

## Council's Committee

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Location: **WebEx Meeting**  
Date: Tuesday, 8/10/2021  
Time: 1:00 P.M. CDT

**Staff Present:** Richard Kennedy, Exec. Dir., Dana Cobb, Gwendolyn Wright, Jeni Davis, Jerri Moore, Jill Stott, Kristi Paling, Lindsey Cody, Rosalyn Leavell-Rice, Susan Cope, Melissa McGee and Bill Latimer

**Staff Absent:** N/A

**Commission Members Present:** Ashely Dunkin, Chair, Steven Neely, Randy Butler, Allan Sterbinsky

**Commission Members Absent:** Glenda Terry, Ella Britt, Kelly Drummond, Petrina Jones-Jesz, Cameron Carver, Stan Settles

**Guests:**

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

Dunkin called the meeting to order at 1:10. After roll call a quorum was ascertained.

2) **Approval of May 2021 Council's Minutes (ACTION)**

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

***BUTLER moved to approve the minutes from May 11, 2021.***

***NEELY seconded. Unanimously Approved.***

3) **Regional Coordinator Updates**

**Lindsey Cody- ETCCY**

RA participates in grant panel for the East TN Foundation

Regional Administrator Cody participated in the Mount Rest Fund grants panel to help East Tennessee Foundation award grants to address the impact of COVID-19 on women

and/or children in Knox County on May 25, 2021. The Mount Rest Home was started by a group of forward-thinking women, at their own expense, as a residence for elderly ladies in Knoxville who had very little funds or family to care for them. They established the Mount Rest Foundation in 1994 and then the Mount Rest Fund of East Tennessee Foundation in 2004 to continue and secure their families' legacy of caring for Knox County's women and children. RA Cody's grant applicants were the Emerald Youth Foundation and Metro Drug Coalition. The process included interviewing the applicants about their programs and how the grants would be used in addressing issues caused by COVID-19. The grants totaled \$10,000 each.

### ETCCY and partners presented showing of the film "PAPER TIGERS"

ETCCY, Coordinated School Health of Cocke County, and TN Voices presented a community showing of James Redford's Documentary film "PAPER TIGERS" on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Cinema 4 in Newport Tennessee. There were 150 attendees and the movie theatre provided popcorn and refreshments to attendees. There were also door prizes given away and swag bags with information about ACEs and Building Strong Brains.

### ETCCY, TSPN and CAMELOT CARE will partner to present Annual Suicide Prevention Event

The ETCCY, TSPN and CAMELOT are partnering to present their first in person event since last March on September 1, 2021 at Jubilee Banquet Center. This year's theme is about the importance of self-care for the individual which includes physical, mental, and spiritual wellness in order to help prevent suicide. The event is entitled: **"A Holistic Approach to Suicide Prevention"** and will feature guest speaker **Dr. Dustin Keller, CEO for Camelot Care Centers** who will also be the sponsor for the event.

### RA conducts State KIDS COUNT Data for the State of Tennessee to Community Advisory Boards

RA Cody presented State of Tennessee Kids Count data to the **Roane, Morgan, Knox, Campbell and Scott Counties Community Advisory Boards** online meetings which included Tennessee's overall State ranking, which included Economic Well-being, Education, Affordable Healthcare, and Family and Community Context.

### ETCCY welcomes 18 new council members

The East TN Council has 18 new members this quarter. New members include Knox-12,

Blount-1, Hamblen-2, and other counties 3.

## **Jill Stott- NE**

Regional Coordinator Stott coordinated a statewide training, “Recognizing and Responding to Human Trafficking” on June 10 with 308 participants. There were two from United Kingdom, two from Canada and one from Ireland. Natalie Ivey with Grow Free Tennessee and Brooklyn Sawyers Belk were the speakers. TSPN assisted with hosting on Zoom.

Regional Coordinator Stott coordinated a statewide training on July 30 with Dr. Tim Perry, Frontier Health. We had over 200 participants joining us for “ Possible Long-Term Mental Health Issues in the Aftermath of a Global Disaster – Is there a Second Pandemic?”

Regional Coordinator Stott was elected as Co-Chair for the STRONG ACC ACEs, Trauma and Resilience Working Group.

Regional Coordinator Stott is partnering with the Washington County Community Advisory Board to host an in person Regional Resource Fair in October.

## **Rosalyn Leavell-Rice-SE**

### Southeast Council on Children and Youth Family Day & Screening of Resilience

Leavell-Rice collaborated with Chattanooga 2.0’s ACEs Working Group and Nurture the Next to have a screening of Resilience in Miller Park on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. It included food trucks, face painters and a DJ.

### Juvenile Justice 101 Lunch and Learn: Understanding Juvenile Court Systems

Speakers for the event were Judge Robert Philyaw of Hamilton County Juvenile Court, Deputy Executive Director Craig Hargrow of TCCY and Dr. Tammy Garland, professor of UTC’s Criminal Justice Department. They explained legal terminology in layman’s terms, educated participants on when decisions are made to take children into custody (Dependent Neglect and Juvenile Justice), when youth are transferred to the adult system and explained the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018. It was well received and there were over 290 people who registered.

## **Susan Cope- MC**

## Local Association, Coalitions, Boards Leadership Roles

Regional Coordinator Cope continues to serve on the Wilson County Foster Care Review Board and as the Co-Chair for the Montgomery County Citizen Review Board. Regional Coordinator Cope also serves as Sector Representative on the DrugFree Wilco Board. Regional Coordinator Cope now serves on the Statewide Home Visiting Leadership Alliance, and the Statewide Tennessee Child Health Month planning committee.

## Maintaining a Regional Council through Collaborative work

MCCY continues our efforts to collaborate with Council partners to host training opportunities in the Mid-Cumberland region. This quarter, MCCY hosted in collaboration with Tennessee Early Education Training Alliance a Webinar on Trauma Informed Approach, Train the Trainer. MCCY made this training available to all statewide council members. Also, MCCY co-hosted with the 23rd District Children's Advocacy Center the Stewart of Light's, Darkness to Light training and with Williamson County CASA and Williamson County Juvenile Court a QPR training. While these trainings have not reached the number of individuals we would have hoped for, we continue to build working relationship with our council partners.

## Represented TCCY through Participation and sharing of Data Information.

Regional Coordinator Cope continues to maintain contact with county partners by participating in over 40 virtual community meetings. Some counties are beginning to host partner meetings in person; however, many are continuing with virtual platforms for meetings.

## **Kristi Paling- UC**

Regional Coordinator Paling has partnered with the Department of Children's Services (DCS), the Department of Health, Brain Links, Signal Centers, and Wrap TN to host a four-part virtual series of webinars "Moving Forward Together: Back to School Series". The sessions are for caregivers, parents, community members, educators, and professionals. The webinars will be 90 minutes in length for each offering.

August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Impact of the Pandemic on Families with Dr. Tim Perry

August 10<sup>th</sup>: Intersections of Mental Health and Suicide with Caitlin Ensley

August 17<sup>th</sup>: Building Resiliency through Brain Health with Wendy Ellmo

August 24<sup>th</sup>: Putting the Pieces Together: Panel and Q&A with Dr. Tim Perry,

Caitlyn Ensley, Wendy Ellmo, Brittany Willis, Amy Kinsman, Michelle Hopton and

Amanda Johnson

Regional Coordinator Paling is planning an in-person event on September 17th, “First Aid Mental Health for Youth Training”.

Regional Coordinator Paling is planning an in-person event on October 1<sup>st</sup>, “Trauma Impact of Human Trafficking and the Intersection of Drug Trends in the Upper Cumberland”.

### **Dana Cobb- NW**

Cobb convened a NW Council on Children and Youth Council Board Retreat on June 11, 2021, at UT Martin. Nine board members were in attendance. Cobb provided a summary of last year’s training events and upcoming events. Board members made training and speaker suggestions for the upcoming year and selected the nine county projects to receive funding. The NW Council’s financial report, Bylaws and Regional Council Funds Administration Guidelines were reviewed.

The nine TCCY Regional Councils hosted the virtual “Possible Long-Term Mental Health Issues in the Aftermath of a Global Disaster – Is there a Second Pandemic?” training on July 30, 2021. Dr. Tim Perry, Frontier Health, was the presenter. Over 300 participants registered for this event.

Cobb continues to expand her role as President of the Rural Health Association of Tennessee. Cobb chaired a two-day Strategic Planning process with the Board. Cobb and the Executive Director, RHA of TN, worked with Dr. Brad Gray, consultant, to maximize Board involvement, input, and results. Cobb currently serves on the conference planning committee for the RHA of TN’s annual conference to be held in November 2021.

Cobb, Wright, and Moore worked with the West Tennessee Knowledge Mobilization Leadership Team to plan and deliver the 2021 West Tennessee Building Strong Brains Summit, “Building Resilient Communities through Cross-Sector Collaboration,” on August 6, 2021. The Summit was a continuation of the 2019 West Tennessee Adverse Childhood Trauma/Building Strong Brains Summit. There were over 300 registered participants.

Cobb, Moore, and Wright attended the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Citizens Review Panel virtual two-day conference in May. Cobb served as a conference panelist for the “CRP Success Stories Panel.” Cobb has served as chair or the co-chair of the NW Citizen’s

Review Panel for the last nineteen years.

## **Gwen Wright- Memphis Shelby**

Wright attended the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Citizens Review Panel virtually in May as a member of the Memphis/Shelby County CRP.

Wright participated in the Fetal Infant Mortality Team's Community Action Team, providing input to shape creation of the modules for the Fetal Infant Mortality Provider Modules Project.

Wright reviewed United Way's Equity Framework for use with the Early Success Coalition.

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## **Jerri Moore- SW**

Moore was invited and shared information on a collaborative panel (virtually) in Massachusetts Rural Peer Exchange Call on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021, as part of a discussion about how Tennessee is working to spread awareness on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and how the West Tennessee Knowledge Mobilization Team is working to build more resilient communities within West Tennessee.

The Southwest Council co-sponsored and helped plan the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services West Mini- Conference that was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Moore attended the presentation on the proposed Jim Henry Center for Children and Families. If approved, this center will provide mental health and juvenile services to

children all over West Tennessee as a combine effort of Madison County Juvenile Court Services, West Tennessee Healthcare, and other partners.

Moore joined a new collaborative team in McNairy County called the McNairy County Nonprofit Roundtable meeting (as further progress from the February 2020 McNairy County Building Strong Brains Forum) to discuss how agencies, organizations, and individuals within and around McNairy County can work together to improve the lives of those living in and around McNairy County.

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#### 4) **Motion to Adjourn**

***Ashley Dunkin, Chairperson adjourned the meeting.***

Prepared by: Jeni Davis