

Council's Committee

Location: **WebEx Meeting**
Date: Tuesday, 10/19/2021
Time: 1:00 P.M. CDT

Staff Present: Richard Kennedy, Exec. Dir., Dana Cobb, Gwendolyn Wright, Jeni Davis, Jerri Moore, Jill Stott, Kristi Paling, Lindsey Cody, Susan Cope, 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 2021 Council's Minutes (ACTION)**

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

BUTLER moved to approve the minutes from August, 2021.

Jones-Jesz seconded. Unanimously Approved.

3) **Regional Coordinator Updates**

Lindsey Cody- ETCCY

1. ETCCY, TSPN, and CAMELOT partnered to conduct their annual Suicide Prevention event entitled: **“A Holistic Approach to Suicide Prevention”** with guest speaker, Dr. Dustin Keller, CEO of CAMELOT CARE INC. This event was originally scheduled to be conducted in person in Knoxville at Jubilee Banquet Center, the guest speaker's Board put restrictions on Camelot staff due to rising

Covid numbers and then the event switched to virtual with a practice run scheduled the day before the event and was presented on September 1st. The session took a strengths-based approach, known as positive suicidology which covers both interpersonal and intrapersonal factors and the use of adaptive characteristics, such as future orientation, forgiveness, gratitude, and mindfulness, to prevent suicide. The online presentation was a very great success with 170 participants and much praise from the attendees. The event was conducted a second time on September 17th along with the MCCY Regional Council and the coordination of Regional Coordinator Susan Cope and was another great success and also included the UCCCY, NETCCY, and NWCCY Regional Councils. Council members who attended either session had the opportunity to receive 2.0 CEU credits for the training event.

2. ETCCY and TSPN partnered together again during Suicide Prevention month to present **“QPR-Questions, Persuade, Refer. For Suicide Prevention. Ask a Question. Safe a Life”** on September 28th and 29th online. The online training was limited to 40 attendees. During the training, participants learned about the statistics regarding suicide in the state of Tennessee and how to identify the warning signs and risk factors that may put people at more at risk and how to give assistance and listen to the person in crisis until they get obtain more qualified professional help.
3. Regional Administrator Cody presented power point presentation to the Board of the Mental Health Association of East Tennessee along with East TN TSPN Chair Katie Valentino on Suicide Prevention on August 19th that included State of TN stats and information on TSPN’s services.
4. Regional Administrator Cody and Jill Hunter Murphy of the East TN Foundation will present an ACEs Building Strong Brains presentation at the October Board Meeting for the Mental Health Association of East Tennessee.
5. The ETCCY welcomes 34 new Council Members which includes 2 from Anderson County, 10 from Blount County, 1 from Grainger, 18 from Knox County, 2 from Loudon County, and 1 from Sevier County.

Jill Stott- NE

1. Regional Coordinator Stott participated with other regional councils to host two statewide virtual trainings, The Art of Doing It All and A Holistic Approach to Suicide Prevention.

2. Regional Coordinator Stott is working with the East Regional Coordinators to start an East Region YSO Roundtable in 2022.
3. Regional Coordinator Stott was elected as Co-Chair for the STRONG ACC ACEs, Trauma and Resilience Working Group and has been working with the group to set priorities for the Appalachian Highlands. Stott is also assisting with building the working group across the 22 counties in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

Susan Cope- MC

1. MCCY continues our efforts to collaborate with council partners to host training opportunities in the Mid-Cumberland region. Since Mid-August, Cope has planned and co-hosted two regional trainings. In collaboration with Tennessee CASA, MCCY offered *Reflective Practice* Training with presenter Dr. Mindy Kronenberg a Clinical Psychologist practicing in Memphis. Also, MCCY along with ETCCY, NECCY, UCCCY, TSPN and Camelot offered *A Holistic Approach to Suicide Prevention* with presenter Dr. Dustin Keller with Camelot. MCCY is planning our Legislative Event for November 8, 2021. We have confirmed Senator Ferrell Haile, Representative Mary Littleton, Representative Harold Love, Jr., and Representative Mike Stewart to serve on our Legislative Panel.
2. Wilson County Knowledge Mobilization work group has reestablished their team and are beginning to have regular meetings. They are planning future community events to train community partners about Adverse Childhood Experiences and the need for a Trauma Informed Community. Plans are in process to show the film *Resilience* in-person on November 9, 2021 at the Wilson County Board of Education's Auditorium and they will invite the community to the presentation.
3. Regional Coordinator Cope continues to maintain contact with county partners by participating in virtual community meetings. She has attended at least 46 community meeting since the last commission meeting in August. "Nurture the Next" requested Cope to serve on their Middle Tennessee Regional Advisory Board for their Home Visiting program. She attended the first meeting with the Tennessee Regional Advisory Board on September 23, 2021. Cope has served as Co-Chair for two Montgomery County Citizen Review Board Meetings this quarter. She has attended three Child Health Planning meetings since the last commission meeting. Cope presented on the Mid-Cumberland Council on

Children and Youth to the Austin Peay Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance class on September 18, 2021.

4. MCCY's Executive Board voted to donate the 2021 membership dues collected since January 1, 2021 to the Humphreys County Homeless Coalition to help the families and children impacted by the devastating flooding to their community in August of this year.

Kristi Paling- UC

1. Paling has been asked to be a member of the Upper Cumberland Development District's newly expanded Policy Committee. The initial meeting was held on October 6th.
2. Paling will be delivering the Handle with Care/ACEs presentation along with the Cannon County YSO, to law enforcement in Cannon County on October 21st, 22nd, and November 20th. Paling will also partner to deliver the training to Cannon County teachers and school personal in November, dates to be determined.
3. Regional Coordinator Paling postponed the in-person "First Aid Mental Health for Youth" training (previously scheduled for September 17th), until spring 2022 due to the rise in Covid numbers.
4. Regional Coordinator Paling is now planning an in-person Drug Endangered Children's 2-day mini conference in collaboration with WillowBend Farms (Human Trafficking 501C3 support agency), Power of Putnam (prevention coalition), and the TBI for Spring 2022 (April or May). This training will be in lieu of the "Trauma Impact of Human Trafficking and the Intersection of Drug Trends in the Upper Cumberland" event that had been scheduled for October 1, 2021.
5. The UCCCY Board has elected to do a Legislative event in Spring 2022 this fiscal year. Paling will be planning the event along with the Legislative Committee members.
6. Paling helped to pack 300 backpacks for the Homeless with Power of Putnam on October 16, 2021. Paling will participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Take Back Day next Saturday, October, 23, 2021.

Dana Cobb- NW

1. Cobb contacted her sixteen OJJDP compliance monitoring facilities to obtain electronic population records for the October 2020 – September 2021 monitoring period and to schedule the in-person site visits. Cobb will also monitor the South-Central facilities, due to the Regional Coordinator vacancy.
2. Cobb, Moore, and Wright hosted the (virtual) West Tennessee Youth Service Officers Roundtable on October 8th, 2021, with multiple child/family serving presentations. The quarterly YSO Roundtables provide a platform for information sharing, peer feedback, and connectiveness. The West TN Juvenile Court/Facilities Contact List is updated and shared at each meeting.
3. Cobb, Wright, and Moore hosted the West TN Knowledge Mobilization Team Quarterly Meeting virtually to offer updates and progress reports to the over 200 West TN KMT email list. Updates on the West TN BSB Trainer directory, Handle with Care, Bright Starts TN, the 2021 West TN Building Strong Brains Summit, and other regional successes were given to 37 participants. The meeting was recorded with a link and follow-up email sent to the current West TN KMT email distribution list.
4. Cobb and Moore were chosen to co-chair the Bright Starts TN Steering Committee, composed of nine Rural West counties. This initiative is led by United Way-West Tennessee and represented by many Rural West community partners. This committee has met three times to discuss goals, addition of members, creation of work groups, and formation of a needs statement. Bright Starts TN's mission is to improve early childhood education and quality childcare opportunities in nine Rural West counties. The three goals are: High-Quality Birth Through-Age-8 Learning Environments, Health and Development on Track Beginning at Birth, and Supportive and Supported Families and Communities.
5. The nine Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Regional Councils hosted the virtual training, "The Art of Doing it All", with Jenny Stotts on September 10, 2021. There were 352 attendees. TCCY staff has received rave reviews and admirations regarding this training via email, word of mouth, and others referencing the training's recording link in subsequent trainings. Cobb, Moore, and Wright took the lead in hosting this event.

Gwen Wright- Memphis Shelby

1. Wright served as a member of the 4-person Policy and Advocacy Team for the Early Success Coalition's (ESC) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Self-Assessment. This assessment was modeled after the United Way DEI Assessment. This team has completed the first step in its portion of the self-assessment: building the assessment through levers and questions for the coalition and its partners to ask of (them)selves.
2. Wright was selected by the Le Bonheur Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) to participate in the three-day National NFP Symposium, **RE: Connect 2021**. The symposium, originally scheduled to be held in Philadelphia, was instead held virtually, and included participants from 39 states and the District of Columbia.
3. Wright participated in the Memphis/Shelby County Suicide Prevention Network's Suicide Prevention Conference, **Better Together**, as a panelist, discussing suicide through the lens of ACEs and trauma. The Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council also served as a co-sponsor of the conference. There were over 150 attendees of this hybrid in-person/virtual event.
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3. Moore participated (as Bad Barbara) in the Tipton County CASA Mystery Dinner as their annual fundraising event that offers information, recognition, and fun for local CASA supporters and Tipton County residents.
4. Moore has been asked to become a member the Association of Infant Mental Health in Tennessee (AIMHiTN) Advisory Council serving in the Child and Family Advocacy seat.
5. Moore is temporarily overseeing the duties of the Home Visitation Leadership Alliance due to the current TCCY vacancy. Moore worked with the Department of Health staff to plan the agenda, update the current HVLA distribution list, and coordinate the meetings and follow-ups. Moore held the most recent HVLA meeting on September 26th with around 70 Evidence-Based Home Visiting Leaders in attendance. The next HVLA meeting is scheduled for November 30th.
6. Moore (and Cobb) participated in the Lead Poisoning Stakeholder Regional Meeting in West Tennessee to learn about lead poisoning, efforts for lead poisoning awareness, and brainstorm ways to increase awareness about prevention, testing, and treatment of lead poisoning in young children and families.

4) **Motion to Adjourn**

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

Prepared by: Jerri Moore