

Council's Committee

Location: **Teams Meeting**
Date: Tuesday, 5/10/2022
Time: 1:00 P.M. CDT

Staff Present: Richard Kennedy, Exec. Dir., Dana Cobb, Gwendolyn Wright, Jerri Moore, Jill Stott, Lindsey Cody, Susan Cope, Steve Petty, Bill Latimer, Melissa McGee, Carla Walker, Vicki Taylor, SaVone Cole, Marissa Player Montgomery, SaVone Cole, TCCY Intern, Angel Laman, NWCCY Intern.

Staff Absent: Kristi Paling.

Commission Members Present: Ashely Dunkin, Chair, Ella Britt, Randy Butler, Kelly Drummond, Steven Neely.

Commission Members Absent: Petrina Jones-Jesz, Glenda Terry, Cameron Carver, Allan Sterbinsky, Stan Settles.

Guests:

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

Dunkin called the meeting to order at 1:04. After roll call a quorum was ascertained. Kennedy introduced Player Montgomery as the new Southeast Regional Coordinator and announced Cope is retiring at the end of June.

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

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

BUTLER moved to approve the minutes from February 2022.

Neely seconded. Unanimously Approved.

3) **Regional Coordinator Updates**

Lindsey Cody- ETCCY

1. The East TN Council on Children and Youth will present their first in-

person training event in June 2022 in nearly two years along with the Office of the District Attorney, 6th Judicial District entitled: “A Behind the Scenes Look at Child Abuse Prosecution” with guest speakers District Attorney Charme Allen, and Asst. District Attorneys Del Holley and Ashley McDemott. The event will be conducted at Bridgewater Place on June 3rd from 9:00 AM until 1:30 PM EDT.

2. The East TN Council on Children and Youth partnered with Behavioral Health Awareness Coalition of East TN to present “Hazards of Unwinding the Opioid Epidemic: Evidence from Child Maltreatment” with guest speaker Dr. Matt Harris from the UT Department of Economics on the afternoon of April 22nd on a Zoom Webinar. The presentation discussed what UT researchers have found about the relationship between reductions in the supply of prescription opioids and incidence of child abuse and neglect, including examination of treatment and policy implications. ETCCY also participated with the other Statewide Regional Councils to present “Health for All” on the morning of April 22nd as well.
3. Regional Administrator Cody and Billy Worsham of the ARC of TN conducted an ACE’s BSB overview for the East Community Agency meeting on 2/25/2022.
4. The East TN Council on Children and Youth has 17 new members which include, 3 from Campbell County, 10 from Anderson County, 3 from Knox County, and 1 from Roane County.

Jill Stott- NE

1. Regional Coordinator Stott delivered 2021 Juvenile Law Compilations to the SE Region (Juvenile Courts, CASA Programs, Children’s Advocacy Centers, and DCS).
2. Regional Coordinator Stott and the Northeast Council on Children and Youth participated in an Easter basket contest for Niswonger Children’s Hospital. NETCCY sponsored two baskets and The Honorable Judge Green donated funds to sponsor an additional basket. Children in the hospital on Easter would receive a basket. NETCCY’s three baskets were for tween/teens and appropriate for behavioral health patients.

3. Regional Coordinator Stott is working with TSPN to coordinate a Fun Color Run in September for Suicide Awareness Month.

Susan Cope- MC

1. Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth (MCCY's) executive board continues to have strong and committed leadership. The annual membership begins January 1st of each year. Therefore, this quarter MCCY participated in their annual membership drive for FY 2022. As of April 13, 2022, MCCY current membership for 2022 is 292 paid members. The council continues to accept new members throughout the calendar year. MCCY executive board has a strong and committed leadership.
 - a. Since February, MCCY held a Foster Care Sub-Committee meeting on March 18, 2022, with 11 individuals in attendance and with nine additional members who expressed interest in serving on this committee. A follow-up meeting was held on April 14, 2022. MCCY's quarterly board meeting was held on April 29, 2022.
2. Cope assumed the lead role in organizing and announcing the TCCY Statewide Coordinators virtual training, "**Health for All**" on April 22, 2022. This training was offered in response to the 2021 Kids Count State of the Child report that more than 53,000 Tennessee children are without health insurance coverage, although they are eligible for insurance coverage. Panelists for this training included TCCY's own Kylie Graves, Family and Children Services' **Get Covered TN** staff (Sharon Barker, Aida Whitfield, Emilie Fauchet and Leah Jaynes), and Katie Lee with Mental Health Access and Behavioral Health Safety Net with TDMHSAS.
3. Cope continued to assist with the Wilson County Knowledge Mobilization team, **Wilson Cares**, as they work to educate the community and grow their Knowledge Mobilization leadership in Wilson County. Wilson Cares leadership held two planning meetings on February 15, 2022, and April 13, 2022. On March 22, 2022, Wilson Cares provided a second showing of the **Resilience Film** to teachers and community partners. Leadership has offered or have scheduled several trainings throughout the county on ACEs and what it means to be a trauma-informed community. These events were with teachers, school resource officers, law enforcement officers, rotary club members, county commissioners and other county officials.

4. Cope had ongoing participation with more than seventy (70) county, regional and State child and family-focused groups and organizations. This quarter alone Cope has participated either in-person or by virtual meetings with twenty-seven [27] community child and family-focused groups. Examples of Cope's engagement activities include Region VI Children and Youth Sub-Committee (Co-Chair), Montgomery County Citizen's Review Panel (Co-Chair), Healthy Families TN Advisory Board, Wilson County Foster Care, Department of Health's Essence Alert Task Force, ACE Nashville Pediatrics Workgroup, and numerous health councils, community advisory boards and drug coalitions. Cope shared electronic data and evidence-based and best practice information to strengthen the work of these groups and improve the status of children.

Carla Walker- SC

1. Walker held a virtual Board meeting with the executive leadership of the South-Central Regional Council on Children and Youth on January 25, 2022. Walker discussed with the executive leadership if they wished to continue serving on the Board. All officers stated that they wished to remain in their current roles. Walker and Board officers discussed upcoming training opportunities, Council membership dues, and the direction of the Council.
2. Walker held a virtual meet and greet meeting with the South-Central Regional Council on Children and Youth on March 31, 2022. There were 44 advocates in attendance. Walker introduced herself as the new South Central Regional Coordinator. Council leadership conducted the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves, the Council membership process was discussed, and attendees shared community announcements.
3. Walker met with the South-Central Resiliency Project (SCRIP), which serves as the South Central's ACEs/Knowledge Mobilization Team. Walker shared and discussed the trainings which is conducted through the Montana Institute. Walker attended a coach training with (SCRIP) which is held every other Thursday of the month. The group received training on the Science of the Positive and Transformational Leadership and Hope and Concerns.
4. Walker presented to the Job for Tennessee Grads (JTG) class at Columbia Central High School. Walker shared the process to become a State employee and her personal journey from youth to now of career and education.

Lindsey Cody for Kristi Paling- UC

1. Regional Coordinator Paling held the Upper Cumberland Legislative Breakfast Event on April 8, 2022. The focus of the event was on mental health and social emotional health in schools. Excellent speakers including Richard Kennedy, Kylie Graves, John Rust, and Sheila Barker, fun interactive brain boosts and an opportunity to hear from Tanner Cox with Senator Bill Haggerty's office, Representatives Kelly Keisling, Ryan Williams, John Mark Windle, and Paul Sherrell rounded out the event.
2. The UCCCY council awarded three mini grants totaling \$1000. The DeKalb Prevention Coalition was the recipient of a \$500 grant for a Summer Prevention Pool Party that will highlight prevention strategies and foster conversations within families about substance use. Volunteer Behavioral Health received a \$250 grant to purchase books for use in and after therapy for children, youth, and caregivers who are experiencing addiction in their family, with a loved one or friend. Putnam County Schools received a \$250 grant to provide snacks to their ESL (English as a second language) students in Global Learning Center classrooms to support students' physical needs which adds to the goal of meeting the students' social/emotional/mental health needs.
3. Regional Coordinator Paling is partnering with Willow Bend Farms (Human Trafficking 501C3 support agency), Power of Putnam (prevention coalition) and the TN Alliance for Drug Endangered Children for a 2-day human trafficking, drug endangered children mini conference "Are you Awake" on May 5th and 6th keynote speakers are Dr Steven Loyd and Cyntoia Brown-Little.
4. Regional Coordinator Paling was interviewed on the "Get Ready to Learn" weekly radio show WCTE Central TNPBS and Zimmer Broadcasting. It aired on Saturday April 9th, 9:30-10:00am on 107.7. The topic was child abuse prevention.

Dana Cobb- NW

1. Cobb convened a NW Council on Children and Youth Board Retreat on April 8, 2022, at the new Martin Public Library. There were 17 in attendance, 10 board members, 3 potential board members and 4 guests. Each of the nine Northwest Counties are represented by at least one person on the Board. 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 and selected the nine county projects

that would receive Council funding. The NW Council's financial report, Bylaws and Regional Council Funds Administration Guidelines were reviewed and approved. The outgoing President and County representatives rolling off the Board were recognized with an award.

2. Cobb is serving on the West TN Early Childhood Conference planning committee. This in-person conference will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at UT Martin. The target audience will be early childhood providers, childcare workers, and other advocates. A provider expo and four excellent speakers are scheduled for this event. Cobb, Moore, and Wright will financially co-sponsor this event.
3. Cobb and Moore continue to co-chair the Rural West Bright Starts TN Steering Committee. The Steering Committee's work groups have met to develop priorities and make suggestions for the strategic plan. The Steering Committee met on April 11, 2022, in Dyersburg to discuss the findings and suggestions from the work groups and develop a draft strategic plan. Jonathan Scoonover, with Tennessee's for Quality Early Education, led the meeting and praised the group for their work and how quickly the group has worked to develop the plan.
4. Cobb has assisted Cope in organizing and announcing the TCCY Statewide Coordinators virtual training, "**Health for All**" on April 22, 2022. This training was offered in response to the 2021 Kids Count State of the Child report that more than 53,000 Tennessee children are without health insurance coverage, although they are eligible for insurance coverage. Panelists for this training included TCCY's own Kylie Graves, Family and Children Services' **Get Covered TN** staff (Sharon Barker, Aida Whitfield, Emilie Fauchet and Leah Jaynes), and Katie Lee with Mental Health Access and Behavioral Health Safety Net with TDMHSAS. This training has been approved for CEU's by the National Association of School Workers, TN Chapter.

Cobb continues to supervise, instruct, and mentor the newly hired South Central Regional Coordinator and a MSW intern from Union University. These ladies have brought renewed energy, a great work ethic and bright personalities to the Team.

Gwen Wright- Memphis Shelby

1. Wright partnered with Cobb, and Moore to present the first West Tennessee Youth Service Officer Roundtable for 2022. Presentations included general, staff, youth justice, and legislative updates from Deputy Director Craig Hargrow, software updates from Stephanie Etheridge with the Tennessee Administrative Office of the

Courts, and many local updates from Amy Jones and LaTanya Woods with Madison County Juvenile Court. This event was completed virtually with a record 65 youth justice advocates in attendance.

2. Wright was elected as Chair of the Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board. She previously held the position of Co-Chair of the Board. The Board is engaged in developing activities that have the goal of reenergizing/reintroducing itself to key governmental, private sector and community and faith entities.
3. Wright was re-elected as Chair of the Tennessee Community Services Advisory Board.
4. The Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council sponsored the Association of Infant Mental Health in Tennessee (AIMHiTN) 2022 International Reflective Supervision Symposium June 12-14. The symposium brings together infant and early childhood mental health professionals from all over the world to a hybrid event in Memphis. During this event, participants will take a deeper dive into the practice of reflection, a crucial component in working with young children and families. The symposium is a prelude to the AIMHiTN Annual Conference to be held in Nashville on June 15-16.
5. Wright participated in an in-person executive leadership planning meeting for the West Tennessee Knowledge Mobilization Team.

Jerri Moore- SW

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2. Moore participated in planning 2022 Children's Advocacy Days by assisting with award nominations. Many Southwest Council members attended virtually with 5 out of 6 Executive Board members in attendance (with positive feedback on the event). Two Board members attended in person this year.

3. Moore continues to serve on the statewide Advisory Board for the Association of Infant Mental Health in Tennessee (AIMHiTN). Moore is also currently serving on the AIMHiTN planning committee for the upcoming statewide annual conference in June entitled "Power of Belonging."
4. Moore attended and helped Amy Bechtol (Faith-Based Initiatives) with the West Tennessee Faith and Community Conversations event held at Lane College in Jackson on March 31st. The event was a hybrid event with 128 total participants. Melissa McGee joined the event to present on Tennessee Building Strong Brains and how faith leaders can help mitigate adverse childhood experiences.
5. Moore continues to manage the duties of the Home Visitation Leadership Alliance due to the current TCCY vacancy. This quarter Moore partnered with McGee and Bradfield to host a joint meeting with Council on Children's Mental Health and Young Child Wellness Council on May 5th (*in-person*) to showcase how each council intersects and emphasize Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Along with TCCY staff, the Department of Health staff and Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse contributed to the agenda to make the meeting informative and educational.

Children's Advocacy Days

- 4) Kennedy provided information on the 2022 Children's Advocacy Days. This year's theme was "Currents of Change – Rivers of Opportunity" The hybrid event allowed for 200 in-person attendees and 400-600 virtual attendees. Zero to Three Grant funds were utilized to support CAD this year, with little to no State funding used. Kennedy thanked Judge Philyaw, Britt and Butler for attending parts of the event.

Motion to Adjourn

Neely moved to adjourn. Drummond seconded the motion.

Ashley Dunkin, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:56 P.M.

Prepared by: Steve Petty