petrina Jones-Jesz, Ella Britt, Kelly Drummond, Stan Settles

Guests:

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

Dunkin called the meeting to order at 1:06. A quorum was not available.

2) **Approval of August 2022 Council's Minutes (ACTION)**

The minutes from August 2022 Council's meeting will be approved at October 2022 Commission meeting.

3) **Regional Coordinator Updates**

Lindsey Cody- ETCCY

- The East TN Council on Children and Youth partnered with Village Behavioral, the Mental Health Association of East TN, and TSPN to present their annual suicide prevention month event entitled: "Typical or Troubled?" with guest speaker Ben Harrington. This presentation will explore teen mental health and wellbeing BC (before Covid) and AC (after Covid) as well as the troublesome factors challenging teens today. The event was conducted at Jubilee Banquet Facility on September 13, 2022, and there were 185 attendees. The event was very well received.

- RA Cody represented the ETCCY at the VIP table for the Early Relational Health Symposium conducted by United Way and Bright Start Tennessee. The symposium which was hosted by Ellie Kittrell of United Way/Bright Start TN was designed to bring together government leaders, pediatric healthcare professionals, early childcare providers, community and family partners, and policy advocates for a collaborative day of learning and innovation. Other included as VIPs for the event were City of Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon, Senator Becky Massey, former Rep. Bill Dunn, City Council Member Seema Sing Perez, and Jonathan Scoonover, Sr. VP of Bright Start TN.
- ETCCY also participated in the B4STAGE4 Luncheon on Sept. 29th. The event is conducted yearly by the MHAET for which I am a Board member. Lt. Gov. Randy McNally was invited and sat at our table as well as Riley Lovingood representing Senator Bill Haggerty, Clay McCoy, CEO of the Center for Behavioral Medicine, and LaDonna Booker from Village Behavioral Health. Before stage 4 is an education awareness campaign for the MHAET and its goal is to educate and help those struggling with mental health and substance abuse problems. The key mission is to provide early intervention to prevent the high physical, emotional, and financial toll that is a result of delayed treatment.
- I would also like to recognize the West TN Councils, in particular Dana, Gwen, and Jerri for allowing ETCCY members to participate in the online training events most recently on Community Violence which was quite excellent and the upcoming event on October 18th the Dr. Stewart.
- Last Friday, ETCCY presented another in-person educational event which was sponsored by Home Federal Bank entitled: "Caring for Me is Caring for You" with guest speaker Becky Haas. The presentation provided an overview of trauma and how to recognize the signs the burnout, compassion fatigue and secondary trauma and show attendees what steps to take to prevent it on a personal basis. There was also a section on how employers can recognize trauma and provide resources to promote a culture of wellness in the workplace. There were several interactive sections of the event for which the attendees participated, and you can view them on the TCCY Facebook page.

- RA Cody and Carri Russell of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the TN Valley will conduct a presentation of “Building Strong Brains” on Friday, October 21, 2022, at the Boys and Girls Club in Sevierville, TN for 50 Staff Members.
- ETCCY will be presenting another in-person event on November 10th and it is being sponsored by the Helen Ross McNabb Center and is titled: “Building a More Resilient Tennessee” and our guest speaker will be Melissa McGee, Children’s Mental Health Advocacy Director. We are so looking forward to this event.
- ETCCY has 34 new Council Members who joined during this quarterly period. This includes 2 from Campbell, 15 from Hamblen, 13 from Knox and 4 from Sevier County.

Lindsey Cody for Jill Stott- NE

- Regional Coordinator Stott conducted 4 trainings with Melissa McGee, TCCY Children’s Mental Health Advocacy Director on “Becoming a More Resilient Tennessee” which were conducted in Greene County (9/7/22), Johnson County (9/8/22), Sullivan County (9/9/22), and a virtual all county (9/9/22).
- Regional Coordinator Stott worked with STRONG ACC in hosting a Regional Symposium focusing on how to grow and sustain the personal and collective resilience we need to meet our increasingly complex challenges. The Regional Symposium will be Wednesday, September 28, 2022.
- Regional Coordinator presented State of The Child at the STRONG Kids Forum on June 7, 2022.
- Regional Coordinator Stott collaborating with the Washington County Community Advisory Board to host the Annual Regional Resource Fair with a presentation from Melissa Roberts on Collective Impact. This is planned for Friday, October 21, 2022.

Lindsey Cody for Marissa Player-Montgomery – SE

- Regional Coordinator Marissa Player-Montgomery and the City of Chattanooga held an event entitled the Churches Role in Trauma Informed Care for Faith Base

leaders on September 9th, 2022, at the Family Justice Center.

- Southeast Regional Coordinator Marissa met with SETCCY Executive committee to create subcommittee to assist with the upcoming Girls Summit scheduled for February 11th, 2023
- Southeast Regional Coordinator Marissa along with the city of Chattanooga and the Lighthouse Collective will present on ACES at the Parent Summit on October 1st, 2022.
- Southeast Regional Coordinator Marissa will present on the Churches Role in Trauma Informed Care and ACES to the New City Fellowship church on October 6th, 2022

Kate Gonzales - MC

- Gonzales accepted the Mid-Cumberland Regional Coordinator position and began employment with TCCY on August 22, 2022. Gonzales has worked as a case manager for DCS. She has worked in several residential treatment facilities as a treatment counselor and has done in-home therapy for children placed in foster care. She has also worked as a case manager and resource coordinator for children, foster parents, and biological parents. Gonzales brings a wealth of child and family knowledge and experience. We welcome Kate to the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth.
- Gonzales attended the Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitoring training provided by TCCY's Youth Justice Director. Cobb has provided training and mentoring on completing the Juvenile Detention logs and reports. Gonzales, Cobb, Regional Program Administrator, and Noblit, Youth Justice Director, made site visits to the Sumner County Juvenile Detention Center and the Wilson County Court Holding facilities. Gonzales is working hard to understand the Juvenile Justice Reform Act compliance monitoring procedures, paperwork required and report deadlines.
- Gonzales conducted a Mid-Cumberland Council Board Meet and Greet on August 25, 2022. She has established regular contact with the Board and its members. Gonzales and the Board are planning for an upcoming legislative event.
- Gonzales generated emails to existing emails lists and has already engaged with and attended several Mid-Cumberland Regional meetings. Gonzales 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

- Walker had a virtual event on August 23, 2022. Themed: **You Have the Voice to Change**. The event presented ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences), PCEs (positive Childhood Experiences) and HOPE (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences). With this event there was 75 persons that was in attendance virtually. The event presented on ACEs and how they are transitioning their focus on PCEs to where we have HOPE.
- Walker presented a hygiene and self-care training for the Maury County E.A. Cox Middle school students and staff. This annual event focused on taking care of your body, self-care and knowing the resources and supports. The presentation was made to over 700 students and staff.
- Walker attended and served as a board member for the Lawrence County Foster Care Review Board and the Maury County Foster Care Review Board. Foster Care Review Boards are responsible for reviewing the cases of children who are in foster care and making recommendations to the appropriate government agencies about the best interests of the child.
- Walker and Maury County Alternative School principal, Deidra Dawson, met to explore strategies and opportunities to help Alternative School students who will return to regular school be successful. Walker and Dawson will co-teach a class that will include anger management and life skills components.
- Walker partnered with the Maury County Sheriff's Department and School Resource Officers for a night out against crime on 9/29/2022. This promoted communication between local community partners and first responders, students, parents, and the community.

Kristi Paling- UC

- The Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency is assisting the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Office of Mobility and Accessible Transportation in the development of a statewide employment transportation plan. Regional Coordinator Paling was invited to participate in the on-line statewide regional focus groups to discuss employment transportation needs and share thoughts on possible improvement.
- Regional Coordinator Paling is providing technical assistance and support to the Resilient Cumberland County Trauma Informed Community Alliance. The Alliance obtained 501C 3 status and is moving forward with developing a comprehensive networking solution for sharing information, strategies using a collective impact approach for the following areas of focus: housing, transportation, childcare, early childhood interventions, and juvenile justice related diversion and prevention programs.
- Regional Coordinator Paling has partnered with the Putnam County Library Algood Branch and various community partners to plan a 4-Week Autism Discussion Series each Friday in October. October 7th (Introduction); October 14th (Autism 101 & Resource Sharing), October 21st (Sensory Friendly Programming) and October 28th (Transitions). Parents and caregivers of children on the spectrum as well as interested community members are invited to attend.
- Regional Coordinator Paling is planning an in-person event for December 2, 2022, around inclusion programs for neurodiverse individuals from infancy into adulthood.

Dana Cobb- NW

- Cobb spent several days in Nashville welcoming, orienting, and starting the onboarding process for the new Mid-Cumberland Regional Coordinator Gonzales. Cobb, Gonzales, and Noblit, Youth Justice Director, also made site and introductory visits to the Sumner County Juvenile Detention Center and the Wilson County Court Holding.
- Cobb, Moore, and Wright continue to partner to present quarterly West Tennessee Youth Service Officer Roundtables. On September 9, 2022, the West TN YSO Roundtable was held as a Hybrid event, with 47 youth justice advocates in attendance from across West Tennessee. Attendees heard presentations

from Evangeline Watanabe, TN Bureau of Investigations, on Tennessee's Handle with Care Initiative; Leslie Tosh and Navi II, Madison County Juvenile Court's Facility Dog; and Courtney Carney, SW DCS Resource Linkage Coordinator, DCS Transitional Housing in West TN – Summer House.

- a. 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. The West TN Juvenile Court/Facilities Directory continues to be updated after each YSO Roundtable.
- **“The West Tennessee Community Violence Summit: Causes, Effects and Solutions”**, was held on Friday, September 14, 2022. The Forum was a proactive and collaborative effort of the West Grand Division Regional Coordinators, Gwendolyn Wright, Memphis-Shelby County Regional Council, Jerri Moore, SW Regional Council and Dana Cobb, NW Regional Council. Matt Marshall, United Way West TN, co-sponsored and was an integral part of the Forum's success. United Way of the Mid-South and The Urban Child Institute were also sponsors for this timely event.
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 - b. Numerous school districts and social service agencies have notified the West Regional Coordinators that they will be using the recording to conduct staff in-person.
 - The nine Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Regional Councils hosted the virtual training, **“Re-Imagining a Juvenile Justice System Beginning with Better Mental Health”**, on October 18, 2022, with Altha J. Stewart, MD., Senior Associate Dean for Community Health Engagement at the UT Health Science Center and TCCY Commission member. Wright, Cobb, and Moore took the lead in hosting this event.

- Cobb completed all Annual and Interim Individualized Performance Plan reviews for her team in the State evaluation system. Cobb details and reflects the amazing work accomplished by each assigned staff person.

Gwen Wright- Memphis Shelby

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- The Memphis City Council is currently having discussions about the formation of a Curfew Center, which is seen as part of a broader strategy to combat crime. A Council resolution was made on September 27th to enforce set curfews more strongly for youth. The resolution also calls for MPD to work with city administration on a proposal to open overnight curfew centers, where children will be held until they are picked up by a parent. There has been quite a debate over this, including the fact that only one location has been identified, which is in proximity to only one of the MPD Police stations.

Jerri Moore- SW

- Moore attended and participated in the CASA of Tipton County annual fundraising event for the second year in a row on September 24, 2022. This year’s Mystery Dinner was called Murder at the Juice Joint with a 1920’s prohibition theme. Moore was part of the Mystery Dinner cast, Flirty the Flapper Girl.
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 - This was the second Hybrid version of the West TN YSO Roundtable at the Region 4 Transportation Department Building to allow juvenile court and other youth justice advocates to join, network, and hear information pertinent to their work.
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- This virtual event had over 390 Virtual attendees and 11 Facebook Live attendees and was a direct response to the recent increase of community violence in the entire West Tennessee area.
- Moore assisted in planning and execution of the **Jackson-Madison Prevention Summit** on September 15th and 16th, 2022. This day and a half long summit included presentations on Diversity and Prevention, Handle with Care, The Addicted Brain, Suicide Prevention and Substance Use, and Collegiate Recovery. The Summit was held in-person at Jackson State Community College with a hybrid option with about 50 total in attendance.
- The Southwest Council held a Child-Serving Agency Appreciation Event on October 11, 2022, at Hub City Brewery by special request of the Southwest Council Executive Board to show appreciation to all Southwest partners, agencies and organization who serve children by offering them a night of games, networking, pizza, and general fun at the Hub City Brewery.

4) **Motion to Adjourn**

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

Prepared by: Steve Petty