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Council on Children's Mental Health
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10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendee List:

Sandra Allen	Stephanie Grissom	Mary Linden Salter
Nikki Arnold	Vickie Harden	Sara Smith
Mark Baldwin	Joan Jenkins	Tawny Spinelli
Louise Barnes	Petrina Jesz	Yvonne Stahl
Susan Bell	Mary Katsikas	Sukey Steckel
Carol Beltz	Dustin Keller	April Stewart
Kathy Benedetto	Richard Kennedy	Andrea Thaler
Mona Blanton-Kitts	Kristy Leach	Commissioner Varney
Cory Bradfield	Kisha Ledlow	Pat Wade
Shawn Brooks	James Martin	Kiesha Walker
Charlotte Bryson	Angie McKinney Jones	Greg Wallace
Dana Casey	Michael Myszka	Heather Wallace
Tasha M. Chusac	Nneka Norman-Gordon	William Weathers
Linda Copas	Linda O'Neal	Sej West
Michelle Covington	Steve Petty	Ellyn Wilbur
Shani Cutler	Laurie Powell	Alysia Williams
Janice Davidson	Dawn Puster	Jennifer Williams
Stacey Dixon	Anne Robertson	
Carol Dunaway	Kathy Rogers	
Deborah Gatlin	Mary Rolando	

Welcome and Introductions (Linda O'Neal)

- O'Neal welcomed the participants and thanked them for coming.

- O’Neal called attention to two handouts included in the packet. The first was a data snapshot from Kids Count titled *Reducing Youth Incarceration in the U.S.* In most states, youth confinement has declined sharply from 2007 to 2010. Tennessee led the nation with a 66 percent reduction in youth incarceration.
- The data comes from the Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement. The Annie E. Casey Foundation released a report titled *No Place for Kids – The Case for Reducing Juvenile Incarceration* and made several recommendations:
 - Limiting eligibility for correctional placements;
 - Adopting best practices for supervising youth;
 - Changing the incentives; and,
 - Establishing small, treatment-oriented facilities.
- The second document displays graphs of how the incarceration rates have declined across the nation. The disproportionate share of minority youth remains a problem. O’Neal described a program called School House Adjustment Program Enterprise (S.H.A.P.E.). The program addresses youth in Memphis City Schools who may have otherwise been referred to the juvenile court for a variety of reasons. The program includes homework assistance, tutoring, mentoring and counseling.
- Richard Kennedy announced the 25th Annual Children’s Advocacy Days will be March 12-13, 2013. First Lady Crissy Haslam, John Seigenthaler, Dr. Joseph Doyle and Harriet Turk are just a few of the presenters. There will be a Networking Reception held the evening of March 12th.

Acceptance of Meeting Summary (O’Neal)

- October 18, 2012 Meeting Summary Acceptance (**WALLACE MOTION, WILLIAMS SECOND, PASSED UNANIMOUS**)

Budget Update (O’Neal facilitating)

- Governor Haslam revealed highlights of the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget in the State of the State address the end of January. O’Neal asked departmental representatives who were present to discuss their proposed budgets.
 - TennCare - there are no proposed rate cuts to service providers.
 - Department of Education - some funding for the Family Resource Centers was restored in the proposal with non-recurring dollars.
 - Department of Human Services - vocational rehabilitation could begin serving individuals in Category 2, whereas in the past, only Category 1 was served. Category 1 eligibility is based on two or more functional disabilities and Category 2 only requires one disability.
 - Department of Children’s Services - DIDD Commissioner Jim Henry was recently named Interim Commissioner of the Department. Health and safety will

be his priorities. There are proposals for additional funding and training for child protective services staff and reductions in administrative office staff.

- O’Neal stated it is anticipated that sequestration cuts could be 9-10 percent in Tennessee.
- TCCY had a 43 percent reduction in staff last year. There were no cuts to the base budget for FY 2014. The Governor included support for the Council on Children’s Mental Health staff and administrative expenses in the proposed budget.

CCMH Workgroups Next Steps Overview and Café (Dustin Keller and Workgroup Co-chairs)

Refer to handout “Draft Workgroup Next Steps”

- The Steering Committee met in February. This included the Co-Chairs, West, Steckel and Keller. The workgroup structure has been revised. Collaboration and Adoption will be discontinued. Cultural Linguistic Competency (CLC) and Youth and Family Engagement will now be Advisory Groups. The workgroups will meet outside CCMH meetings. It is hoped that the meetings will be more productive and have better attendance. The four remaining workgroups are:
 - Community Outreach and Awareness (Michelle Covington and Millie Sweeney Co-Chairs)
 - Financing Strategies (Nneka Norman-Gordon and Ellyn Wilbur Co-Chairs)
 - Management Information Systems (MIS)/Accountability (Heather Wallace and TBD Co-Chairs)
 - Service Capacity and Readiness (Kathy Benedetto and Kathy Rogers Co-Chairs)
- Workgroup co-chairs gave an overview of their workgroups and asked CCMH members to join one or more of the respective workgroups. Members can email Keller to indicate their interest in a particular workgroup.

Community SOC Readiness Survey Results (Sukey Steckel and Keller)

- A primary goal of the survey was to provide baseline information. To date, there have been 52 responses. It is necessary to know where help is needed, i.e., a goal of the Block Grant and the SOC-EXP is the development of a Technical Assistance Center, and training.
- Keller said the System of Care Readiness Survey continues until March 15th and that due date will probably be extended and surveys will be sent to all levels of agency staff. 94.5 percent of those surveyed said their agency was integrating SOC core values and principles in their work. Results will be compiled in aggregate. Keller and Steckel will share the survey results at the April 25th meeting. Keller will send the link to the survey to all Council members.

TDMHSAS Update (Commissioner E. Douglas Varney)

- Commissioner Varney thanked the Council members for coming and was pleased at the great attendance today.
- DMHSAS has not received any substantive information about the effects of sequestration, other than Block Grant funding will probably be affected. Estimates of across-the-board cuts are from five to nine percent.
- Commissioner Varney announced the *Behavioral Health Guidelines for Children and Adolescents from Birth to 17 Years of Age* should be available on the Department's website next week. He commended the work of Dr. Edwina Chappell for spearheading this effort. The work includes some highly useful data and other information.
- DMHSAS continues to participate in the Children's Subcabinet. The Department is represented by Commissioner Varney on the subcabinet with Sukey Steckel and Sejal West assisting him as needed. The subcabinet has worked on a weekly bulletin regarding Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) published by the Tennessee Department of Health.
- The Data Book done by the TDMHSAS Research Team has been very useful in decision-making, particularly in discussions about Prescription Drug Abuse. It is available at: http://www.tn.gov/mental/policy/pdfs/County%20Databook%20Data%20Definitions%20and%20Sources%20110212%20AR_KE%20Final.pdf

Data Dinner Theater ((Dr. Heather Wallace)

Refer to Data Dinner Theater Playbill & Sharing Transition-age Evaluation Progress (STEP) Data Report handouts

- Dr. Wallace ran the DVD of the Data Dinner Theater which was scripted, directed and acted by youth. A core planning group met for three months to create the play.
- Any youth enrolled in K-Town is eligible to participate in evaluation, which is completely voluntary. The youth and caregivers are interviewed every three months for the first year and every six months during the second year. The outcomes are shared locally in the Knoxville area and nationally to provide data statistics
- Some statistics from the play (difference between intake and six months):
 - 44 percent decrease in youth missing school;
 - 56 percent decrease in youth told to appear in court in the past 6 months;
 - 46 percent decrease in youth on probation; and,
 - 23 percent increase in youth with paid jobs
- A graduation exercise is conducted when youth are ready to leave the program.

HEROES Initiative (Greg Wallace and Kathy Benedetto)

- Benedetto introduced Dr. Greg Wallace, a winner of one of the 2012 SAMHSA Voice of Prevention Awards.

- Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Excellence and Success (HEROES) is a collaborative initiative between Johnson City Schools, Johnson City Police Department, Johnson City Juvenile Court and Frontier Health. It is funded by the federal partners U.S. Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services. The first full year of funding was the 2010 school year.
- Expanded services to the schools include:
 - Two community Resource Officers in elementary schools;
 - An Intensive Probation Officer in Juvenile Court;
 - Employability Skills and Student Support at the Middle and High Schools; and
 - Increased counseling, curriculum and support in every school.
- Integrated mental health services include:
 - Student Assistance Program Therapists;
 - Screening and Referrals to Community and School Mental Health Programs;
 - Juvenile Justice – Parenting Wisely classes (for parents); also access to Adult Services;
 - Intensive Probation Officer, Case Management;
 - Crisis Treatment, Threat Assessment, Consultation and Family Involvement; and
 - Mental Health staff integrated with faculty.
- O’Neal said there are bills before the legislature to expand the HEROES program.

SOC Grant Initiatives Update (Steckel and Project Directors/Staff)

Refer to “SAMHSA Funded System of Care Demonstration Grant Updates” handout.

- K-Town Youth Empowerment Network
 - Current enrollment is 53 active youth and families;
 - 121 served since October 2010;
 - Belinda Jones is the new Project Director, hired in January 2013;
 - Chrystal Armstrong led efforts to fill four K-Town vacancies in January-February: A Social Marketing/TA Coordinator; a Youth Engagement Specialist/Cultural and Linguistic Competency Coordinator; a Family Support Provider; and, a Transition Support Provider;
 - There will be a SAMHSA site visit in August 2013. They will be looking at sustainability issues;
 - 79.5 percent of youth enrolled in K-Town also enroll in evaluation (this figure could be affected by the fact that siblings cannot participate in evaluation);
 - Independent living of youth increased by 580 percent between enrollment and discharge; supervised living arrangement increased by 122 percent at discharge; and,
 - There was a distinct correlation between the measure of empowerment and wraparound implementation.
- Early Connections Network

- ECN serves children from birth to 5 years in Cheatham, Dickson, Montgomery, Robertson and Sumner counties. Dr. Bill Weathers reports that there is a team in each county and a team at Fort Campbell. The SOC provides coordination for children who are involved in multiple systems as well as prevention. ECN has a special focus on children and families of military service members or veterans;
 - As of September 2012, the number served is 40;
 - A longitudinal evaluation study began in September 2012; 26 families are participating. Interviews will be done every six months. Baseline data indicate that 83 percent of ECN clients are male and the average age is 2.9 years;
 - 64 percent of the caregivers report conduct problems and delinquency as the reason for seeking treatment;
 - 90 percent of caregivers report a family history of substance abuse; and
 - 70 percent of clients are at or below the poverty level.
- Just Care Family Network
 - JCFN is in Year five of the grant and has served 174 youth ages 5-19 with SED and their families in Shelby County;
 - Provided trainings in wraparound to staff, families, youth and community partners;
 - Strengthened partnerships with Juvenile Courts, DCS and Memphis City Schools;
 - Utilized media to raise awareness of available mental health services and supports; and
 - Restructured the referral and intake process.
 - Center for the Advancement of Youth Development (CAYD) Asset Mapping Initiative - Participants learn skills through workshops and activities to help them focus on identifying community assets/strengths to help youth and families address their needs and problems. Youth are encouraged to complete 15 to 20 hours of voluntary service such as doing community presentations on asset mapping. A recent Full Partnership Meeting was held in Memphis attended by 57 individuals, including 11 parents. Youth are then presented with a certificate.
 - Youth Guided Empowerment Evaluation Camp (YGEEC) has a roster of 74 youth. Points are awarded toward Asset Mapping Certificates. YGEEC has developed a curriculum, faculty, Asset Mapping Toolkit and a Dissemination Toolkit.
- South Central System of Care
 - The federal grant ended in September 2012. SCSC continues to investigate opportunities for total sustainability. This is done by working with a very successful model of a care coordinator and family support provider who work to provide Wraparound to children and youth with mental health needs. The model

can be aligned with current healthcare reform. Adaptation may be necessary to include integrated health care.

Legislative Report (Steve Petty)

Refer to handouts titled “Legislative Report” and “TCMHSAS Position Paper”

- Petty announced the 2013 TCCY Impact Statements are available on the website. The following are some highlights of this year’s legislative session.
 - **SB0583 / HB0477** prohibits a child adjudicated delinquent and subject to a no contact order from attending school with the victim of the delinquent act unless the victim and the victim’s parents consent to the attendance.
 - **SB0264 / HB0966** Suspension of student who threatens violence on school personnel.
 - **SB 0269 / HB0269** requires public schools to employ School Resource Officers (SROs).
 - **TCA 49-6-4217** is the statute that sets employment standards for SROs. TCCY supports expanding the use and training of SROs.
 - **SB1260 / HB1105** establishes a two-year pilot project that could be replicated by LEAs statewide to deliver comprehensive school safety services and mental health services.
 - **SB0459 / HB 0277** is the Safe Harbor Act of 2013 which establishes a procedure for pregnant women referred to drug addiction treatment.
 - **SB1389 / HB0510** would allow a grandparent to file a petition to prevent parental relocation if the parent has a history of drug abuse, violence or neglect. TCCY opposes this bill.
 - **SB0573 / HB0510** would require an inpatient psychiatric evaluation of a child in certain circumstances. TCCY also opposes this bill.
 - **SB1389 / HB 1187** makes it child abuse if the child fails to attend school due to lack of clothing.
 - **SB0304 / HB0836** would extend the Second Look Commission to June 30, 2017.
 - **SB0514 / HB1185** prohibits public institutions of higher education from disciplining a student who refuses to serve a client that is in conflict with a sincerely held religious belief.
 - **SB0882 / HB0867** requires school athletic programs to include a policy on concussions.
 - **SB0028 / HB0867** allows a judge to see the mental health records of a parent in child custody cases.
- Ellyn Wilbur pointed out the position paper included in today’s meeting packets of the Coalition for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Citing several reasons, the Coalition strongly endorses Medicaid expansion in Tennessee.

- The Coalition recommended support for legislation to strengthen early identification, evidence-based care and family support.
- The Coalition also supports the implementation of Mental Health and School Safety including recommendations made by CCMH in the July 2012 report.
- The Coalition recommends creating a DCS oversight committee.

Discussion Plans for Future Meetings (Linda O’Neal Facilitating)

- O’Neal asked participants for ideas and topics for future meeting presentations:
 - School Climate Update and Safe and Supportive Schools – Mike Herrmann;
 - Workgroup Reports;
 - SOC Grant Update;
 - Best Practice Guidelines for Children and Youth;
 - Prevention Academy; and,
 - Co-Occurring Initiative Presentation
- Reminder: The Coalition’s Day on the Hill is March 5 and Child Advocacy Days is March 12-13.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.