

## Council's Committee

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Location: WebEx Address: [Link to Councils WebEx Meeting](#)  
 Call in number: 415-655-0003 Access Code: 616 812 984  
 Date: October 27, 2020  
 Time: 1:00 P.M. CDT

TCCY Staff			Absent		Commission Members	Absent
1	Executive Director	Richard Kennedy		1	Ashley Dunkin, Chair	
2	Deputy Executive Director	Craig Hargrow		2	Ella Britt	
3		Dana Cobb		3	Petrina Jones-Jesz	
4		Gwendolyn Wright		4	Allan Sterbinsky	
5		Jennifer Jones		5	Wendy Shea	X
6		Jerri Moore		6	Glenda Terry	X
7		Jill Stott		7	Hailey Brooks	X
8		Kristi Paling		8	Kelly Drummond	X
9		Lindsey Cody		9	Steven Neely	X
10		Rosalyn Leavell-Rice				
11		Susan Cope				
12		Shaun Noblit				
13		Bill Latimer				

### 1) Call to Order – Ashley Dunkin, Chair

Dunkin called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. After roll call a quorum was ascertained.

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

Dunkin asked for a motion to approve the Regional Councils meeting minutes from the August 2020 Commission Meeting.

***Bentley moved to approve the minutes from August 2020.  
Sterbinsky seconded. Unanimously Approved.***

3) **Staff Updates**

**Regional Coordinator Updates**

**Lindsey Cody- ETCCY**

Cody informed the Committee that the ETCCY sponsored and collaborated with the TSPN to present "Zoom in, Zoom Out" on September 24, 2020 with 258 online participants. This was the Council's annual Suicide Prevention event and featured the film "CJ's Ashes." ETCCY also collaborated with the Statewide Councils to present Building Strong Brains on June 16, 2020 and July 16, 2020, Implicit Bias 8/18/20, and Cultural Engagement 9/3/20. ETCCY continues its KMT partnership efforts with the East Tennessee Foundation and presented "Building Strong Brains" along with Jill Murphy that included three separate trainings, which included the Union County Mayor, Sheriff, Representative Sexton, Union County teachers and other identified stakeholders on October 9, 2020. ETCCY will conduct their annual legislative event on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Jubilee Banquet Center and will include a limited audience of attendees and will practice social distancing guidelines. The guest speakers include Jane Jolley from the Knox County Mayor's office, Richard Kennedy, Executive Director of the TCCY, and Juvenile Judge Tim Irwin.

**Jill Stott - NE**

Stott stated that the Northeast Regional Coordinator collaborated with Northeast Regional TSPN to obtain proclamations from county and city entities to recognize September as Suicide Prevention Awareness month. Also, Stott was invited to serve on the Strong BRAIN (Building Resilience through ACEs-Informed Networking) Institute

Advisory Council. “The ETSU/Ballad Health Strong BRAIN Institute will be the preferred resource for promoting the awareness and empirical study of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs); for promoting the development and dissemination of evidence-based practices that prevent, reduce, or mitigate the negative effects of ACEs on health and health disparities; and for promoting a trauma informed citizenry and workforce in the Appalachian Highlands region and beyond.” (Prospectus for ETSU/Ballad Health Strong BRAIN Institute). She also continues to collaborate with statewide councils that are providing virtual trainings by moderating and merging reports for follow-up communication. Stott is still attending various regional meetings virtually such as Foster Care Review Boards, Community Advisory Boards, Anti-Drug Coalitions, Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network, Bristol’s Promise, 423 Unsilenced, Children and Youth Vision Council, Dawn of Hope and Families Free. Lastly, Stott will be assisting with Northeast State Community College’s Phi Theta Kappa honor program which is researching social injustice as the root cause of chronic social problems, particularly homelessness among our youth. They would like to find research that leads to action on how to end/combat social injustice and thus end/combat many social problems that stem from it.

## **Kristi Paling- UC**

Regional Coordinator Paling continues to actively improve and support the transition to a virtual platform in coordinating and hosting virtual events. Additional offerings include: Building Strong Brains 6/16 and 7/16/20; Implicit Bias 8/18/20; Cultural Engagement 9/3/20; Trauma Informed Approach for Law Enforcement 10/9/2; Trauma Informed Approach for Community Members 10/20/20. Paling, along with the UCCCY Legislative Committee, is planning a virtual legislative event for 12/4/20. The Upper Cumberland Legislative Committee is working with the area high schools’ art departments to develop pages to be included in a collective coloring book of county landmarks. These coloring books will be distributed to Upper Cumberland legislators and others. Paling served as a consultant to Cumberland County community members in developing a Knowledge Mobilization Team on 9/14/20 and will continue to partner with members to move forward in the utilization of a \$10,000 Rotary Grant to further efforts to promote ACEs awareness. Paling participated in community fundraisers for the Putnam County Community Advisory Board (CAB) and the DeKalb Prevention Coalition. Paling has partnered with Power of Putnam to host a Drug Take Back day. Paling is also working with Power of Putnam and Tennessee Tech professors to disseminate Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome information.

The Upper Cumberland Council will be providing a pizza party for the Independent Program at Tennessee Tech on October 30, 2020, which will be participating with Paling

and the Council Legislative Committee in Dance Across TN.

## **Susan Cope- MC**

Cope reported that she served as the lead coordinator for two events held in October. These were the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services' (SAMSHA) Trauma-Informed Policing, (202 attendees) and the Trauma-Informed Approach, (673 attendees) trainings with national speaker and consultant, Becky Haas. Trauma-Informed Policing is the SAMSHA training modified for law enforcement personnel and anyone who works closely with law enforcement staff. Cope informed the Councils committee that approximately one half of attendees for each session had no prior trauma-informed training. Trauma-Informed Approach is the Community Partners version of this SAMSHA training. Also, Montgomery County's KMT has been awarded a grant from a local hospital foundation to host three county Trauma-Informed Approach trainings for school system personnel, law enforcement personnel and early childhood providers. These trainings are scheduled to be offered later this year or in FY 2021. Rutherford County held a Zoom KMT meeting with community stakeholder partners on October 16, 2020 to resume their work of expanding knowledge mobilization work in Rutherford County. MCCY's Board has accepted the recommendations from the nominating subcommittee for the slate of officers for FY 2021/2022.

## **Shaun Noblit- SC**

Noblit and the other Regional Coordinators/Administrators have conducted trainings statewide on racial and ethnic disparities in Tennessee. Trainings have had massive attendance and have been well received. Noblit stated he has received several new memberships as a result of the trainings. Noblit continues to work with the other regional coordinators on developing and implementing future statewide trainings. Noblit has been working with the Maury County Anti-Drug Coalition to move from reactive to prevention. Noblit and the coalition have discussed and started to implement procedures focusing on ACEs and why addiction happens. The group feels that more success will come from prevention than many of the current scare tactics. Noblit has continued in virtual meetings. Noblit has also increased the number of community group meetings. Noblit reported he has started compliance monitoring and is working with South Central DCS and partners to provide Christmas for their foster children.

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

Leavell-Rice introduced former commission member Destiny Sweeney to the Foster

Care Review Board with DCS in the Southeast Region. Sweeney is now a member of the board along with Leavell-Rice. The Southeast Council recorded a video for an upcoming event called Dance Across TN in collaboration with the Department of Health. This event correlates with Child Month in October. The date of the event is October 30, 2020 at 12:00 noon Eastern time and again at 12:00 noon in Central time. The goal is to get families, children and others up and moving on this date. The video had about 20 participants from child-serving agencies such as Hamilton County Juvenile Court, Erlanger Children's Hospital and Healthy Children and Teens, Inc from Memphis. Leavell-Rice thanked everyone for sharing the Department of Health video link. Leavell-Rice stated she has had one television interview and one upcoming radio interview related to Dance Across TN. The Southeast Council was involved in several statewide virtual trainings in collaboration with the other eight regions. The topics included domestic violence, trauma, social justice, racial and ethnic disparities and the psychological effect of social distancing and quarantine on children. The Southeast Council will be a collaborative conference partner with Sisters Who Care, businesswomen who seek to teach, encourage and mentor young girls.

## **Dana Cobb- NW**

Cobb stated the NW Council co-sponsored and helped plan the NW TN Suicide Prevention Network virtual conference, "Building a Stronger Tomorrow: Addressing Farmers and First Responders' Mental Health & Suicide Prevention," Thursday, September 17, 2020. Training topics included: The Status of Suicide in TN, Suicide Prevention Awareness, Stress and First Responders, Farmers and Suicide Prevention Panel and Coping with Secondary Trauma. There were approximately 200 attendees. Cobb continues to participate in weekly virtual meetings with the Rural Health Association of Tennessee. Cobb currently serves as the Vice-President and serves on the Executive, Finance and Conference Planning Committees. Cobb continues to work with the staff and the conference committee to plan the annual November state conference. The conference will be virtual, due to COVID. Cobb has made contact with her sixteen jails, prison, court holdings and detention facilities to obtain electronic population records for the October 2019 – September 2020 monitoring period and to schedule in-person site visits. Lastly, Cobb co-chaired the Rural West Knowledge Mobilization Team virtual meeting on September 30, 2020. The RW KMT's primary goals are to spread the Building Strong Brains message, to host a West TN BSB Summit and to plan and host community resilience building forums in each of the twenty counties.

## **Gwen Wright- Memphis Shelby**

Wright stated that she took the lead in three virtual learning opportunities that were

open to all members and friends of the nine regional councils on children and youth:

- Implicit Bias: August 27, 2020 with 823 participants
- Cultural Engagement: September 3, 2020 with 657 participants
- Let's Talk about Cultural and Linguistic Competency: scheduled for September 16, 2020 but cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances on September 15th. There were 721 registrants.

Wright thanked all TCCY staff who have been instrumental in helping make all the webinars so successful. Tech support, uploading training recordings to the TCCY website and navigating WebEx logistics were mentioned.

Wright presided over the Tennessee Community Services Agency Board of Directors Annual Meeting. Wright helped plan the Memphis/Shelby County Suicide Prevention Conference, "Lest We Forget: Remembering Lives Lost," held on September 17, 2020. Speakers and topics included: Cindy McNally, Irreverent Warriors President & CEO, Title: Reverently Irreverent; Monty Burks, CPRS, Ph.D., Director of Faith Based Initiatives Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services; Title: Faith and Recovery: Access to Supportive Services and Dr. Archandria Owens, Associate Director of the Student Counseling Center at Rhodes College; Title: Real-World Racism in Inner-World Dynamics: The Impact of Racial Trauma on Suicide in Racial Minorities. Wright has made contact with her jails, prison, court holdings and detention facilities to obtain electronic population records for the October 2019 – September 2020 monitoring period and to schedule in-person site visits. Wright participated in the Rural West Knowledge Mobilization Team virtual meeting on September 30, 2020. One of the topics of discussion was a West TN BSB Summit.

## **Jerri Moore- SW**

Moore stated that the Executive Board has STILL been meeting MONTHLY, even with COVID and quarantine. They continue to help with the virtual membership drive and adapted to virtual or socially-distanced meetings while promoting the Southwest Council. The Southwest Executive Board finished revising the Southwest By-Laws and designed a new Southwest Council membership announcement flyer during this quarter. Also, the Southwest Council sponsored the first Southwest Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (virtual) Conference, a fall festival in Tipton County and helped promote the Grow Well Video Series with Le Bonheur. Moore partnered with Amy Bechtol (West TN Faith-based Coordinator with Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services) to join in on a series with the local public radio station, WTJS, titled The Front Porch Radio Show, throughout August and September 2020.

Moore discussed how children can be affected by COVID and how state and local agencies and faith-based organizations can work together to help children and families. This segment conversation resulted in listeners becoming informed about the TN Commission on Children and Youth, Building Strong Brains, Kids Count Data, ACEs, and other children and family-related information. Moore has participated in, helped plan and/or co-hosted several virtual webinars, events, and conferences. Moore attended the 2020 Arkansas ACEs Annual Conference and the TN NAMI State Convention. These were both 2-day conferences packed with information. The RW Youth Services Officer (YSO) Roundtable held their quarterly virtual meeting. The West TN Knowledge Mobilization Team met with 47 attendees.

**\*\*\* All of the Regional Administrators and Coordinators co-hosted, Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) regional conferences. All also participated in two virtual “Implicit Bias and Racial Equity” trainings, “Trauma Informed Policing” and “Trauma Informed Approach” trainings.**

**Kristi Paling and Jill Stott provided an overview of the eleven virtual Webinar trainings held from April - October, 2020. Stott provided maps that showed there were 5,941 attendees, from over 34 states and 12 countries. (See Attached)**

### **Additional Items**

**Commission Member, Ella Britt, asked the Middle and East TN coordinators to collaborate with her to spread awareness about the Safety Net grant that would provide funding for free mental health services.**

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

***Ashley Dunkin, Chairperson adjourned the meeting 1:47 PM.***

Prepared by: Dana Cobb