

Council's Committee

Location: **Teams Meeting**
Date: Tuesday, 8/9/2022
Time: 1:00 P.M. CDT

Staff Present: Richard Kennedy, Exec. Dir., Dana Cobb, Gwendolyn Wright, Jerri Moore, Kristi Paling, Lindsey Cody, Steve Petty, Marissa Player-Montgomery, Carla Walker

Staff Absent: Jill Stott

Commission Members Present: Randy Butler, Ella Britt, Kelly Drummond, Steven Neely, Rob Philyaw

Commission Members Absent: Glenda Terry, Allan Sterbinsky Stan Settles, Ashley Duncan, Petrina Jones-Jesz,

Guests:

1) **Call to Order -**

Kennedy called the meeting to order. After roll call a quorum was ascertained.

2) **Approval of Kennedy 2022 Council's Minutes (ACTION)**

Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Regional Council's minutes from the May 2022 Committee Meeting.

BUTLER moved to approve the minutes from May 2022.

Neely seconded. Unanimously Approved.

3) **Regional Coordinator Updates**

Lindsey Cody- ETCCY

1. The East TN Council on Children and Youth presented an in-person training event on June 3rd, 2022, along with the Office of the District Attorney, 6th Judicial District entitled: "A Behind the Scenes Look at Child Abuse Prosecution" with guest speakers District Attorney Charme Allen, and Asst. District Attorneys Del Holley and Ashley McDemott. The event

was conducted at Bridgewater Place and was very well received with 200 attendees.

2. The East TN Council on Children and Youth will present “Courageous Culture: The Art of School Transformation through Innovation” with guest speaker Dr. Ryan B. Jackson on Friday, August 5th at Jubilee Banquet Facility. The attendees will learn from an active practitioner how the turnaround of a small town’s high school set a new course for the city itself, and how culture was the driving force behind all of it.
3. ETCCY will conduct a presentation about the Regional Council and an ACE’s BSB overview for the Knox CAC in August along with Council Member Michael Yates from Ridgeview.
4. The East TN Council on Children and Youth has 27 new members which include, 8 from Anderson County, 1 from Campbell, 2 from Cocke County, 10 from Knox County, 1 from Roane County, 1 from Scott County and 4 from Sevier County.

Lindsey Cody for Jill Stott- NE

1. Regional Coordinator Stott is working on four events for September which include “Becoming a More Resilient Tennessee” which will include Melissa McGee, Children’s Mental Health Advocacy Director and will include presentations in Johnson City, Greene, and Sullivan Counties.
2. Regional Coordinator Stott is also planning a virtual educational presentation to include all the TCCY Regional Councils.
3. Regional Coordinator Stott will be on medical leave beginning on July 18, 2022, for approximately 6 weeks. The Staff at TCCY all wish Regional Coordinator Stott a speedy recovery.

Marissa Player-Montgomery – SE

1. May- Regional Coordinator Marissa Player-Montgomery met with Dusty Cantrell and Billy Worsham to discuss sponsorship for the Southeast TCCY events in the future. Marissa met with Chattanooga Aces 2.0 work group to discuss upcoming changes with TCCY’s Building Strong Brains.
2. Regional Coordinator Marissa Player-Montgomery met with all Southeast Health Councils in person, and she completed a virtual presentation on Domestic Violence to the TIES Regional Collaborative Council Meeting in June. Marissa elected Her executive Committee and help the first SETCCY executive Committee meeting in June.
3. Regional Coordinator Marissa Player-Montgomery met with the Tennessee

Commission on Children and Youth Chair Judge Robert Philyaw. SETCCY Provided Bags and Building Strong Brains Material to McMinn County Red Sand Human trafficking awareness day. Marissa will attend the Red Sand Project in Pikeville TN on July 27th.

4. The Southeast Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth will have their first virtual meeting to meet the new SE Coordinator and the new executive committee on July 27, 2022.

Dana Cobb for MC

1. Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth (MCCY) offered **“The Impact of a Secure/Attached Relationship on Brain Development”** training by Zoom on June 3, 2022. Presenters were Amy Wilcox, Early Childhood Quality Coach and Shawnta Fulton, Network Infant Toddler Quality Coach with Tennessee Child Care Resource and Referral. This training was hosted on Zoom by our community partner Tennessee CASA. There were 82 individuals registered for the event and 53 attended.
2. Prior to Cope’s retirement on June 30, 2022, she helped plan, secure speakers, and funding for an event, **“It’s All About Relationships”**, to be held August 13, 2022. The Mid-Cumberland Council’s Executive Committee will work with the other sponsors to handle registration and help lead the in-person meeting.
3. Wilson Cares, continues to educate community partners on Building Strong Brains and Trauma Informed Care. Leadership trained Wilson County Youth Service Officers in May 2022. A planning meeting was held on May 25, 2022, to finalize plans for a BSB training to be conducted on July 25, 2022, for the County Mayor and his staff and the Wilson County Commissioners.
4. Cope visited every MCCY Executive Board member personally to thank them for their service to MCCY and encourage them to continue their leadership for MCCY. Cope visited Senator Ferrell Haile and Representative Mary Littleton to thank them for their past support and participation in MCCY events.
5. Cope accompanied Supervisor Dana Cobb, to the Mid-Cumberland compliance monitoring facilities that hold juveniles on an on-going basis. Cope and Cobb made visits to the Sumner County Juvenile Detention Temporary Holding, the Sumner County Jail, the Wilson County Juvenile Court Temporary Holding,

Montgomery County Juvenile Court Temporary Holding, and the Dickson County Juvenile Court Temporary Holding Fa Cobb and Cope spent several days discussing each of her program areas and Council contacts.

Carla Walker- SC

1. Walker held a virtual meeting with the South Central on Children and Youth Council's Executive Board on July 7, 2022. Walker informed the Board that the Council secretary had taken a new job which would not allow her to continue as Council secretary. Qualified members were discussed, and Walker was tasked to contact potential nominees. Walker and Leadership continued to discuss the South-Central training event planned for August 23, 2022.
2. Walker held face to face meetings with youth service officers and juvenile court staff in Coffee Moore, and Franklin counties. Walker attended Lawrence County Juvenile Court to increase her knowledge and make stronger connection with the Judge, juvenile court staff and District Attorney. Walker developed and shared a South Central Juvenile Court Resource Directory.
3. Walker continues to Chair the Maury County Students in Transition (MCSIT), an organization that helps provide connections, resources, and assistance to homeless students in Maury County. Walker and leadership are searching for new partners to expand the work and are exploring fundraiser opportunities.
4. Walker met with City of Columbia vice-mayor and vice president of Columbia State Community College to discuss the need for and support of Columbia State students having access to a Campus daycare center. Walker shared Kid Counts Data and books to help establish the need for a grant that would help fund and support a daycare center.

Kristi Paling- UC

1. Regional Coordinator Paling is hosting a council event on July 27th, "Courageous Culture: The Art of School Transformation through Innovation" with Dr. Ryan B. Jackson at Vol State Community College from 9:00am -11:00am. Dr. Jackson is a phenomenal presenter and motivator, who has done some remarkable work in Maury County with high school students and the community of Mount Pleasant around vocational/ technical career paths. He is currently the Executive Director

- of Leadership and Business Development at KIDS ON STAGE FOUNDATION OF MAURY COUNTY TENNESSEE INC.
2. Regional Coordinator Paling is partnering with the DeKalb Prevention Coalition in hosting an I-Guardian in-service training and networking event for the DeKalb County School system on July 26th from 8:30am -11:30am.
 3. Regional Coordinator Paling is partnering in a youth diversion project in partnership with Putnam County Schools and Putnam County Juvenile Court. Several partners in the *Prevention Plus Wellness* project (UCCCY, Power of Putnam, Tennessee Voices for Children, Pacesetters, Volunteer Behavioral Health, SOCAT, TSPN, UCHRA, and the Putnam County Health Department) will be responsible for the education component of the program. Dr. Chudley Wert, developer of the PPW program will be providing an overview and understanding of the training requirements.
 4. Regional Coordinator Paling is partnering with several agencies to host the “Upper Cumberland Stem Steam Stream” conference for the early childhood educators in the region on Saturday September 17th from 8:00am – 5:00pm. The host agency is the Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance (TECTA), and partners include DHS, Tennessee Family Child Care Network (TFCCN), AIMHiTN, Upper Cumberland Region Early Childhood Association (URECA), Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R), and Child Care Wages Tennessee. The event will be held at the Tennessee Tech University Stem Center.

Dana Cobb- NW

1. Cobb accompanied Susan Cope, the retiring Mid-Cumberland Coordinator, to her compliance monitoring facilities that hold juveniles on an on-going basis. Cobb and Cope made visits to the Sumner County Juvenile Detention Temporary Holding, the Sumner County Jail, the Wilson County Juvenile Court Temporary Holding, Montgomery County Juvenile Court Temporary Holding, and the Dickson County Juvenile Court Temporary Holding Facilities. Cobb and Cope spent several days discussing each of her program areas and Council contacts.
2. Cobb, Moore, and Wright co-sponsored the West TN Association for Early Children’s Educators Conference, **“Connecting the Pieces Through Leadership”**, that was held on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at U.T. Martin. Cobb served on the planning committee, secured speakers, and displayed at the event. There were 92 early childcare workers and providers in attendance and 10 provider booths. Attendees received training on early childhood connections, effective leaders, interpersonal relationships, and safety.

3. On June 10, 2022, the Northwest, Southwest and Memphis-Shelby Coordinators hosted the quarterly West Tennessee YSO Roundtable meeting in Jackson. This hybrid meeting had a record attendance of 61 attendees. Attendees heard presentations from the UT Health Science Center's Center for Youth Advocacy and Well-Being (CYAWB), TN Suicide Prevention Network and the NW and SW DCS Foster Parent Advocates. These Advocates have served as foster parents for many years and addressed some of the challenges and rewards of being a foster parent. Updates from TN CASA and TCCY Youth Justice were presented by our guests. The presentations provoked great questions and wonderful discussions between attendees and speakers. TCCY Regional Coordinator and Directory Updates were also shared.
4. Cobb attended and provided input into the planning and execution of the Madison County Kids Count Summit that was held on June 3, 2022, at Union University in Jackson. The Summit was in response to the recent Kids Count State Report released by TCCY, where Madison County ranked 95 out of 95 for overall child well-being. The Summit brought together 183 Madison County leaders and child advocates to encourage collaboration and partnerships to solve those issues laid out in the Kids Count report.
5. On June 11-15, 2022, Cobb, Moore and Wright co-sponsored the Association of Infant Mental Health in Tennessee (AIMHiTN) National Symposium and Conference, entitled "**Power of Belonging**" which included a lineup of national speakers and panels discussing a variety of topics including being trauma-informed, workforce development, preschool expulsion and implicit bias in early childhood, emotional intelligence, reflective practices, and a panel about the early childhood profession from the male perspective. The conference was held in a Hybrid format with over 300 people in attendance including ten in-person "Watch Parties" across Tennessee. Cobb and Moore also help facilitate the Jackson Watch Party.

Gwen Wright- Memphis Shelby

1. On June 7, 2022, The Memphis, and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) held a special in person meeting at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center Student Alumni Center Auditorium. Presentations included a history of the Board and a panel which included Juvenile Court Judge Dan Michael, Dr. Altha Stewart and Memphis-Shelby County Schools Deputy Chief of Safety and Security

Gregory Sanders. Panel discussion centered around the rise in violent juvenile crimes, including gun crimes, and how the Board and its member agencies and organizations can address these issues, both individually and collectively. Tennessee State Representative Torrey Harris served as the Master of Ceremony and Panel Moderator, Wright, who serves as the Chair of the JJB, did a brief introduction, while Dr. Stewart gave a Call to Action. An article about the meeting appeared in Memphis' daily online newspaper, The Daily Memphian, the next day.

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4. On June 13, 2022, Wright, and Dr. Altha Stewart appeared on WREG TV's Live at 9 Morning Show, discussing juvenile crime with the show's host Mary Beth Conley.
5. On August 26, 2022, The Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council will sponsor an All-Councils Virtual Training with Dr. Altha Stewart.

Jerri Moore- SW

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2. Moore partnered with Cobb, and Wright to present the quarterly West Tennessee Youth Service Officer Roundtable on June 10, 2022. Attendees heard presentations from the UT Health Science Center's Center for Youth Advocacy and Well-Being (CYAWB), TN Suicide Prevention Network and the NW and SW DCS Foster Parent Advocates and updates from TN Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and TCCY Youth Justice. This was the first attempt at a Hybrid format for this event with 61 youth justice advocates in attendance from across West Tennessee.
3. Moore continues to serve on the statewide Advisory Board for the Association of Infant Mental Health in Tennessee (AIMHiTN). During this quarter, AIMHiTN hosted a national Symposium and Conference for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health. Moore served on the AIMHiTN planning committee for the statewide and national annual symposium and conference from June 11th -15th entitled "Power of Belonging" which included a lineup of national speakers and panels discussing a variety of topics including being trauma-informed, workforce development, preschool expulsion and implicit bias in early childhood, emotional intelligence, reflective practices, and a panel about the early childhood profession from the male perspective. The conference was held in a Hybrid format with over 300 people in attendance including ten in-person "Watch Parties" across Tennessee. Moore, Cobb, and Wright co-sponsored this event. Moore and Cobb also helped facilitate the Jackson Watch Party.
4. Moore participated in planning and implementing the 2022 annual Southwest Tennessee Suicide Prevent Conference entitled "**Race and Resiliency: A Mental Health Symposium**" at Lane College in Jackson on July 15th. The event focused

on mental wellness for Black and Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC), as July is "National Minority Mental Health Month." Southwest Council on Children and Youth was also a sponsor for the event.

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6. Moore continued to manage the duties of the Home Visitation Leadership Alliance. This quarter Moore partnered with McGee and Bradfield to host a joint meeting with Council on Children's Mental Health and Young Child Wellness Council on May 5th (*in-person*) to showcase how each council intersects and emphasize Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Along with TCCY staff, the Department of Health staff and Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse contributed to the agenda to make the meeting informative and educational. A new Home Visitation Leadership Alliance Director was hired in July. Moore will work with the new Director to ensure a smooth transition.

- 4) **Motion to Adjourn**
Neely motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 P.M.
Randy Butler seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by: Steve Petty