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Council on Children's Mental Health  
August 27, 2015  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Midtown Hills Police Precinct Community Room  
1443 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**ATTENDEES:**

Sandra Allen  
Shiri Anderson  
Elizabeth Ball  
Justine Bass  
Carole Beltz  
Kathy Benedetto  
Cory Bradfield  
Annie Brewster  
Nicole Bugg  
Amy Campbell  
Mollie Carter  
Tasha Chusac  
Chad Coleman  
Susan Cope  
Michelle Covington  
Casunda Cross  
Tasha Dayhoff  
Bill Dobbins  
Brenda Donaldson  
Kendall Elsass  
Stephanie Etheridge  
Jane Fleishman  
Deborah Gatlin  
Brandi Hamilton  
Vickie Harden  
Ashley Harrington

Rikki Harris  
Kurt Hippel  
Adrienne Holbrook  
Paula Holloway  
Adam Horn  
Kimberly Jeffries  
Janet Jenkins  
Brittainy Jones  
Knetta Jones  
Mary Katsikas  
Richard Kennedy  
Charmaine Kromer  
Kristy Leach  
Kisha Ledlow  
Anna Claire Lowder  
James Martin  
Linda McCorkle  
Chelsey McDaniel  
Melissa McGee  
Elizabeth Meinernas  
Michele Moser  
Jessica Mullins  
Cissy Mynatt  
Nneka Norman-Gordon  
Amy Olson  
Linda O'Neal

Cheri Pace  
Steve Petty  
Dawn Puster  
Scott Ridgway  
Rebecca Robinson  
Kathy Rogers  
Mary Rolando  
Willie Sharon Ross  
Sarah Sanders  
Malrie Shelton  
Natasha Smith  
Sara Smith  
Jennifer St. Clair  
Wendy Sullivan  
Nikki Swann  
Millie Sweeney  
April Tanguay  
Sarah Vandergriff  
Keri Virgo  
Will Voss  
Don Walker  
Keisha Walker  
Shauna Webb  
Sejal West  
Alysia Williams

## Welcome (Linda O'Neal, Co-Chair, CCMH)

- O'Neal welcomed attendees, gave a brief overview of the Council on Children's Mental Health, and gave a few housekeeping rules. She thanked everyone for making attendance a priority and thanked Sergeant Raymond Jones for working with CCMH to secure this facility for the meetings in 2015.
- O'Neal announced flyers are on the back table for upcoming free events, including the regional Cultural and Linguistic Competency summits. She also announced the System of Care (SOC) Conference planned for Friday and Saturday, August 28th and 29th. She said planning came together nicely and CCMH was grateful for the partnership involving TCCY, TDMHSAS and TAMHO in this endeavor.
- O'Neal mentioned scholarship opportunities for the Certified Family Support Specialist Professional Competencies Course.
- She called for other announcements.

## Announcements

- Tennessee Voices for Children presents the 2015 State of the Child Conference: A Look into Early Childhood with Keynote Speaker Freddie Scott and featuring speaker, Matthew A. Timm, Ph.D. on Friday, September 11, 2015, at Trevecca Community Church, located at 335 Murfreesboro Pike in Nashville. Registration information is available at [www.tnvoices.org](http://www.tnvoices.org).
- The Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth and TriStar Skyline are hosting Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Toxic Stress on Development at the TriStar Skyline Madison Campus on Friday, September 18, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/effects-of-adverse-childhood-experiences-and-toxic-stress-on-development-tickets-16792118679?aff=erelexporg> to register.
- Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organization (TAMHO) Annual Conference will be held December 2-3, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Murfreesboro. Visit [www.tamho.org](http://www.tamho.org) for forthcoming details.

## Approval of Meeting Summaries

- June 18, 2015 Meeting Summary Acceptance (**ROLANDO, MOTION, SWEENEY, SECONDED, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**)

## TNAAP Initiatives (Becca Robinson)

- Robinson, Training Coordinator for the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (TNAAP), focused on behavioral health concerns and said there is a training need for pediatric healthcare providers. She said TNAAP will be hosting free regional trainings

through a Behaviorally Effective Healthcare in Pediatrics (BEHIP) Training Program. These trainings will focus on the incorporation of trauma-competent care and psychopharmacology in the primary care setting, as well as highlight caring for children in or at risk of state custody.

- Robinson said in conjunction with each regional training, TNAAP will host networking events for pediatric care providers and local behavioral health professionals.
- She said TNAAP has trained over 200 professionals in 13 trainings.
- For training dates and registration, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q92FJY9>

### **CCMH Strategy Session I (Cissy Mynatt)**

- Mynatt thanked all who participated in the survey. She conducted an exercise to have each table go through introductions, explain what motivated them to work with children and youth, and she added up the number of years' experience working with children and youth. There was a total of 1,140 years of experience in the room.
- The survey was open from August 11-24, 2015 and distributed to approximately 450 people. There was a total of 106 responses (23 percent response rate).
- Mynatt reviewed the results of the survey with the attendees.
- Participants reported what they saw after Mynatt read the results. They saw a need for more inclusion, more focus on substance abuse, more participation with family members of youth (challenge is how to do this with clinical focus), shorten the meeting a little, having input from families at different levels because system of care is family driven, more outreach needed in the community.
- One participant pointed out the original intention of these Council meetings was for participants to duplicate this meeting on the local level tailored for their community.
- Others indicated there was a directed focus on how to engage families in the beginning, but funding and other obstacles created barriers to having families participate.
- Some felt the CCMH meetings were too "Mental Health Heavy," meaning other partners mental health professionals deal with are not included and suggested involving other partners.
- There was a sense in the room that the Council was making progress in implementing System of Care (SOC) principles. Attendees coming to CCMH meetings for years reminded the audience that people have been meeting on this for 10 years.
- Keri Virgo responded to a question about tools used to measure outcomes. She said Georgetown has a tool used for rating SOC. It is time intensive to have people complete, but it is a great tool to measure outcomes.
- Attendees continued to list the things they want to see going forward with CCMH meetings. Chusac suggested an orientation packet for new professionals coming to the meeting. Others mentioned more intense conversations during the meetings and the need for more advocacy to influence policy and legislation once the meeting is over.

- Mynatt asked group to shift their focus and to see what success looks like for CCMH in three years.

### **CLAS Standards Update (Tasha Chusac)**

- Chusac announced two Cultural Competency Conferences on September 14<sup>th</sup> in Johnson City at Boones Creek Christian Church and on September 16<sup>th</sup> in Brentwood at Four Points by Sheraton, 760 Old Hickory Blvd.
- For more information, visit <http://manycultures1community.eventbrite.com> and <http://CLCNashville.eventbrite.com>.

### **CCMH Strategy Session II (Cissy Mynatt)**

- Mynatt had each table discuss and identify strategies and actions the Council can carry out to achieve the 2018 vision for success.
- The key common areas of focus were Funding and Public Policy; Council Meetings; Data Informed-Driven; Engage Family and Youth Stakeholders; Local Involvement; and a category of other identified goals to be further developed.
- Mynatt, McGee and Virgo will take this work and present it at the October meeting.

### **Workgroup Updates / Discussion Plans for Future Meetings/Report to General Assembly (Linda O'Neal)**

- O'Neal said the workgroups have been in a holding pattern while working on these action steps so there were no reports.
- Next week will be a meeting to plan 2016 meeting dates.

Next CCMH Meeting Date:  
October 22, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

**Council on Children's Mental Health Purpose Statement**

*Design a comprehensive plan for a statewide System of Care for children and families that is family-driven, youth-guided, community-based, and culturally and linguistically competent.*