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COMMISSION

General Services Conference Room
Andrew Johnson Tower, First Floor
Friday, May 20, 2011
8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Commission Members Present

Cindy Durham, Chair
Marti Herndon, Vice Chair
Phil Acord
Lindsay Callahan
Joshua Conner
Beverly Cosley
Tim Goldsmith
Denise Hobbs-Coker
Trudy Hughes
Carlton Lewis
Harold Moses Love, Jr.
Diane Neighbors
Tim Perry
Mary Anne Poe
Tawny Spinelli
Dwight Stokes

Commission Members Absent

Natasha Blackshear
Sidney Bynum

Leon Caldwell
Janell Clark
Erica Gilmore
Susan Lawless-Glassman
Roland Reid
Colonel J. A. Robbins
Nancy Williams

Guests

Mary Rolando, GOCCC
Carol Westlake, TDC

Staff Present

Linda O'Neal, Exec Dir
Diane Baham
Sumita Banerjee
Beverly Bell
Pam Brown
Peggy Carter
Dana Cobb
Lindsey Cody

Susan Cope
Sandra Decker
Fay Delk
Emel Eff
Dominick Grimaldi
Rodger Jowers
Dustin Keller
Richard Kennedy
Pamela Kirkpatrick
Bill Latimer
Frances Lewis
Sukti Maldas
Faye Mangrum
Gerald Papica
Steve Petty
Cheryl Sahlin
Debrah Stafford
Melissa Staley
Elaine Williams

I. Welcome and Introductions – Cindy Durham, Chair

Chair Durham called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. welcoming guests, Commission members and staff. Carol Westlake's Autism Grant presentation and Legislative Update by Steve Petty were moved up on the agenda.

II. Roll Call

Mangrum called roll. A quorum was established.

III. Approval of February 2011 Minutes

MOTION: IT WAS MOVED (HUGHES) AND SECONDED (LEWIS) TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2011 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

IV. Autism Grant Presentation – Carol Westlake, Tennessee Disability Coalition

State Planning Grant for Improving Services for Children and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and other Developmental Disorders has been submitted by a consortium of folks with the support of the Commission but has not been awarded.

The Tennessee Autism Summit Team has been operating approximately two years under the leadership of Fred Palmer at the UT Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities in Memphis and Terri Urbano of the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center; both are LEND Training Programs and University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). Representatives from six different state departments serve as team members. Pat Wade with the Commission has been an important part of the team. Team has been working to be sure there is better early identification and diagnosis of ASD and making sure children are getting needed services. All members are volunteers. Team members have done a great job disseminating materials on autism to families and others but are now stalled about what to do next. Tennessee lacks a state plan for how we are going to address the growing issue of autism.

Westlake gave an overview of the proposal, goals and objectives.

The Tennessee Disability Coalition, on behalf of its Family Voices of Tennessee, will be the lead agency, planning collaboratively with the existing Tennessee Autism Summit Team and a proposed Planning Council, which will include leadership from Tennessee Department of Health Title V/Maternal Child Health, University of Tennessee Boling Center and Vanderbilt University UCEDDs and LENDs, Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Tennessee Department of Education, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth and Tennessee Autism Society chapters.

Grant will provide approximately \$75,000 a year for two years scheduled to start September 1, 2011. Hopefully it will give the Tennessee Disability Coalition a staff person who can be a foot soldier to start planning. In early 2000 a legislative joint resolution established a planning team that developed an autism plan with the anticipation to build on that plan but things have changed a lot because of the growing need.

V. Legislative Update – Steve Petty

Petty gave update on legislative issues:

- Appropriations bill funding most of the concerns TCCY identified is likely to pass.
- TCCY took positions on approximately 51 bills supporting 37. Of bills supported, 17 or 18 passed. Most of the bills TCCY opposed did not see committee hearing.
- Juvenile Sex Offender Registry bill will most likely pass with amendment that contains most of the changes TCCY requested. Bill will place juveniles adjudicated for four

offenses (rape, aggravated rape, rape of a child with more than four years age difference, and aggravated rape of a child) and attempts thereof on a non-public registry available to law enforcement among others. Juveniles on the non-public registry who have no subsequent offenses may petition for removal from the non-public registry when they reach age 25. Juveniles adjudicated for a second of the four offenses will be placed on the public internet sex offender registry with adult offenders where they will be required to register for life.

- Bill abolishing the Select Committee on Children and Youth (SCCY) is expected to pass. If SCCY is abolished, TCCY will pick up some of the responsibilities of the Youth Transitions/Fostering Connections Advisory Council.
- Bill where felony offenders could lose their TANF benefits was a big concern but has been amended to satisfy the concerns of TCCY.
- TCCY and Council on Children's Mental Health (CCMH) Sunset Bills passed unanimously.

Other bills with concerns TCCY worked on to get amendments to address concerns are not likely to pass. If you have any concerns/questions regarding legislation supported/opposed by the Commission, please contact Petty.

Durham expressed appreciation to O'Neal, Petty and Banerjee for the long hours spent at the legislature.

VI. Early Childhood Advisory Council – Mary Rolando, GOCCC

The Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) is a \$2.4 M dollar three year grant (September 30, 2010 through August 31, 2013) from the federal Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children, Youth and Families to facilitate development and enhancement of high quality systems of early childhood education and care designed to improve school readiness. Initially Tennessee was allocated \$2,254,123 but supplemental application was made because a couple of states did not apply for the grant. Tennessee applied for the supplemental allocation of \$164,277 and was allocated a total of \$2,418,400.

Council membership is comprised of the Department of Human Services, Department of Education, institutions of higher learning, local providers of early childhood education and development services, Head Start agencies, State Director (Janet Coscarelli) of Head Start Collaboration, state agency responsible for programs under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), state agency responsible for health or mental health care and other agencies determined to be relevant by the governor. Coscarelli is totally committed to this and is the reason this grant moved forward.

Rolando gave an overview of the Council's responsibilities, goals and opportunities created by the project and challenges. She highlighted that almost half of the grant after funding the Council, Committees and Work Groups will go for scholarships and tuitions to support child care providers and teachers who are interested in increasing their credentials by acquiring the Certified Developmental Associates (CDA) and teachers completing coursework for PreK-3 teaching endorsements. This is really important as child care workers are among the lowest paid staff in the state.

If grant is properly executed, ECAC can be sustained beyond the period of the grant but money for scholarships will go away. Two positions (Project Director and Data Manager) are associated with this grant. Reports are the grant is currently planned to be administered out of the First Lady's Office.

Rolando said we have been delayed getting grant off the ground in our state so we are hopeful we will get authorization for an extension for expenditures beyond the year 2013.

O'Neal thanked Rolando for the fabulous job she has done with the Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination (GOCCC) saying she has been a really important partner for TCCY helping with CCMH, Home Visiting and in all kinds of ways. Governor's Budget included the elimination of GOCCC and the transfer of its programs. TCCY wishes Rolando well and is looking forward to continuing working with her. Durham also expressed appreciation to Rolando saying she has been a great partner and the department getting her will be very fortunate.

VII. Grant Review Committee – Trudy Hughes, Chair

Durham thanked Grant Review Committee (GRC) members and juvenile justice staff for participating in the grant review process.

Hughes acknowledged Commission members and staff who served on the GRC thanking them for the huge amount of work they did to read/score proposals. Commission members who have not served on the GRC are always welcome. Some GRC members are rotating off the Commission and new members are needed. If you are interested in serving on the GRC, let Durham or Hughes know. More proposals will be reviewed/scored in August.

Hughes gave an overview of the grant review process. Every proposal is read by several staff and scored. Each GRC member read/scored 11 proposals. Scores were tabulated and combined average was tabulated. Proposals are read by several individuals and scored on how they felt based on the requirements of the application and whether or not that particular proposal met those requirements. Other elements are considered include how many of the applications are continuation grants and if they are, whether or not they are worthy of refunding and are meeting the legal/statutory/mandatory requirements. GRC looked at proposals having a score of 90 or higher considering each proposal objectively and fairly and then grouping them together to ensure funding is distributed statewide as effectively, efficiently and broadly as possible.

Hughes said if any Commission member wanted the Committee to entertain the idea of changing or adding to the grant review process, they are absolutely willing to do that. Cosley suggested Grant Review Committee report be moved to later on the Commission Meeting Agenda so Commission members would have time to review the information on the grant applications spreadsheet before voting on proposals.

Committee reviewed 32 Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) grant applications requesting \$1,312,143.70 and is recommending ten grant applications be awarded totaling \$366,681.

1. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 01-2011 (PREVENTING ALCOHOL FROM REACHING TN YOUTH (PARTY)/CITY OF BOLIVAR POLICE DEPARTMENT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,169. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
2. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 02-2011 (LOUDON COUNTY UNDERAGE DRINKING AWARENESS CAMPAIGN/LOUDON COUNTY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,001. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
3. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 03-2011 (HOUSTON COUNTY PROJECT LBCS (LOCATION, BOUNDARIES, CONNECTION, AND SERVICE)/HOUSTON COUNTY DRUG ALLIANCE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,499. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
4. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT EUDL 04-2011 (SEWANEE EUDL INITIATIVE/FRANKLIN COUNTY PREVENTION COALITION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 INSTEAD OF AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$58,070. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
5. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 05-2011 (TREK: TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY AND EDUCATING KIDS/CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 INSTEAD OF AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$37,863. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
6. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 06-2011 (PROMOTING OUR SOBER STUDENTS EVERYDAY (POSSE) PROJECT/WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,000 INSTEAD OF AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$43,332. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
7. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 07-2011 (ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS TO RESIST UNDERAGE DRINKING/METROPOLITAN DRUG COMMISSION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000. CARRIED. HUGHES RECUSED.**
8. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 08-2011 (ALCOHOL AWARENESS CONTROL AND TREATMENT INITIATIVE (AACTI)/STAND) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,277.50. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
9. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 09-2011 (ENFORCING**

UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS IN ROANE COUNTY/ROANE COUNTY ANTI-DRUG COALITION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,282. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT EUDL 10-2011 (ANDERSON COUNTY PROJECT TO REDUCE UNDERAGE DRINKING/CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF ANDERSON COUNTY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 INSTEAD OF AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$45,591. CARRIED. HUGHES RECUSED.**
11. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 11-2011 (FENTRESS YOUTH SAFE AND SOBER/FENTRESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
12. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 12-2011 (MONROE COUNTY STOP UNDERAGE DRINKING PROJECT/MONROE COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL: ALCOHOL AND DRUG TASK FORCE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,193. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
13. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT EUDL 13-2011 (EXPERIENTIAL LEARING WITH SIDNE/MADISON COUNTY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000. CARRIED. POE RECUSED.**
14. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 14-2011 (COMPLIANCE PROJECT/ROGER HENDERSON) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,510. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
15. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 15-2011 (FAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL'S PARTNERSHIP PROJECT: "WILL U B 1?"/FAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,996. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
16. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 16-2011 (COFFEE COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL/COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
17. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 17-2011 (CHEATHAM COUNTY YOUTH AT PROMISE/STARS NASHVILLE-D/B/A STARS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
18. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CEUDL 18-2011 (REDUCING UNDERAGE**

DRINKING/NORA ANDERSON) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,691 INSTEAD OF AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$65,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Note: Grant CEUDL 18-2011 was approved for same amount as last year.

19. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 19-2011 (TIPS BY TEXT PROGRAM/SHELBYVILLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,610. CARRIED. HOBBS-COKER RECUSED.**
20. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 20-2011 (WILSON COUNTY ALCOHOL TASK FORCE/WILSON COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP-WCCP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
21. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 21-2011 (ENFORCE UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS/OBION COUNTY PREVENTION COALITION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,675.20. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
22. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 22-2011 (LEARNING ENRICHMENT CENTER/MARTIN HOUSING AUTHORITY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,369. CARRIED. HERNDON RECUSED.**
23. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 23-2011 (TROUSDALE COUNTY P3-POSITIVE PEER PRESSURE PROJECT/TROUSDALE COUNTY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,800. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
24. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 24-2011 (COMPLIANCE CHECKS/STEWART COUNTY GOVERNMENT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,149. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
25. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 25-2011 (OPERATION OVER/UNDER/THE PROMISE CENTER) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,470. CARRIED. PERRY RECUSED.**
26. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 26-2011 (ALCOHOL EDU THROUGH THE TENNESSEE TEEN/JACOA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,130. CARRIED. POE RECUSED.**
27. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 27-2011 (INCREASED COMPLIANCE CHECKS AND SADD CHAPTER FOR SUMNER**

COUNTY/SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,160. CARRIED. DURHAM RECUSED.

- 28. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 28-2011 (RESCUE 180 T.E.A.M. (TEACHING, ENFORCING, AND MENTORING)/SWEET MACKENZIE FOUNDATION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,748. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 29. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 29-2011 (POWER OF PARENTS, IT'S YOUR INFLUENCE/MADD TENNESSEE STATE OFFICE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,877. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 30. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT EUDL 30-2011 (CLASS ACTION IMPLEMENTATION/PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 INSTEAD OF AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$39,400. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 31. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT EUDL 31-2011 (CREATING SAFER CAMPUS-COMMUNITIES: UNIQUELY PARTNERING TO REDUCE CONSEQUENCES OF ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS DRINKING/JASON POWELL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,490. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Note: Grant EUDL 31-2011 will provide funding in the Mid-Cumberland, Southeast, Upper Cumberland, East, Northeast and Southwest regions.

- 32. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT EUDL 32-2011 (OVERTON COUNTY ANTI-DRUG COALITION'S "TOO SMART FOR DRUGS"/OVERTON COUNTY ANTI-DRUG COALITION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,482. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Hughes commented the quality of proposals has been enhanced and thanked staff for the training they do and Commission members for being a mentor to people in their regions who want to make application for funds.

VIII. Executive Committee – Cindy Durham, Chair

Committee met and has no action item.

Neighbors and Stokes are two Committee chairs who will be up for reappointment this year. Hopefully they will be reappointed. Durham is going to be looking at appointing some new Committee chairs for the coming year so those who remain on the Commission after several Commission members leave next year will be able to train a chair under a current Committee chair. Commission members interested in being a Committee chair for either the Committee you are currently on or one of the other Committees, please let Durham know between now

and our next Commission meeting in August. TCCY has eight appointments to be made for the coming three year term.

IX. Budget and Data Committee – Dwight Stokes, Chair

Committee met and has one action item.

Committee heard excellent reports from O’Neal on budget; Brown on media coverage, *The Advocate*, KIDS COUNT, and web stats; and Staley on resource mapping.

Committee reviewed TCCY FY2011 Financial Report – 7/1/2010 through 3/31/2011. O’Neal gave a brief overview of the report explaining it covers 75 percent of the budget for the year and 66.44 percent has been expended. TCCY is hoping to meet its reversion target and be in good shape. Budget gets more challenging. TCCY will lose one position because of the decline in federal funds and the impact it has had on TCCY.

1. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION ACCEPT THE REPORT OF TCCY BUDGET EXPENDITURES JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2011. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Commission members/staff discussed non-governmental revenue from other organizations for sponsorship of Children’s Advocacy Days and use of those funds.

National KIDS COUNT publication will be released August 17, 2011. The *2010 KIDS COUNT: The State of the Child in Tennessee* will be released before then.

TCCY will receive a Ready by 21 Policymaker of the Year Award in recognition of its work on the Resource Mapping project. O’Neal said staff (Staley, Brown, Eff, Delk and others) did a great job on the Resource Mapping 2011 report. She will take the full report to Washington for Congressman Diane Black because she was the House sponsor for the Resource Mapping legislation and a handout on the report will be taken to other members of the Tennessee Delegation. She will point out to all Senators and Congressman that 48.5 percent of all dollars spent on children in Tennessee were federal dollars.

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

Committee met and has no action item.

Ombudsmen gave report. Questions arose concerning disparity in minority groups represented in terms of inquiries received as well as disparity in regional inquiries. Committee wanted to know how TCCY can go about making certain people are aware of Ombudsman services. Ombudsmen will bring some strategies to the next meeting outlining some things they can do to make people aware these services are available.

Keller gave Council on Children’s Mental Health (CCMH) Progress Report.

Hargrow gave Second Look Commission (SLC) Progress Report. SLC has completed their first case reviews, which was exciting but lots of work.

CPORT staff gave update on QSR reviews since the last Commission meeting. Northeast QSR Regional Reviews will be conducted May 23-27, 2011. Youth Development Center (YDC) targeted reviews will be conducted this summer (June, July, August) starting with New Visions June 7-9, 2011. Goldsmith told Commission members if they have not visited a YDC, this is the time. He shadowed a case last year and was surprised at some of the services provided these children. Commission member(s) interested in shadowing a case at one of the YDCs this summer should let Wade or Chester know. Goldsmith talked about administrative changes within the Department of Children's Services (DCS) asking Commission members to keep up with changes in their areas and be influential as we move forward.

Commission Member Herndon commented she heard from Commission Member Hughes in cases she knew about referred to the TCCY Ombudsmen that even though families were not always excited about the outcomes of the cases 100 percent of them felt they have been heard.

Durham thanked CPORT staff for the great job they did reporting in the absence of Wade.

Break 10:15 a.m.

Durham called meeting back to order at 10:30 a.m.

XI. Councils Committee – Phil Acord, Chair

Committee had a great meeting and has no action item.

Kennedy gave a report on Children's Advocacy Days (CAD). CAD was wonderful and very successful. Acord thanked and asked Commission members to acknowledge TCCY staff for all they did to make CAD happen. Approximately 600 attended. The quality and continuity of presentations were excellent. Involvement of the youth was the most impressive, reminding us why we do what we do. Young people who participated were very talented and inspirational. It was very exciting to have the Governor there to introduce the First Lady, which was an extra boost to the prominence of CAD and the impact it potentially has for children. CAD is expected to continue to grow.

Regional coordinators across the state do an excellent job. Upper Cumberland and Southeast regions are without coordinators. Hopefully vacancies will be filled within the next 90 days. Acord reminded Commission members of the importance of the regional coordinators and the work they do. Councils have almost 2,600 members across the state, which is a wonderful example of grassroots advocacy. Regional coordinators serve as the magnet to pull service providers together to look at issues and distribute a tremendous amount of information. They are doing a great job and have a tremendous impact.

XII. Juvenile Justice and Minority Issues Committee – Beverly Cosley, Chair

Committee had a good meeting with a great level of interest and has two action items.

King continues to do a great job with the DMC Task Force. Clarksville had their first Juvenile Justice conference at Austin Peay State University with approximately 150 attending. Speaker was very energetic and attendees were impressed with the speaker and DMC efforts. DMC Task Force's first Youth Summit, "*Empowering Youth Beyond The Moment*", will be July 22, 2011, at the Scarritt Bennett Center.

Stafford and other staff have been busy with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AARA). TCCY did a program for children of incarcerated parents which will end June 30, 2011. Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Reconciliation Ministries worked very well with the program. Program created extra work for staff but has been enjoyable because of the results.

McKenzie and other staff continue to do a good job monitoring for Deinstitutionalization of Status Offender (DSO) violations. Violations are up from 2010 but we are continuing to work with counties (Clay and Jackson) that are out of compliance.

At the February meeting, the Commission voted to approve partnering with the Annie E. Casey Foundation in starting a Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) pilot site in Memphis/Shelby County. TCCY could act as the state-level agency and there would be a statewide JDAI Coordinator. Because of financial issues, it would not be best for TCCY to do this at this point but there is still a push and hopefully Memphis/Shelby County will be the pilot site. O'Neal and Stafford will be talking with a representative from the Annie E. Casey Foundation regarding this and some possible funding.

This year as part of the 2012 Three Year Plan the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is requiring state agencies to do a DMC Study with a potential cost between \$50,000 - \$100,000. Because of the current budget situation, TCCY will be conducting the DMC Study in house. This was discussed at the DMC Task Force meeting and two people stepped up to the plate agreeing to assist. Dr. Bui, UT Knoxville, agreed to help develop the survey and Dr. Pitts, University of Memphis, agreed to make the online survey process available.

1. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE DMC STUDY REQUIRED BY THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION (OJJDP) AS PART OF THE 2012 THREE YEAR PLAN BE DONE IN HOUSE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF DR. BUI, UT KNOXVILLE, AND DR. PITTS, UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Durham expressed appreciation to staff for adding this to their other job responsibilities.

Stafford distributed handout and gave an overview of the Application for Formula Grant (P.L. 93-415) 2011 Budget Summary. It presents the prior approved and proposed allocations after the 28.4 percent budget cut, summarizing how TCCY plans to spend the federal formula grant money. With this cut, areas where federal formula monies are used had to be reviewed and decisions made regarding where to reduce funding. Money had to be reduced in all areas. The total amount of money we will be receiving for 2011 Fiscal Year, which started in October 2010, is \$788,886. Title V funding was cut 41 percent; Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) funding was cut 16 percent and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) was cut 21.4 percent. Economic times are hitting everyone but when

you look at services to children, it is heart wrenching to think about the services we have been providing and the efforts that have been made with the grant application process to get the money distributed and now the money is being cut back. TCCY staff is willing to put together efforts to work on these things and address cut backs. With the Planning and Administration cuts, we will have to cut at least one position with us in the juvenile justice section. There have been all types of efforts to try to deal with this issue, but it is just not possible to avoid reductions when you do not get as much money as you have been getting from the federal government. A lot of the money spent on children in Tennessee comes from federal funding. When federal funds are awarded in August, funding will be a little more because each year we have residual funds from the previous year (2010) or unobligated funds.

2. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR FORMULA GRANT (P.L. 93-0156) 2011 BUDGET SUMMARY, LIST OF PROGRAMS, PRIOR APPROVED AND PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS AFTER 28.4 PERCENT BUDGET CUTS (COPY ATTACHED). UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

XIII. Personnel Committee – Marti Herndon, Acting Chair for Carlton Lewis, Chair

Committee met and has no action items.

O’Neal gave personnel update:

- Beverly Bell resigned to accept a position with DCS in Shelby County so she could be closer to her family.
- Exception to the hiring freeze will be requested to fill the vacant regional coordinator positions in Southeast and Upper Cumberland.
- There will be at least one, possibly two, reduction(s) in juvenile justice positions due to federal funding reductions. O’Neal and Stafford are looking at ways to minimize impact of the cuts for the programs TCCY funds and reduction in staff. Time and Effort Study will be conducted to determine if we can do things more efficiently.

Herndon said Hughes asked for a report of staff salaries to see if they were in line with other comparable positions within the state. Commission members are aware that staff salaries have been too low too long. Commission members appreciate the job staff does and want to be more educated so when they have the opportunity to advocate for improvement in staff salaries they will be able to do so.

XIV. Business Resumption Plan – Debrah Stafford

During the 2010 flood, TCCY did an excellent job working with their confronted challenges. Stafford expressed appreciation to Commission members for their support during that time. As a result, we realized we needed plans in place in order to be more prepared for any disaster/emergency. O’Neal suggested a work group be formed to develop a Business Resumption Plan (BRP) for our agency. Brown, Keller, Kennedy, Latimer, Petty, Stafford, Tolliver and Wade served on the work group. At the same time the state started the Emergency Workforce Management meetings. Stafford attended several of these meetings in order to help TCCY put together a BRP. TCCY’s BRP was submitted in a timely manner.

Stafford gave a brief outline of the BRP dealing with the chain of command on the management level as well as program level if managers and/or directors are not available. Strategy for educating employees, strategy for communicating the chain of command and the emergency management process (communication, documents, location, evacuation, timeframes, and personnel) were put together. Critical functions for divisions were listed. TCCY's BRP deals with the main issues that have to be addressed in the event of an emergency/disaster. Revisions will probably need to be made on an ongoing basis. If Commission member(s) have any suggestions regarding the BRP, please let Stafford or another member of the work group know. Stafford expressed appreciation to staff for working on this plan saying we will continue to work on it and keep it updated.

MOTION: IT WAS MOVED (HERNDON) AND SECONDED (PERRY) THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE TCCY BUSINESS RESUMPTION PLAN (BRP). UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

XV. Director's Report – Linda O'Neal

O'Neal expressed appreciation to staff (Backus, Bell, Cope, Delk, Hargrow, Haynes, Latimer, Lewis, Maldas, Mangrum and Sahlin) who helped set up for lunch/clean up after lunch yesterday. She thanked Mangrum for coordinating and providing flowers for the lunch.

Fourteen staff received "Above and Beyond Awards" since the February meeting.

Taylor, Keller and Chester are participating in LEAD Tennessee.

Regional coordinators do wonderful work. We hope to fill the two vacant regional coordinator positions over the summer.

Juvenile justice has been really busy with the grant process. Juvenile justice staff, regional coordinators and CPORT staff have all been involved in the contract monitoring. Stafford talked about the painful decline in federal dollars. We will try to figure out the best way to deal with the loss of this funding.

The DMC Youth Summit is a very exciting opportunity this summer.

CPORT continues to participate in Quality Service Reviews (QSR) reviews. Lewis reported on reviews conducted since the last Commission meeting. Final review of this year is next week in Northeast. Reviews will be done at the Youth Development Centers (YDCs) this summer. CPORT staff is also involved in other activities across the agency including monitoring, serving on foster care review boards, etc., as do other staff across divisions.

Ombudsmen continue to provide quality services based on the best interests of the child. TCCY consistently receives good feedback about the work they do.

KIDS COUNT staff have been very busy with publications and information dissemination. Resource Mapping 2011 report has been analyzed, prepared and distributed. The Annual Report and the KIDS COUNT report are almost ready to go to the printer. Latest edition of *The Advocate* on the topic of advocacy has been released. Delk is continually posting updates on the web.

Petty and Banerjee have spent a great deal of time up the hill. It has been a very interesting legislative session. All things considered, it turned out better than we had feared.

O'Neal congratulated Commission Member Tim Perry for receiving the Jim Pryor Child Advocacy Award at CAD saying it was much deserved recognition.

Resource Mapping 2011 Report was a collective effort across TCCY staff.

Council on Children's Mental Health (CCMH) sunset reauthorization legislation passed. Keller continues to support CCMH and is working very closely with the Department of Mental Health on an application for some federal funding that will support the work of the Council as it moves forward.

Hargrow is doing a good job with the Second Look Commission.

In addition to Resource Mapping, Staley prepared the TCCY Budget Report and has been doing some of our fiscal work. She and Allen Staley with Shared Services has been sorting through our federal funding streams to make sure we are on track with everything.

One of the things going on in State Government is the "Top to Bottom Review" by the Haslam administration. Department of Finance and Administration Commissioner Emkes met with directors of small agencies that participate in Shared Services to talk about the review. We continually look at what we do and how we could do it better but we will take a different and closer look so we can be responsive to the Top to Bottom Review process. TCCY submitted ideas/suggestions on what things within State Government we could/should do better, different and/or not do at all. We are looking at doing a Time and Effort Log so we have a better sense of how much time various tasks take.

List of participation on various groups by various folks is included in the Director's Report.

On behalf of staff, O'Neal expressed to the Commission our appreciation for their support of staff and the commitment they have to the work we do.

Durham and O'Neal met with representatives of the Governor's Office regarding appointments to the Commission. TCCY has a number of members who are up for reappointment this year. In the Executive Committee meeting Durham talked about how large the class is whose terms expire next June and most of them are not eligible for reappointment because they have served three, three-year terms. O'Neal commented it is not comforting to her to think about this because current Commission members are and have been so great to work with on policy issues we all care so much about. It is going to be interesting for us to experience transition.

XVI. Chair's Report – Cindy Durham

Durham expressed appreciation to staff who came in early to set up for this morning's Commission meeting.

Durham, Spinelli, O'Neal and King will be attending the 2011 National Coalition for Juvenile Justice Spring Conference in Washington, DC. King left this morning. Durham, Spinelli and O'Neal will be leaving after Commission meeting. Hopefully the conference

will be very good. Friday evening Durham and O'Neal will be participating in the opening workshop with a viewing of "Me Facing Life: Cyntoia's Story." Durham will serve as moderator and O'Neal will be on the panel. Congressional visits will be made. Durham will be visiting with Eric Lulow, former TCCY Youth Commission Member.

Because of the current budget situation, the chances for getting approval to attend the Southern Region of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference in Puerto Rico, January 27-29, 2012, are possibly slim to none. However if anyone is interested in attending, please let Durham know.

Durham commented TCCY hopes to see at least some if not all of the Commission members whose terms are up come back in August. Leon Caldwell resigned effective June 30, 2011 to go to work for the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Neighbors, Perry, Poe, Reid, Robbins, Stokes and Williams are all up for reappointment. On the off chance we do not see them in August, Durham thanked them for their service. As reported by O'Neal, she and Durham met with representatives of the Governor's Office and since they have already corresponded with them a couple of times with questions/comments, they feel they intend to have appointments made around July 1, 2011. Durham asked Commission members up for reappointment to let her or O'Neal know as they hear things from the Governor's Office.

Durham agreed CAD was wonderful. Kennedy and staff did a great job.

Durham reminded:

- ✓ Staff especially regional coordinators to keep her posted of the events in their regions. It is her hope that in her final year as Chair that she will get back to visit the regional councils.
- ✓ Commission members interested in being a Committee Chair to let her know.
- ✓ Take CAD bags and State of Tennessee 107th General Assembly books distributed and use them.
- ✓ Complete Claim for Travel Expenses and give to Mangrum. Since this is near the end of the fiscal year, claim should be submitted as soon as possible or there is a chance you may not get paid.

XVII. Other Business

Next Commission meeting is August 18-19, 2011, in Nashville. Fall Retreat is first Thursday and Friday in November, November 3-4, 2011, at Montgomery Bell State Park.

Melissa and Allen Staley are leaving on June 7, 2011 to go to China to adopt a little boy. They have been on the list for a long time and said they would take a child with special needs. He was born November 15, 2009. He had some medical issues at birth but it appears everything will be absolutely fine. They are very excited and we are excited for them. Allen Staley works with Shared Services and is the husband of Melissa Staley with TCCY.

Hughes congratulated and thanked everyone who worked on Resource Mapping. O'Neal and Cindy Perry with the Select Committee on Children and Youth will go to Washington to accept the Ready by 21 Policymaker Award in recognition of Tennessee's work on Resource Mapping.

Hughes recognized Commission Member Nancy Williams who will receive the Baker-Horowitz Award, one of four national awards given by the National Children’s Alliance. Also, Senator Doug Overbey will be receiving their Bud Cramer Award, a national award named for the person who started the first Child Advocacy Center in the country. Hughes commented Tennessee has great leadership and great things are happening. She will email Williams and Senator Overbey congratulating them and telling them how proud TCCY is of them.

Lewis reported New Transitions is a program providing transitional housing for youth transitioning out of foster year and currently has a 50 percent occupancy. Idea was conceived by Youth Commission Member Conner. Conner was recognized and congratulated.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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