

TCCY Commission Meeting October 2021

Location: WebEx
 Date: Friday, 10/29/2021
 Time: 8:45 A.M. CDT

TCCY Staff		ABSENT	TCCY Staff		ABSENT
1	Richard Kennedy, Exec. Director		17	Rose Naccarato	
2	Craig Hargrow, Deputy Exec. Director		18	Russette Marcum-Embry	
3	Bill Latimer		19	Sherry Isom	
4	Cory Bradfield		20	Steve Petty	
5	Dana Cobb		21	Sujit Das	
6	Gerald Papica		22	Susan Cope	
7	Gwen Wright		23	Vicki Taylor	
8	Jeni Davis		24	Zanira Whitfield	
9	Jerri Moore				
10	Jill Stott				
11	Jonquil Newland				
12	Kristi Paling			INTERNS:	
13	Kylie Burns		25	Katie Cannon	
14	Lea Brandon				
15	Lindsey Cody				
16	Melissa McGee				

	Commission Members	ABSENT		Commission Members	ABSENT
1	Brenda Davis, Chair	X	12	Kelly Drummond	
2	Rob Mortensen, Vice Chair		13	Makenzie Johnston	X
3	Allan Sterbinsky	X	14	Michael Rediker	X
4	Altha Stewart	X	15	Petrina Jones-Jesz	
5	Amy Jones		16	Randy "James" Butler	X
6	Ashley Dunkin	X	17	Rob Philyaw	
7	Cameron Carver	X	18	Sharon Green	
8	Charmaine Kromer	X	19	Stan Settles	
9	Ella Britt	X	20	Steven Neely	
10	Glenda Terry	X	21	Trey Jones	
11	Jennie Harlan	X			

Guests: Blair Taylor, Founder, President & CEO, Tennesseans for Quality Early Education (TQEE)

Jonathan Scoonover, Vice President of Community Engagement, TQEE

Stephen Woerner, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Centers of Tennessee

Welcome

- Call to Order (Rob Mortensen, Vice Chair)
- Introductions (Rob Mortensen, Vice Chair)
- Roll Call (Jeni Davis)

Approvals and Actions

Approval of August 2021 Full Commission Meeting Minutes

Mortensen asked for a motion to approve the August 2021 Full Commission Meeting minutes.

Jones motioned and Neely seconded.

Unanimously approved by the commission.

Committee Report Outs

Regional Councils (Ashley Dunkin, Chair)

Kennedy updated the Commission on the status of the open Regional Coordinator positions. Lindsey reported on the East Regional Council activities such as the Holistic Approach to Suicide Prevention. Paling has been asked to join the Upper Cumberland Development District Policy Committee and is planning a Drug Endangered Mini-Conference. Stott is working to establish an East Region Youth Service Officer Round Table and will be Co-Chairing the Strong ACC ACE's Resilience Working Group. Cobb reported that she, Wright and Moore have collaborated on several events. They held their Joint ACE's Building Strong Brains Knowledge Mobilization quarterly meeting and focused on Community Collective Impact. Moore has led the Home Visiting Leadership Alliance meetings and was voted onto the Aim High state advisory board. Wright was asked to serve as a panelist on the Suicide Prevention Regional Meeting. Cobb is the President of the Rural Health Association of Tennessee

Budget and Data (Allan Sterbinsky, Chair)

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Kennedy provided a quick budget overview and announced the upcoming budget hearings.

Mortensen asked for a motion to approve the budget.

Philyaw motioned and Neely seconded.

Unanimously approved by the commission.

Children's Services (Amy Jones, Chair)

Jones updated the Commission on the Children's Services Committee. The HVLA reported on the approaching MIECV reauthorization date. They highlighted TDOH's work with the American Rescue Plan funding to allow additional funding to begin an infant and early childhood mental health consultation framework for Tennessee's Evidence Based Home Visiting. The Youth Transitions Advisory Council, met on October 7, 2021. The Council heard a presentation from the Youth Opportunity Clinic at Vanderbilt Law School, providing services to teens and young adults with legal assistance on matters other than criminal issues.

TCCY has received confirmation of a return to full funding from DCS to continue the training for trainers efforts. This funding will provide three training for trainers' sessions and staff are considering the best opportunity for training statewide partners, via affinity groups, or other options. For Building Strong Brains, TCCY continues to oversee and organize meetings of the State Coordinating Team and the Public/Private Sector Steering groups.

The Second Look Commission (SLC) met virtually on August 10, 2021. Courtney Matthews, DCS Director of Independent Living, gave an in-depth presentation about extension of care services provided by DCS. In general, to qualify for extension of foster care services, the youth must age out of foster care and be in a foster placement when they age out. If a youth who meets the qualifications does not elect to received extension of foster care services, the youth and change his/her mind before turning 21.

The CCMH meeting on, Thursday, August 26th, was focused on updates from TCCY and TDMHSAS regarding CCMH progress in reengaging legislatively identified members and SOCAT close-out report from the federally funded SAMHSA grant ending in September 2020. The next CCMH meeting would be October 21st with a focus on Youth Justice.

For the Ombudsman program, there were twenty-nine new referrals received for

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the months of July, August and September. For the same reporting period, there were 30 new referrals in 2020 and 38 new referrals in 2019. As of 09/30/21, 42 cases remain active or open in the Ombudsman Program database.

Youth Justice (Rob Mortensen, Chair)

Mortensen updated the commission on the Youth Justice Committee meeting. Members discussed the recent youth-justice related events in Rutherford County. Members then discussed the need for a youth justice focused group to discuss systems improvement and have networking opportunities.

Mortensen asked for a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to create a youth justice stakeholder advisory group.

Philyaw made a motion on the recommendation from the committee.

Unanimously approved by the commission.

Audit (Kelly Drummond)

Drummond updated the commission on the Financial Integrity Act and the requirements from it. The Council on Children's Mental Health is up for Sunset and the recommendation was for a six-year reauthorization. An update on responsibilities, conflict of interest forms, and the comptroller's audit report was provided.

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Title VI Training

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Presentations

Stephen Woerner, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Centers of Tennessee

Woerner presented on the work of the Children's Advocacy Centers.

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Reports and Office Updates

Kennedy gave a report on the agency reorganization

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Presentations

Blair Taylor, Founder, President & CEO, Tennesseans for Quality Early Education (TQEE)

Jonathan Scoonover, Vice President of Community Engagement, TQEE

Taylor & Scoonover presented an update on the work of TQEE

Motion to Adjourn

Neely asked for a motion to adjourn the October 2021 Commission Meeting.

Philyaw motioned and Green seconded.

Unanimously approved by the commission.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. CST

Prepared by Jeni Davis