



STATE OF TENNESSEE
TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
General Services Conference Room
Andrew Johnson Tower, First Floor
Thursday, February 28, 2008
5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Cindy Durham, Chair
Marti Herndon, Secretary
Sidney Bynum, Youth Representative
Beverly Cosley
Tim Goldsmith
Carlton Lewis
Sue Pilson
Joetta Yarbro

Staff Present

Linda O'Neal
Pam Brown
Richard Kennedy
Joyce Lee
Faye Mangrum
Debrah Stafford
Pat Wade

Committee Members Absent

Susan Lawless-Glassman, Vice Chair
Jim Ford
Trudy Hughes
Diane Neighbors

TCCY Chair Durham called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

I. Approval of October Minutes

MOTION: IT WAS MOVED (GOLDSMITH) AND SECONDED (PILSON) TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

II. Review of Committee Reports/Action Items

A. Budget and Data Committee – Carlton Lewis, Acting Chair, for Jim Ford, Chair

Committee met and has two action items.

Making KIDS COUNT Media Award nominations were reviewed/discussed.

1. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MAKING KIDS COUNT MEDIA AWARDS:

LARGE PRINT MEDIA TO THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL IN MEMPHIS – NOMINATED BY GWENDOLYN WRIGHT.

SMALL PRINT MEDIA TO KARA COVINGTON AND LARRY ALDRIDGE OF THE (MARYVILLE) DAILY TIMES – NOMINATED BY TRUDY HUGHES.

LARGE BROADCAST MEDIA TO CLEAR CHANNEL MEMPHIS TV, WPTY (CHANNEL 24).

LARGE BROADCAST MEDIA TO AARON SOLOMON AND JEREMY FINLEY OF WSMV IN NASHVILLE.

O’Neal advised Lewis he could report these as the Making KIDS COUNT Award winners without requesting approval as the award guidelines provide for the Budget and Data Committee to select the recipients.

Committee discussed TCCY writing the Tennessee delegation asking them to sign on as a co-sponsor and support H.R.2477 in the House and S.1484 in the Senate, known as the State Child Well-Being Research Act.

2. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WRITING THE TENNESSEE DELEGATION ASKING THEM TO SIGN ON AS A CO-SPONSOR AND SUPPORT H.R.2477 IN THE HOUSE AND S.1484 IN THE SENATE, KNOWN AS THE STATE CHILD WELL-BEING RESEARCH ACT.

B. Children’s Services Committee – Tim Goldsmith, Chair

Committee met and has no action item.

Committee reviewed case summaries and profiles on a couple of Quality Service Review (QSR) cases. New Commission Members asked a lot of good questions generating a lot of lively discussion.

The upcoming Child and Family Service Review (CFSR) assessing how well Tennessee is performing in achieving positive outcomes of child welfare services was discussed. Wade and Chester are assisting DCS staff in developing the criteria and questions for targeted focus groups to address systematic factors addressed in the domains examined by CFSR.

TCCY's Ombudsmen are now taking Child Protective Services (CPS) cases. DCS has agreed to provide TCCY with read-only access to the CPS portions of the TNKids system and to provide notice to their CPS staff that they might expect calls from our Ombudsmen and they should respond appropriately.

C. Councils Committee – Joetta Yarbrow, Chair

Committee met and has three action items.

Draft Regional Council Funds Administration Guidelines was discussed. Guidelines are still being worked on and the plans are to have them finalized by our Fall Retreat.

1. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE DRAFT REGIONAL COUNCIL FUNDS ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES.

Committee discussed TCCY supporting and asking the Tennessee Delegation to support the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) in calling on the new President to convene a White House Conference on Children in 2010.

2. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE SUPPORTING THE CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN (CWLA) IN CALLING ON THE NEW PRESIDENT TO CONVENE A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN 2010 AND TO SENDING A LETTER TO THE TENNESSEE DELEGATION ASKING THEM TO SUPPORT THIS CONFERENCE.

“Fulfill the Promise” for Tennesseans with Developmental Disabilities was discussed. TCCY is an ex-officio member of the Tennesseans with Developmental Disabilities Task Force.

3. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE SUPPORTING THE “FULFILL THE PROMISE” RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE TENNESSEANS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TASK FORCE.

Children's Advocacy Days (CAD) will be March 11-12. Commission members planning to attend should register and let Mangrum know if they need a room.

Committee heard reports from regional coordinators not reporting to the full Commission. The regional coordinators met two days prior to the

Committee/Commission meetings for training/interaction. They decided that all nine regional coordinators would present their council updates to the Committee and no longer present to the full Commission.

D. Juvenile Justice/Minority Issues Committee – Beverly Cosley, Chair

Committee met and has three action items.

Stafford reported computers have been delivered to juvenile courts in 85 counties.

Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) and Title V grant writing training will be conducted in March.

Thanks to Rodger Jowers for assisting with program monitoring training and to the regional coordinators for their assistance in monitoring.

Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) violations are higher (66) compared to this time last year (46) due to violations in Tipton County.

The DMC Task Force nominated John Hall as their new Chair and Dwight Stokes as their new Vice Chair.

1. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE JOHN HALL AS CHAIR AND DWIGHT STOKES AS VICE CHAIR OF THE DMC TASK FORCE.

Committee reviewed/discussed increasing the DMC Task Force budget by \$25,000 designated from the residual Federal Formula Grants funds.

2. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE INCREASING THE DMC TASK FORCE PROPOSED BUDGET 2008 TO \$125,000.

Committee also discussed Special Project Proposals for Federal Formula Grants Funds.

3. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE SPECIAL PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR FEDERAL FORMULA GRANTS FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000 TO FUND A MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR FOR EFFORTS OF THE SJR 799 STUDY.

4. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE SPECIAL PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR REMAINING FEDERAL FORMULA GRANTS FUNDS TO GO TO DMC EFFORTS THAT WILL BEGIN AT A LATER DATE.

III. Other Business

Durham asked for volunteers to serve on the Jim Pryor Award Committee. Cosley, Herndon, Hughes and Yarbrow volunteered.

Committee meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Linda O'Neal
Executive Director

Minutes Approved by:

Cindy Durham
TCCY Chair