



Families First Community Advisory Board Meeting

July 20th, 2023

Board Members Present:

- Commissioner Clarence Carter (DHS)
- Jamie Stitt: Designee for Commissioner Stuart McWhorter (ECD) (Virtual)
- Commissioner Ralph Alvarado (TDH)
- Ashleigh McFadden: Designee for Commissioner Penny Schwinn (Virtual)
- Commissioner Denice Thomas (DLWD)
- Frank Lawrence (Virtual)
- Elizabeth Fournet (Virtual)
- Annie Cacheiro (Virtual)
- Brittany Cleveland (Virtual)
- Rachael Corry
- Dr. Bob Smith
- Executive Jim Mangubat (Virtual)
- Bishop Edward Stephens (Virtual)
- Representative David Hawk
- Senator Bo Watson (Virtual)
- Jack Bailey

Staff Present:

- Trevor Lauri
- Dakota Simpson
- Eric Dunn
- Charles Bryson
- Suzanne Carr
- Krisann Hodges

Board Members

Absent:

- Senator Raumesh Akbari
- Representative Bryan Terry
- Dr. Jerry Askew

1:07 p.m. Welcome and Commissioner's Update

Commissioner Carter called the meeting to order and introduced the Advisory Board's newest members: Commissioner Ralph Alvarado from the TN Department of Health and Tia Xixi, Chief of Staff with the Department of Labor.

Eric Dunn took the roll call.

1:05 p.m. DHS Update

Suzanne Carr gave an update for the Department of Human Services (DHS).

- The legislation regarding the program extension was passed.
- MEF is preparing for a more robust study.
- UWGK asked to switch counties for service areas due to limited partner interest in the original counties.
- We have worked with PCG on the bugs they are experiencing and their resolutions.

1:09 p.m. PCG Update

Tracy Bell and PCG associates gave an update for the Board on their support request form system and issue tracking. Jessica White walked through a data update from their tool.

1:45 p.m. Upper Cumberland Pilot Update

Megan Spurgeon gave an update on the Upper Cumberland pilot program. She walked through their progress so far, activities to date, and what was still to come for their pilot.

2:00 p.m. Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next Advisory Board meeting will take place on July 20th, 2023.