



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
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**COMMISSION**

Room 30  
Legislative Plaza  
Friday, May 30, 2008  
8:30 a.m.

**MINUTES**

Commission Members Present

Cindy Durham, Chair  
Marti Herndon, Secretary  
Natasha Blackshear  
Sidney Bynum  
Joshua Conner (9:07)  
Beverly J. Cosley  
Adam Dickson  
James Ford  
Joe Fowlkes  
Emmanuel Frederick (9:25)  
Tim Goldsmith  
Barbara Holden  
Trudy Hughes  
Dana Lesley  
Carlton Lewis  
Sue Pilson  
Colonel J. A. Robbins (8:40)  
Dwight Stokes  
Joetta Yarbro  
Jo Ann Yates

Commission Members Absent

Susan Lawless-Glassman, Vice Chair  
Denise Hobbs-Coker  
Christy Little  
Eric Lulow  
Diane Neighbors  
Nancy Williams

Ex Officio Members Present

Tom Catron, GOCCC  
Amanda Lewis, DCS  
Doug Swisher, DCS  
William Haynes, DCS  
Paul Lefkowitz, DHS

Guests

Cindy Perry, SCCY  
Amelia Mitchell  
Theo Morrison, TN Chapter of AAP

Staff Present

Linda O'Neal, Exec Dir  
Narenda Amin  
Marietta Backus  
Sumita Banerjee

Cyndy Banks  
Pam Brown  
Peggy Carter  
Susan Cope  
Sandra Decker  
Fay Delk  
Emel Eff  
Dominick Grimaldi  
Richard Kennedy  
Ron King  
Pamela Kirkpatrick  
Bill Latimer  
Frances Lewis  
Faye Mangrum  
Philip McKenzie  
John Nixson  
Gerald Papica  
Steve Petty  
Cheryl Sahlin  
Debrah Stafford  
Sheryl Sweat  
Vicki Taylor  
Pat Wade  
Zanira Whitfield

I. Welcome, Introductions

Chair Durham called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. welcoming Commission members, guests and staff.

Eric Lulow, a former TCCY intern, has been appointed as a youth member of the Commission. We are glad to have him as part of the Commission membership. He is currently serving an internship with Congressman Bart Gordon in Washington. He has been very active in the Youth Advisory Council and is replacing Chey Korvandi-Geledar, who resigned due to not being able to attend meetings.

II. Roll Call

Mangrum did roll call. A quorum was established.

III. Approval of February Minutes

**IT WAS MOVED (FORD) AND SECONDED (YARBRO) TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

IV. Departmental Updates

A. Department of Children's Services/Juvenile Justice – Mandy Lewis, Program Manager

In March, the Department of Children's Services (DCS)/Division of Juvenile Justice had a \$73 million shortfall in federal funds due to a sudden rule change by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The rule change eliminated federal reimbursement for costs associated with "targeted case management." As a result, the juvenile justice division had to give up grants to courts across the state for probation/intensive probation services but did keep grants for aftercare services. There are no immediate plans to restore the money but if Washington does restore the federal funding, there will have to be a new process of contracting to get the grant programs reinstated. There will be no cuts in staff providing direct services to children/children's services officers and corporals in the Division of Juvenile Justice.

The contract with Dr. Mark Lipsey, Vanderbilt Institute of Public Policy Studies (VIPPS), has been secured and the evaluation process for all contracted services and in house services will begin. Public Chapter 585 from 2007 requires the state to use evidence-based programs in reducing/preventing juvenile delinquency and recidivism with delinquents. The Advisory Group including the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY), Select Committee on Children and Youth (SCCY), Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and provider partners met and mapped strategy for getting the required report to the legislature by January 2009. Meetings will be held in the grand regions (Jackson, Nashville and Knoxville). Dr. Lipsey will be presenting information on the evaluation process. O'Neal received registration form for distribution.

Lewis will provide O'Neal with a list of the grant programs that will no longer be funded due to budget cuts for distribution to the Commission.

V. Presentation on Workplace Harassment – Kae Carpenter, Department of Human Resources

The Respectful Workplace: Setting The Tone, State of Tennessee Policy Statement on Workplace Harassment and TCCY Policy Concerning Investigations of Allegations of Illegal Discrimination and Harassment were distributed.

Carpenter talked about the following giving background information and examples:

- ✓ Directives related to a respectful workplace reviewing related laws;
- ✓ Responsibility of executives for implementing equal employment policies, enforcing these policies and being proactive rather than reactive;
- ✓ Individual liability;
- ✓ Protected classes including examples of sex, age, pregnancy, religion/creed and veteran's status discrimination;
- ✓ Illegal discrimination;
- ✓ Workplace harassment including general examples, retaliation, what constitutes a complaint, the process, confidentiality issues, the investigation, after the investigation and penalties.

Employees need to be reminded of their agency's discrimination and harassment policy. Supervisors and managers need to model the appropriate behavior, be held accountable and provide appropriate training.

VI. Executive Committee Report – Cindy Durham, TCCY Chair

Committee had a short meeting. Committees have two action items.

VII. Budget and Data Committee Report – Jim Ford, Chair

Committee met and has no action item.

Shared Services Solutions is doing a good job, things are moving along and beginning to work smoothly. With 83 percent of the Fiscal Year passed, TCCY is well on their way to meeting our goal of returning to the state the amount of money required.

KIDS COUNT publication was released and generated a substantial amount of interest. Ford encouraged Commission members to read publication stating it is good reference informative material.

TCCY web site continues to receive a lot of activity. More information is being disseminated and printing cost reduced. Brown expressed interest in calculating money saved by posting *The Advocate* on our web site instead of printing it.

VIII. Children's Services Committee Report – Natasha Blackshear, Acting Chair, for Tim Goldsmith, Chair

Committee met and has no action item.

Committee heard Ombudsman update. The two TCCY Ombudsmen appear to be overworked. Their caseloads have increased 153 percent over this time last year.

Wade gave CPORT update and talked about the CPORT/DCS collaboration and Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group (CWPPG) Contract.

Draft CPORT Brochure was distributed for review.

IX. Councils Committee Report – Joetta Yarbrow, Chair

Committee had a great meeting and has one action item.

Two regional coordinators (Gwendolyn Wright and Patty Ray) shadowed the Quality Service Review (QSR) process. Both were very complimentary of the process and enjoyed their experience.

Due to budget cuts and travel restrictions, the regional coordinators were not in attendance but participated via conference call. They were missed. Yarbrow encouraged Commission members to read their quarterly reports.

Kennedy reported on Children's Advocacy Days (CAD). Attendance was 513. It was an excellent "political rally" event and best described as the most fun CAD ever. Commission Member Holden mentioned that when 90 percent of your evaluations grade your event excellent or very good, that says a lot. Yarbrow thanked Kennedy for his leadership mentioning that he and Swoner received an "Above and Beyond Award" for the outstanding event.

Regional coordinators are busy doing program monitoring, an additional responsibility of their job. Because of the time frame, program monitoring has to be conducted in the second half of the year specifically in the last quarter. They are busy finishing program monitoring and in July will move into jail monitoring. Question was raised as to when would they have time to do the outreach and buildup of their councils we all expect them to do.

Kathy Daniels presented Dennis Clark with his award recognizing him for his service to the Commission. Diane Wise presented Charles Hutchins with his award. Both completed terms with the Commission but were unable to attend CAD to receive their awards.

TCCY is now on my space @ [www.myspace.com/tncommission](http://www.myspace.com/tncommission).

Every Child Matters (ECM) is a national group that compiles information similar to KIDS COUNT. They are planning a *Step Up for Kids Day* on September 16 seeking to bring child friendly organizations and individuals together in every state capitol to advocate on behalf of children and call upon the presidential candidates to address the needs of children and discuss their plans for meeting those needs.

**COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION SIGN ON TO PARTNER WITH EVERY CHILD MATTERS (ECM) TO PURSUE IN NASHVILLE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2008, WITH A SIMULTANEOUS EVENT IN EACH OF THE NINE REGIONS. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Elaine Williams, South Central Regional Coordinator, received the region's Child Advocate of the Year Award at their spring meeting.

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

Committee met and has no action item.

The DMC Statewide Task Force is actively engaged under King's leadership with Taylor's assistance/support. Task Force is focusing on ways to educate youth in detention centers.

The DMC Special Emphasis Projects Training was held May 6, 2008. Invitation letters were sent to over 2,000 and approximately 130 participated in the training. Application due date is June 9, 2008.

The DMC Internship Project will be a great aide to the DMC Task Forces. Each Task Force will receive an intern. Approximately 15 letters were mailed to colleges within the geographical areas of the Task Forces. The University of Tennessee, University of Tennessee at Memphis, King's College and Vanderbilt expressed interest in using interns. Each intern assigned to a Task Force will receive \$10,000 for a ten month period. Applications are due May 30, 2008. Interns will be doing the work previously provided by Vista volunteers.

Regional coordinators are doing program monitoring. Rodger Jowers is the in house program monitoring specialist. The involvement of Kennedy and the durability and flexibility of the regional coordinators in doing program monitoring is greatly appreciated.

Stafford reported the juvenile justice specialists monitor state supplements and reimbursement accounts in all 95 counties. The counties are divided by one third meaning that every three years a third of the counties have to be monitored.

Thanks to McKenzie, our Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) violations are under 100 again. We have 96. DSO violations continue to be a challenge but we are getting a handle on them.

Federal appropriations 2008-2009 for Federal Formula Funds (FFG), Juvenile Accountability Block Funds (JABG), Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Funds (EUDL) and Title V Delinquency Prevention Funds were cut \$28,000. The 2008-2009 appropriation is \$2,233,560.

Break – 9:55 a.m.

Chair Durham called the meeting back to order at 10:14 a.m.

IV. Departmental Updates (continued)

B. Department of Children’s Services/Child Welfare – Doug Swisher, Budget Director, and William Haynes, Executive Director, Human Resources Development

Haynes gave an overview of the impact of DCS budget cuts. Before the State of Tennessee announced the overall budget crisis and that positions would have to be cut, DCS was dealing with the prospect of position cuts because of the rule imposed in March by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services eliminating federal reimbursement for costs associated with “targeted case management” creating a \$73 million cut in funding for DCS forcing them to cut 168 positions. The TennCare Bureau is picking up the slack to get DCS through the end of this fiscal year. As of July 1, 2008, 168 positions will have to be cut to offset that loss. This is separate from anything DCS is doing for the Voluntary Buyout Program. Legislation was introduced allowing DCS to suspend some of the Civil Service /Reduction In Force (RIF) laws to allow them to move staff who had previously been in case load carrying/case manager positions without having to pull a register. Breakdown of 168 positions lost:

- 90 – Vacant positions cut;
- 15-20 – Positions moved out of administrative to case load carrying positions;
- 57 – Positions will be separated June 30, 2008, but will be able to take advantage of the buyout program.

Because of the Brian A. Lawsuit settlement stipulations, no case load carrying/case managers will be cut. Cuts will be administrative positions or positions that do not carry a case load.

DCS will lose an additional 91 positions in the Voluntary Buyout Program making a total of 259 lost positions.

Swisher added that DCS did a lot of soul searching. The cut is painful but much better than originally thought when they started looking at/working on solving this problem. Originally they looked at losing 400+ positions verses actual loss of 259.

C. Department of Human Services – Paul Lefkowitz, Director of Family Assistance Policy

The Families First Program underwent a significant change July 1, 2007, when the state lost its waiver. The state program now has to be in line with all of the federal TANF requirements. From a client’s standpoint, the restraint of time limits became more of a reality. The types of activities countable toward participant regulations to the federal measure of state performance and the federal means of holding states accountable made the participant rate more difficult to achieve.

Lefkowitz distributed “Families First Update” handout giving an overview of the following:

- Caseload data – 17,520 of the 52,320 caseload in March are child only cases, which usually falls into two categories: the parent is on SSI or the case is headed by a non-parental caretaker; in both bases the 60 month lifetime limit does not apply and they are exempt from work requirements.
- Work participation rate – The state has to be at a 50 percent rate, which can be adjusted downward based on caseload and money spent above the required maintenance of effort provision. Tennessee is split into five zones and a contractor is in place in each zone. Each contractor is assigned a rate goal of 65 percent. Statewide rate averages 15-20 percent below contractor average due to the inclusion of many work-exempt clients.
- Families First activities – Families Services Counseling is a service, not a work activity. The plan is to utilize Family Services Counseling to a larger degree in the assessment process. Representatives who meet with Families First participants prior to authorizing the case conduct a questionnaire on mental health, physical health and learning disability issues, and if any of the indicators show there might be an issue, the client will automatically be referred to Family Services Counseling for an assessment. Effective October 1, 2008, Family Services Counseling will probably be allowed to count toward the 30 hours work requirement, but counseling must be face-to-face
- Cases on pace to close for time limits – One hundred sixty-seven cases statewide are due to close within the next six months, another 275 in six more months and another 551 in six months after that. The majority of Families First cases are in the 20-35 month range.
- Diversion – A component of Families First that began July 1, 2007. This is a concentrated program with strict criteria for Families First applicants who need a one time payment to avoid having to go on a full program. Families can receive a \$1,200 lump sum payment if they appear ready to work or if they need it to stay employed. Two hundred seventy-eight diversion payments have been issued.
- Employment status of Families First leavers by closure reason – Survey of 218 families who left Families First between October and December 2007 conducted by UT Center of Business and Economic Research showed that 47.2 percent were employed; 76.7 percent were still working when contacted; 33.3 percent closed because they were not compliant with their work requirement had gone to work or were already working when they were sanctioned; 37.7 percent did not show for appointments but were employed when contacted; and 52 percent of those who were closed for other reasons were employed. The net income limit for a three person household is \$1,000-\$1,100.

XI. Grant Review Committee – Trudy Hughes, Chair

Durham expressed appreciation/thanked Committee/staff for their hard work in the grant review process. Hughes echoed the appreciation/thanks. Pilson commended/thanked them.

Committee met on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, to review Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) and Title V – Delinquency Prevention grant applications. A combination of GRC members scores and TCCY staff scores was used to determine the overall cumulative score for each applicant. Final decisions concerning grantees are based on more than the cumulative score (i.e. equitable distribution of grant funds across the state, past accomplishments implementing programs, future funding strategies, etc.). The GRC reviewed files for continuation grantees to make sure they were successfully implementing their program recommendations for the previous/current year. The following information is a result of the GRC process and recommendations for the Commission's approval/disapproval of the grant applications.

Committee reviewed two Title V grant applications requesting \$94,100 and is recommending both grants be awarded.

- 1. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT TV 01-08 (HANCOCK COUNTY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,050. CARRIED. FORD ABSTAINED.**
- 2. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT TV 02-08 (FRANKLIN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,050. CARRIED. FORD ABSTAINED.**

Committee reviewed 24 EUDL (16 new and 8 continuation) grant applications totaling over \$1 million and is recommending that 12 grants (4 new and 8 continuation) totaling \$421,000 be awarded.

- 1. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 01-08 (METROPOLITAN DRUG COMMISSION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000. CARRIED. HUGHES ABSTAINED. FREDERICK RECUSED.**
- 2. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 02-08 (STAND) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 3. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 03-08 (POLK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 4. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT EUDL 04-08 (GATLINBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,190. CARRIED. STOKES ABSTAINED.**
- 5. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 05-08 (FAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,172. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- 6. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 06-08 (DECHERD POLICE DEPARTMENT). UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 7. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 07-08 (STEWART COUNTY SCHOOLS). UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 8. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT EUDL 08-08 (LENOIR CITY SCHOOLS OFFICE OF COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,723. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 9. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 09-08 (CLINCH-POWELL EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE). CARRIED.**
- 10. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 10-08 (LITTLE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD CAMP ETOWAH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM). UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 11. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT EUDL 11-08 (TROUSDALE COUNTY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,500. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 12. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 12-08 (BRADLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,920. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 13. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 13-08 (COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT). UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 14. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 14-08 (REACHS, INC.) UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 15. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 15-08 (JOHNSON CITY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,624. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 16. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 16-08 (GIRLS INCORPORATED OF MEMPHIS). UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 17. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 17-08 (CAMILLA BIBBS-LEE M. L. KING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION). CARRIED. COSLEY ABSTAINED. LESLEY VOTED NO.**

18. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 18-08 (MEMPHIS CITY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
19. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 19-08 (LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT). UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
20. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 20-08 (NEW VISION). CARRIED. LEWIS RECUSED.
21. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT EUDL 21-08 (MARTIN HOUSING AUTHORITY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,871. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
22. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 22-08 (MEDIATION SERVICES OF PUTNAM COUNTY). CARRIED. PILSON VOTED NO.
23. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 23-08 (STARS NASHVILLE D/B/A STUDENTS TAKING A RIGHT STAND) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
24. COMMITTEE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 24-08 (OASIS CENTER). CARRIED. CONNER AND ROBBINS RECUSED.

IV. Departmental Updates (continued)

D. Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination – Tom Catron, Deputy Commissioner

Update on GOCCC activities since the May Commission meeting:

EPSDT

- ✓ The CMS 416 numbers (numbers reported to the federal government) regarding how many children eligible for Medicaid get actual EPSDT services have jumped almost 12 percent. We are at 90.8 percent. After the adjustment for the medical records left behind as required by the John B. Consent Decree, we are at 82.4 percent so we have exceeded the number required to get out of John B. for this part of the Consent Decree. The assumption is that attorneys will file for dismissal of this part of the John B. lawsuit.
- ✓ IDEA Interagency Agreement has been revised through the Department of Education (DOE) with input from all of the departments, which should be signed and in place by July 1, 2008.
- ✓ School-based Health Clinic pilots have been started through United Neighborhood Health Clinics, Ameri-Choice and Maplewood High School.

- ✓ SAMSHA funding is being used to do a fiscal policy analysis of substance abuse services in Tennessee.
- ✓ Integrator Model pilot to promote evidence-based treatment is being worked on.
- ✓ Eligibility checks are being done by providers serving TennCare eligible children to make sure children are still covered and receiving EPSDT screenings.
- ✓ Worked with State Board of Education to make a rule change around sport physicals for seventh and ninth graders that will require children to get a well-child visit.
- ✓ Funded the Centers of Excellence (COEs) to do a learning collaborative to build an evidence-based treatment infrastructure across the state.
- ✓ Steering Panel is dealing with infant mental health and in August will focus on juvenile court commitment orders.

#### Better Birth Outcomes

- ✓ Grants totaling \$13.5 million have been issued across the state. Evidence-based practices are the focus.
- ✓ The Centering Pregnancy program addressing racial disparity is being reviewed.
- ✓ Youth Messaging campaign allowing youth from Chattanooga, Nashville and Shelby County to help develop PSAs around infant mortality and better birth outcomes. Governor Bredesen and legislators will attend the Youth Messaging premier July 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Tennessee Tower. PSAs developed will be put on the internet, television spots, billboards, radio ads, etc. GOCCC is funding Youth Messaging next year and they plan to hold Town Hall meetings.
- ✓ The Fetal Infant Mortality Review is about to get up and running.

#### System Support

- ✓ GOCCC continues to be involved with SJR 799, Criminal Justice Task Force and the DCS- Juvenile Justice with Public Chapter 585.

Catron announced he is returning to Vanderbilt July 1, 2008, saying it was a hard decision and he had enjoyed working with TCCY. He is excited about the opportunity to work out of the Dean's office around patient safety, medical improvement and medical system reform. He said it had been a great honor working for the Governor. He thanked TCCY for all they do for children.

#### XII. Audit Committee – Jim Ford, Chair

Committee met via teleconference on April 24, 2008.

Committee reviewed, approved and submitted the Financial Integrity Act Risk Assessment to the Comptroller's Office.

Current audit update and status report was discussed. Commission will be briefed on the findings when they are finalized and responses prepared. Ford stated issues raised are not big issues but what he considers more immaterial type items.

Auditors submitted a questionnaire to Ford related to the Audit Committee. He read the question/answer relative to the use of the Sunshine Fund account.

XIII. Personnel Committee – Sue Pilson, Chair

Committee met and has no action item.

Two years ago, a Staff Feedback Survey was conducted and it was decided that the Commission would do this every two years. It has been two years so the Staff Feedback Survey will be sent to staff at home to be completed and returned to Sue Pilson in an enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. Committee would like to have surveys returned by the end of June so responses can be tabulated for the July Commission meeting.

The Executive Director Performance Evaluation was discussed. Again, it was agreed to do this every two years. The goal for having this completed is the October meeting. O’Neal will be asked to do a self evaluation based on her job performance standards. The Executive Committee members will also be asked to evaluate her on the same standards. Durham will tabulate the information and discuss with O’Neal.

O’Neal gave an update on the Voluntary Buyout Program and reported that she would be asking for two new positions. One is the Children’s Mental Health SRJ799 position and the other is the Resource Mapping position for legislation passed this year.

XIV. Legislative Report – Steve Petty, Legislative Specialist

Legislative session was successful, exciting and unique.

TCCY took positions on 59 bills supporting 44 bills and opposing 15 bills. Twenty-six of the bills supported passed both the House and Senate. Several other bills passed either the House or Senate but not both and will not be enacted this year. Only three of the bills opposed passed and only after they were amended to address most of the concerns the Commission expressed in their positions.

Petty gave a brief overview of some of the bills the Commission supported/opposed:

- Criminalizing drug use by pregnant woman did not pass because of fiscal notes;
- Adam Walsh Act passed without the juvenile requirements of the federal law;
- TCCY Sunshine bill passed on consent calendars in both the House and Senate;
- DCS-Juvenile Justice split bill passed out of the Committee in the Senate but was taken off notice in the Finance Committee;
- Juvenile Records Task Force bill did not pass;
- Resource Mapping and Children’s Mental Health bills passed and both were funded in the appropriations bill;
- Prohibition of Adoption bill did not make it out of Committee;

- Couple of Child Care bills passed – one requiring background checks for child care employees and another for child care agencies to provide drug testing for their employees;
- Tennessee Office of Child Advocate bill did not pass.

Durham thanked O’Neal, Petty and Banerjee for their hard work and expressed appreciation to them for the long hours spent at the legislature.

XV. Director’s Report – Linda O’Neal

O’Neal read note from Eric Lulow thanking the Commission for all they did for him and for sending him to DC in style.

Thanks to Baham, Kirkpatrick, Lowe, Mangrum, Sweat, Taylor and Whitfield for pitching in to help in making the luncheon successful. TCCY staff is wonderful to pitch in and do whatever is required. O’Neal said she considers it a real privilege to serve in the Executive Director position.

O’Neal thanked Commission members/staff/all other related people who made contacts as part of the budget issue. The experience was incredibly intense but it was gratifying to see how positive reactions were in so many different areas to the value of the CPORT process and the need for it to stay in place.

XVI. Chair’s Report – Cindy Durham

Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Government Relations Committee has government liaisons from the State Advisory Groups (SAGs). Last year Commission Member Stokes served as Tennessee’s liaison but because of other time commitments he has asked to be replaced. If anyone is interested in serving, please let Durham know. If no one volunteers, she will be asking someone to serve.

Durham thanked Swoner for the wonderful CAD decorations. She and Kennedy received “Above and Beyond Awards” for organization of an outstanding CAD.

Commission member updates:

- ✓ Unfortunately, we will be losing Christy Little as she has served the maxim of nine years;
- ✓ Barbara Holden is eligible for reappointment but wants to spend more time with her husband/family and does not want to be reappointed;
- ✓ Dana Lesley, Diane Neighbors, Colonel Robbins, Dwight Stokes, Nancy Williams and Jo Ann Yates are all up for reappointment.

Durham and O’Neal will be talking to the Governor’s Office and submitting names to replace Little and Holden.

Durham recognized/thanked Little and Holden for all they have done and expressed appreciation to others who potentially might not be reappointed. TCCY appreciates each of them and hopes they will stay involved with TCCY.

Youth Member Sidney Bynum graduated last night. She was presented with a card along with a token of appreciation from Commission members and staff.

O'Neal reminded Commission members whose terms expired that under the law they continue to serve until they are replaced.

XVII. Other Business

Next Commission meeting is Thursday and Friday, July 24-25, 2008, in Nashville.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Minutes Approved by:

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Faye Mangrum, Executive Secretary 2

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Cindy Durham, Chair