

Council's Committee

Location: WebEx Address: [Link to Councils WebEx Meeting](#)
Call in number: 415-655-0003 Access Code: 619 858 174
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020
Time: 10:00 A.M. CDT

Staff Present: Richard Kennedy, Executive Director, Craig Hargrove, Deputy Executive Director, Dana Cobb, Gwendolyn Wright, Jennifer Jones, Jerri Moore, Jill Stott, Kristi Paling, Lindsey Cody, Rosalyn Leavell-Rice, Shaun Noblit and Susan Cope

Staff Absent: N/A

Commission Members: Ashely Dunkin, Chair and Wendy Shea, Allan Sterbinsky,

Commission Members Absent: Ella Bentley, Glenda Terry, Hailey Brooks, Kelly Drummond, Petrina Jones-Jesz and Steven Neely

Guests:

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

After ascertaining there was a quorum, Dunkin called the meeting to order at 10:02a.m.

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

Dunkin asked for a motion to approve the Councils meeting minutes from the February Commission Meeting.

Shea moved to approve the minutes from February 14, 2020.

Sterbinsky seconded. Unanimously Approved.

3) **Staff Updates**

Children's Advocacy Days

Kennedy provided update regarding Children's Advocacy Days. John Rust did a phenomenal with CAD. There were 768 registrants with 550-560 participants over the two days. The theme for CAD was Compelling Conversations, pairing commissioners of the state's child serving departments with others for those conversations and Kennedy reviewed the various pairing and presentations. The event was kicked off by First Lady

Marie Lee.

The Networking Reception was well attended by CAD participants, but not by legislators.

An Executive Preview Dinner was held the night prior to CAD with staff, presenters and other targeted invitees. Participants had the opportunity to hear CAD presenters give brief synopsis of their upcoming CAD conversations/presentations. There were 110 participants, many of whom have expressed that they found value in it. TCCY is looking forward to replicating this in the future.

Kennedy expressed appreciation for TCCY staff for really stepping up to make CAD successful.

Regional Coordinator Director Position

Kennedy provided an update regarding next steps for the Regional Coordinator Directors position, reminding members that John Rust resigned from this position a few weeks ago. He reported that he and Hargrow have been in discussions about filling the position, but a current state hiring freeze will delay that. In the meantime, Hargrow will be the point of contact between central office and the Regional Administrators and Coordinators.

Regional Coordinator Updates

Lindsey Cody

ETCCY Regional Administrator Lindsey Cody, and SOCAT Regional Coordinator Jill Murphy, hosted “How to Use Consequences that Teach and not Punish” with guest speaker Mathew Portell on February 28, 2020 in Knoxville. Mr. Portell guided attendees through the strategies he and his staff used to transform Fall-Hamilton Elementary school into a trauma-informed culture. The event had a record attendance of 235 attendees representing several counties.

ETCCY Regional Administrator and SOCAT Regional Coordinators conducted an ACEs/Building Strong Brains KMT meeting at the East Tennessee Foundation on February 26, 2020. The East TN Foundation is a public charity and community Foundation created to make East Tennessee communities a better place for future generations. An additional ACEs/Building Strong Brains presentation was conducted on March 6, 2020 at Kingswood Home for Children along with 25 staff members in Bean

Station, Tennessee. Jill Murphy conducted a presentation of Building Strong Brains for the staff.

The East TN Council on Children and Youth has responded to Council Members during Pandemic crisis by keeping Council Members informed on COVID-19 latest updates, grant and insurance information, Webinars, and other agencies' updates during the social distance period. ETCCY canceled its upcoming event "Darkness to Light" which was scheduled for April 2nd, 2020 and is exploring alternative ways to present to members during the social distancing period.

The Northeast Regional Coordinator has also obtained CEU certificates for the QPR online trainings and the four joint trainings that are happening and will happen across the state.

Jill Stott

The Northeast Regional Coordinator has been sending out 1-2 emails each week to the Northeast Distribution List that contains resources, educational opportunities, and information that have been compiled from numerous sources locally, statewide and nationally.

The Northeast Regional Coordinator is working with Dr. Tim Perry, Sr. Vice President of Children's Services with Frontier Health to host a WebEx training for the Northeast Council on Children and Youth. The topic is *Psychological Effect of Social Distancing and Quarantine on Children.*

The Northeast Council on Children and Youth is partnering with Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CCHAT) and Department of Children's Services along with other agencies in the Northeast Region to establish a workgroup that will help bring education and awareness about human sex trafficking. The Northeast CSEM workgroup brings service providers and community agencies together to address the needs of trafficked minors in the Northeast Region by collaborating on active cases, sharing intelligence and resources, and ensuring that victims are connected to services.

The Regional Coordinator has arranged for virtual training, The Psychological Effect of Social Distancing and Quarantine on Children, with Dr. Tim Perry as the presenter. This training has been opened up to members of all nine of the Regional Councils.

Kristi Paling

Upper Cumberland Regional Coordinator Paling hosted the Vroom and Early Learning Communities' Educational Learning Event on Saturday February 29, 2020. Michelle Smith, Community Engagement Specialist with Save the Children provided an upbeat interactive training with hands on activities for participants. The target audience was early childhood learning providers and educators. The event was held on a Saturday to provide an enrichment training for those unable to attend weekday offerings.

On March 4, 2020, the Regional Coordinator appeared on a local radio show to speak about ACEs.

Upper Cumberland Regional Coordinator Paling hosted this learning event on Friday March 6, 2020. The guest speaker is a hospitalist with Cookeville Regional Medical Center, on the Cookeville Police Department SWAT team, and a psychologist. Dr Averitt began his presentation with a storm debrief for the group to address the trauma and devastation felt by the community. The program listed those major substances of abuse, the consequences of that abuse and what the State and local area is attempting to do about reducing the threats of abuse.

The DeKalb County Health Council has created an "Action Knowledge Mobilization" sub-committee as part of the Health Departments 3-year initiative focusing on issues in each county. As part of utilizing media to raise the awareness about ACEs, Paling was a guest on the WJLE Radio talk show "Chamber Chat" on March 4, 2020. Putnam County's Health Council also has a Knowledge Mobilization sub-committee which is currently working on a strategy map for ACEs awareness and building a trauma informed community. Webex will be utilized moving forward for the DeKalb and Putnam county committee members to continue planning efforts.

The Coordinator has set up virtual trainings on May 1, 2020 and May 4, 2020 on "The Impact of Domestic Violence on Families" and "The Effect of Trauma on the Brain" on May 5, 2020. The presenter for these trainings is Heather Herman. They have been opened up to all of the nine Regional Councils.

Susan Cope

Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth (MCCY) hosted Engaging Our Communities in Census 2020 with the US Census Bureau, Partnership Specialists, Gabe Powell and Tia Zanghi at Family and Children Services in Nashville, Tennessee on February 28, 2020. The afternoon session was provided by the Commission's Executive

Director, Richard Kennedy and Youth Policy Advocate, Steve Petty. They provided the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth's Legislative Update report and explained the commission's new approach for addressing legislative items.

Three April trainings have been rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Trauma Informed Approach Training for Law Enforcement Personnel in Springfield, TN and Trauma Informed Approach: Train the Trainer in Madison, TN. The new dates are August 20, 2020 and August 21, 2020. The Trauma Informed Approach Training in Gallatin, TN is postponed until after the "Shelter at Home requirement has ended.

The Mid-Cumberland Council (MCCY) Foster Care Education and Legislative Sub-Committees will meet by conference call on April 24, 2020.

Shaun Noblit

The South Central Council had a presentation on Trauma Informed Schools by Taylor Rayfield with the Coffee County Schools on February 24th. Trauma informed practices in Coffee County were discussed.

The South Central Coordinator is giving technical assistance to the Lawrence County Foster Care Review Board in their efforts to become trauma informed. Their first meeting was held in March. More meetings are pending until further notice.

Two trainings originally scheduled for March will have to be rescheduled.

Shaun Noblit will graduate in August from Nashville Law School with a Juris Doctorate degree, with the initial graduation date in may having to be postponed until then, due to COVID-19. The agency is proud of Noblit's accomplishments and is looking forward to his continuous contributions to the agency.

Rosalyn Leavell-Rice

The Southeast Council on Children and Youth trained the Sequatchie County Sheriff's Office, Dunlap Police Department and several child-serving agencies about ACES and the *Handle with Care Initiative*. They came up with a couple of ideas and plan to meet again to determine their planning committee.

The Southeast Council also did two trainings with Rhea County's law enforcement, public libraries, school personnel and family-serving agencies about ACEs and the *Handle with Care Initiative*. The Rhea County Sheriff's Office has implemented a mini

version of Handle with Care until they form a planning committee.

The Southeast Council along with the ACEs Working Group located in Chattanooga are in the planning stages for a T4T reunion with TCCY's Jennifer Drake-Croft as the keynote speaker. If it cannot be held in June, it will be postponed and rescheduled when the opportunity presents itself.

Leavell-Rice expressed gratitude to staff and administration for checking on her after the tornado in Chattanooga. She stated that she is gradually regaining a sense of normalcy, having had to replace her vehicle and air and heating, which were destroyed during the tornado.

Dana Cobb

The NW Council on Children and Youth held their annual Legislative Forum and Networking Breakfast on Friday, February 20, 2020. There were 2 Legislators and 111 participants present. Presentations were made by Melissa Pompilius, Census 2020 and by Bret Brooks, NW Department of Children Services' Regional Administrator. Legislators provided committee updates and answered audience questions.

The NW Council co-sponsored the Safe Kids Coalition of West TN conference, "Child Emergency Preparedness Training, on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at UT Martin. The conference targeted childcare providers, teachers and first responders.

The Rural West Knowledge Mobilization Team postponed the Second Annual West TN Critical Conversations Summit, scheduled for April 15, 2020, in Jackson and the Lake County Community Resilience Forum scheduled for April 17, 2020.

The NW Council Ethics Training, "Promoting Equity and Social Justice by Addressing Individual and Systemic Biases - Moving from Awareness to Action", that was scheduled for March 20, 2020, has been postponed. There were approximately 250 pre-registrants. This training will be rescheduled.

Gwen Wright

The Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council had to reschedule a learning opportunity, Gun Safety and Children, originally scheduled for February 26, 2020. The presenter had to cancel two weeks prior to the meeting and it was rescheduled for April 22nd. This meeting has been postponed again and will be rescheduled.

The Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council the All Kids Count: The 2020 Census learning opportunity scheduled for March 26, 2020, but it had to be cancelled. It will not be rescheduled as the information that participants could gain will no longer be relevant by the time it can possibly be rescheduled.

The Second Annual West Tennessee Critical Conversations Summit, a joint effort of the three West Tennessee Regional Coordinators, scheduled for April 15, 2020, in Jackson has been tentatively rescheduled for June 17, 2020.

The Regional Coordinator spoke about young children and the 2020 Census at various community meetings of which she is a part, including the Department of Children Services Community Advisory Board, the Nurse Family Partnership Community Advisory Board and the Early Success Coalition. She has kept Council members informed about mental health, financial and other resources available to help them, and the children and families that they serve. She has also provided Council members with information on webinars and other distance learning opportunities available during this time and how to access them.

Jerri Moore

Jerri Moore met monthly with the new Southwest Council Board to rejuvenate the Southwest Council and to plan and create a line-up of Southwest Council events to host, participate in, collaborate on, and/or sponsor with help from the Northwest Council.

Jerri Moore and several members of the Rural West Knowledge Mobilization Team met with Judge McMahan (Juvenile Court Judge in McNairy County) via Zoom Conference Call as a follow-up to the February McNairy County Forum to help plan and implement more programs and events for McNairy County families and community partners. Judge McMahan (with the help of the KMT members) identified at least 3 new programs and 1 day-long event for McNairy County that could be helpful to McNairy County residents.

Jerri Moore co-chairs the Region VI Children's Committee for Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. This quarter she joined via in person and conference calls to provide suggestions and data to complete the 2021 Needs Assessment Survey for mental health and substance abuse for children and adults in the rural West Tennessee.

***** All of the Regional Administrators and Coordinators co-hosted, and/or continue to co-host, QPR Suicide Prevention online trainings with the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network. All are also participating in the virtual "Impact of**

Domestic Violence on Families” trainings, as well as, the “Effect of Trauma on the Brain” and “the Psychological Effect of Social Distancing and Quarantining on Children” virtual trainings.

Additional Items

None

- 4) **Motion to Adjourn was made by Sterbinsky and seconded by Shea.**

Ashley Dunkin, Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by: Gwendolyn Wright