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COMMISSION

Beersheba Springs Assembly
Eastside, Bostick
Thursday, November 7, 2019
2:15 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Brenda Davis, Chair
Rob Mortensen, Vice Chair
Ella Bentley
Kelly Drummond
Ashley Dunkin
Sharon Green
Amy Jones
Petrina Jones-Jesz
Steven Neely
Christy Sigler

Members Absent

Hailey Brooks
Wendy Shea
Allan Sterbinsky
Altha Stewart
Glenda Terry

Staff Present

Richard Kennedy, Ex. Dir.
Craig Hargrow, Dep. Ex. Dir.
Cory Bradfield
Dana Cobb
Lindsey Cody
Susan Cope
Sujit Das
Fay Delk
Jennifer Drake-Croft
Laritha Fentress
Jennifer Jones
Sherry Isom
Sumita Keller
Melissa McGee
Jerri Moore
Jill Murphy
Rose Naccarato
Shaun Noblit

Kristi Paling
Gerald Papica
Steve Petty
John Rust
Russette Sloan
Jill Stott
Vicki Taylor
Zanira Whitfield
Gwendolyn Wright

Staff Absent

Bill Latimer
Latasha Mitchell
Roselyn Leavell-Rice

I. Welcome – Brenda Davis, Chair

Davis called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

II. Roll Call – Russette Sloan.

Sloan called roll. A quorum was established.

III. Approval of Minutes (ACTION)

IT WAS MOVED (SIGLER) AND SECONDED (DUNKIN) TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2019 COMMISSION MINUTES. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

IV. Budget and Data Committee Report – Christy Sigler, Committee Chair

Sigler reported the Budget and Data Committee heard updates on KIDS COUNT, Resource Mapping, the Media Report, web stats and *The Advocate*.

IT WAS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TCCY BUDGET REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 30, 2019. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

V. Councils Committee – Ashley Dunkin, Chair

IT WAS MOVED (DUNKIN) AND SECONDED (NEELY) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2019 COUNCILS COMMITTEE MEETING. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Dunkin shared highlights from the work of each of the Regional Coordinators.

VI. Children’s Services Committee – Amy Jones, Chair

Jones gave updates on the work of the Council on Children’s Mental Health, Ombudsman Program, Second Look Commission, Youth Transitions Advisory Council, Early Childhood Well-being, Home Visiting Leadership Alliance, System of Care Across Tennessee, and the Tennessee Young Child Wellness Council.

Jones reported Dr. Gerald Papica attended the United States Ombudsman Association (USOA) conference this year in Honolulu.

The Youth Transitions Advisory Council (YTAC) met October 3rd for the last time in 2019. Attendees heard updates from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services as well as a presentation from Scott Ridgeway with Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network.

Since August, TCCY has conducted three Training-for-Trainers events. All three were held in rural Tennessee counties.

Jones provided the Commission with brief updates on the Council on Children’s Mental Health (CCMH) and System of Care Across Tennessee (SOCAT). The August 22nd CCMH

meeting focused on issues that immigrant families encounter. In early October, Moore moved into the Southwest Regional Coordinator role. The West SOCAT Divisional Coordinator role will not be filled.

HVLA met and heard updates from the Department of Health. Work continues with the DHS 2 gen initiatives using TANF funds.

TNYCWC – action teams met then heard updates from TCCY and other stakeholders. Steering committee will meet on November 13.

SLC update – Members discussed the importance of prenatal care especially in the case of drug-exposed children.

VIII. Juvenile Justice and Minority Issues Committee – Rob Mortensen, Chair

Mortensen said the Committee heard a DSO update from Whitfield. DMC is changing their name to RED (Reducing Ethnic and Racial Disparities). This name change includes looking at the qualitative impact of that contact.

IT WAS MOVED (DUNKIN) AND SECONDED (MORTENSEN) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2019 JUVENILE JUSTICE AND MINORITY ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING.

IX. Rebranding Survey – Richard Kennedy

Kennedy provided a brief history on why the agency decided to look at the TCCY brand and whether or not we need to change the logo. An internal team has been working on research regarding branding. Newland distributed a survey for staff and Commission Members to complete regarding the TCCY brand. The committee came back with the recommendation that yes, we need to rebrand.

X. Director's Report – Richard Kennedy

Kennedy introduced Jennifer Jones, TCCY's new Executive Administrative Assistant and welcomed her to the Commission. Kennedy congratulated Moore On her transition to the Southwest Regional Coordinator Position.

Kennedy talked about strategic planning and explained that Trish Holliday is no longer with Department of Human Resources (DOHR). Derrick Hines recently met with the leadership team to make a plan to complete the strategic planning process. He will be present tomorrow and will meet with Commission Members so that their input can be provided.

Kennedy talked about the hearing last year in which Representative Lynn asked some challenging questions around TCCY's legislative guidance. Kennedy said that we had the opportunity to testify again in front of the Government Operations Committee. Representative Martin Daniel asked similar questions. As a result, Petty and Kennedy met with Representative Daniel and several other members of the committee. Kennedy said that the meetings could not have gone better. He communicated to Representative Daniel that the Commission feels strongly about our legislative guidance.

Kennedy distributed service awards to staff.

XI. Title VI Training – Richard Kennedy

Kennedy provided Title VI training for Commission Members and staff.

XII. Dashboard – Rose Naccarato

Naccarato presented the information on the dashboard.

XIII. Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Minutes Approved by:

Russette Sloan
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Brenda Davis
Chair