

Council's Committee

Location: WebEx Address: <https://tngov.webex.com/meet/blatimer>
Call in number: 415-655-0003
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Time: 10:00 A.M. CDT

Staff Present: Richard Kennedy, Exec. Dir., Dana Cobb, Gwendolyn Wright, Jennifer Jones, Jerri Moore, Jill Stott, Kristi Paling, Lindsey Cody, Rosalyn Leavell-Rice, Shaun Noblit, Susan Cope, Bill Latimer

Staff Absent: N/A

Commission Members: Ashely Dunkin, Chair, Wendy Shea, Ella Bentley

Commission Members Absent: Allan Sterbinsky, Glenda Terry, Hailey Brooks, Kelly Drummond, Petrina Jones-Jesz, Steven Neely,

Guests: Emily Parrett, Union University, MSW Intern and Colleen Drennen, TN Technological University Intern

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

After ascertaining there was a quorum, Dunkin called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Dunkin asked Commission Members and staff to introduce themselves.

2) **Approval of November Council's Minutes (ACTION)**

Dunkin asked for a motion to approve the Children's Services minutes from the November Commission Meeting.

SHEA moved to approve the minutes from November 7, 2019.

BENTLEY seconded. Unanimously Approved.

Regional Councils Fund Administration Guidelines Approval (ACTION)

SHEA moved to approve the Regional Councils Fund Administration Guidelines.

BENTLEY seconded. Unanimously Approved.

3) **Staff Updates**

Children's Advocacy Days

Rust provided information on the event theme, speakers and sponsorship.

Regional Coordinator Updates

Leavell-Rice reported the Southeast Tennessee Council on Children and Youth had three successful events this quarter. They included the annual Fall Conference, Legislative Brunch and MLK Children's Rights event. Leavell-Rice and community partners are in the process of implementing West Virginia's Defending Childhood Initiative Handle with Care in all of the Southeast region.

Paling reported the Upper Cumberland Council on Children and Youth's Legislative Breakfast was held on 12/13/19, with 3 Legislators and 87 participants in attendance. Commission member Glenda Terry and Paling facilitated ACEs presentations to the Breakfast and Noon Day Rotary Clubs in Cookeville on 1/14/20 and 1/29/20 respectively.

Wright reported the Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council held a Legislative Forum (12/12/2019) focused on programs that positively impact young children and their families. Wright participated in the Partnership for America's Children and Count all Kids 2020 Census meeting in Washington, DC. During this period, the Council made donations to the Diaper Bank, adopted two children from the Department of Children's Services Angel Tree and contributed door prizes and goodie bag items to the Relative Caregiver Appreciation Dinner/Dance.

Stott reported the Northeast Council on Children and Youth held their Legislative Breakfast on Friday, November 15th. Six state legislators and over 95 others were in attendance. The Council's executive committee met in January to plan trainings for 2020 with one of the first focusing on children with autism that are in the Juvenile Justice System.

Cody reported the ETCCY Legislative Breakfast was conducted on November 22nd and featured Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Judge Tim Irwin along with 10 Members of the General Assembly. The Council presented "Changing Organizational Structure from Trauma Informed to Trauma Aware" with guest speaker Becky Haas, in which attendees learned to use their ACEs Education to make cultural changes in their agencies and communities. Cody reported that ETCCY will present "How to Use Consequences that Teach not Punish" with guest speaker Mathew Portell on February

28th in Knoxville at the Jubilee Banquet Facility.

Noblit reported South Central Commission on Children and Youth has continued to work with Maury County Schools to push trauma-informed policies and procedures. SCCCY had their 2019 Legislative Breakfast on November 22nd, which included three legislators. SCCCY participated in the pickup and delivery of Christmas toys for foster children in South Central.

Cope reported on the Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth's Legislative Breakfast that featured speakers from the TN House of Representatives Subcommittee on Children and Families. She reported on efforts in Montgomery County to seek grant funding that will allow ACEs-type training for K-12 educators, early childhood educators and law enforcement.

Cobb reported the Northwest Council will host its annual Council Legislative Forum and Networking Breakfast in February and a March conference on "Ethics: Combating Racial and Ethnic Disparities Through Inclusion, Equity and Respect." The Rural West Knowledge Mobilization Team is planning and will be hosting the 2nd Annual West TN Critical Conversations ACE's Summit on April 15th.

Moore reported on her transition into the Southwest Regional Coordinator Position in October 2019 with a newly identified Southwest Council Board that has been meeting regularly and enthusiastically working to rejuvenate the Southwest Council. She gave an update on the Rural West Knowledge Mobilization Team taking steps to build resilience within local communities by completing its first county forum in McNairy County on Friday, February 7, 2020. The Rural West Youth Service Officer's Roundtable was hosted jointly by the Southwest and Northwest Council on January 17, 2020, with a record-breaking crowd of 39 attendees and presentations on children's mental health and suicide prevention.

4) **Motion to Adjourn**

Ashley Dunkin, Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by: John Rust