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BUDGET AND DATA COMMITTEE

Fall Creek Falls State Park
Thursday, October 29, 2015
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Phil Acord, Acting Chair
Brenda Davis
Ashley Dunkin

Members Absent

Ethan Flynn
Joshua Grubb
Petrina Jones-Jesz
Gary Houston
Bill Haynes
Christy Sigler, Chair
Jill Grayson Stott
Amy Jones

Staff Present

Linda O'Neal
Fay Delk
Bill Latimer
Rose Naccarato
Russette Sloan
Nancy Townsend

I. Welcome and Introductions – Phil Acord

Acting chair Phil Acord called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Budget and Data Committee did not have a quorum to accept the August 2015 minutes.

II. TCCY Budget Update – Linda O'Neal

O'Neal reported on the Annual Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 submitted to Finance and Administration (F&A) Budget office on September 30, 2015. The request proposed to increase funding for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs in 52 counties from \$16,500 per county to provide \$20,000 per county

(\$182,000), provide funding for five additional programs (\$82,500) and funding to cover administrative staffing and operational costs associated with these programs. O'Neal said Dickson County CASA has already incorporated and is moving forward with their CASA program. It is possible there will be a four county area in the Southeast Region that will qualify for this funding. The agency was also required to prepare a base budget reduction proposal for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The agency proposed to eliminate one position as was approved by the Commission in August. Funding for the position meets the required three and a half percent reduction specified in the budget instructions from F&A.

O'Neal reported on the analysis of Federal Formula Grant (FFG) award activity as of September 30, 2015. There is \$52,584 remaining from last year's award that has not been allocated and has to be spent by September 30, 2017. In addition, \$164,430 is available from a new award received in September 2015 for new grantees. Juvenile Justice staff are preparing request for proposals that will go out soon. Applications should be ready for the Grant Review Committee to approve at the February 2016 Commission Meeting with projects to start in April 2016.

O'Neal reported on the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) award activity. Remaining funds have to be spent by the end of June 2016. The agency plans to use approximately \$55,000 for the printing of the Tennessee Compilation of Selected Laws on Children, Youth and Families for 2016. Hargrow is working with Department of Children's Services (DCS) to develop a plan to use a portion of the JABG funds for staff training. These expenditures were approved by the Commission in August.

O'Neal reported on the Interim Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2015. Regarding expenditures, the agency is at 20 percent for salaries and benefits and 14 percent overall. Overall expenditures are very much in line for this point in the fiscal year. Twenty percent is a little under where the agency should be for salaries at this point in the fiscal year. The agency has been working with Department of Human Resources (DOHR) on staff re-organization and salary upgrades. A substantial number of those upgrades are still not in place. DOHR has experienced operational challenges which have resulted in delaying the implementation of the salary adjustments. This week, Townsend assisted DOHR by calculating the retroactive payments and preparing necessary documentation to ensure staff will receive the supplemental pay and salary adjustments (retroactive to July 5, 2015) as soon as possible.

The Budget and Data Committee did not have a quorum to accept the budget report for the period ending September 30, 2015.

III. KIDS COUNT Update – Rose Naccarato

Naccarato reported on the 2014 *State of the Child* report released on October 1, 2015. This report is a county book featuring a one page profile per county displaying data for 11 indicators chosen by TCCY staff. The indicators chosen are outcome oriented rather than process oriented. Indicators were also chosen that are unambiguous. The agency wanted the presentation to be clear as to whether a high ranking is better than a low ranking. A three year rolling average was used for the data displayed. Ranks were established for each of the 11 indicators, as well as an overall rank. Although not displayed in the county book, overall rankings of the counties can be found on the website. Ranking the counties tends to generate media coverage. Acord said overall ranking also gives the counties an idea of where they are in relation to other counties as well as identifying areas to improve. Williamson County was number one in the rankings.

O’Neal noted the rate TCCY uploaded on the KIDS COUNT Data Center was incorrect for one indicator for one county for one year. The correction resulted in relatively small changes in overall rankings for the majority of the counties. The printed county book was not affected. The corrected numbers for the overall rankings are available on the website.

Acord said TCCY does a great job disseminating KIDS COUNT data. He said Hamilton County has made strides in areas that were identified as opportunities for improvement because of KIDS COUNT reports.

IV. Resource Mapping Update – Rose Naccarato

Naccarato reported the new on-line database is ready and the meeting regarding its launch will take place on Tuesday, November 3rd. Naccarato said the database should be easier for the state departments to use. The agency is hopeful the new database will also increase the number of departments and programs reporting to TCCY on a county level basis. Data should be available sooner enabling the agency to report to the legislature earlier than the statutory due date of April 15th.

V. Media Report – Fay Delk

Delk reported on the Media Report for the period of July 1, 2015 through September 30th, 2015. Last year, the first quarter of the fiscal year the agency had 133 different media coverage instances. This year the agency saw 60 coverage instances for the same time period. This difference is largely due to media coverage of Mountain View

Youth Development Center last year and DCS stating in press releases TCCY would be involved in looking at the incident. This is also the first fiscal year that the agency is not using the printed clippings service. The agency is currently using an online clipping service and is continuing to evaluate whether or not it is cost effective. Delk noted the service reports a number of articles regarding children's advocacy centers and juvenile justice. Acord noted Facebook Mid-Cumberland Region has a large number of Facebook users. Overall, the regional coordinators do a great job with social media. Web statistics will be reported at the next Commission Meeting, as the method of recording them has changed.

VI. *The Advocate* – Fay Delk

The September issue of *The Advocate* was on suicide prevention. The October issue was on Childhood Obesity. November issue will include information on the Youth Transitions Advisory Council (YTAC) annual report.

VIII. Other Business

There was no further business. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Minutes Approved by:

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Phil Acord, Acting Committee Chair