



STATE OF TENNESSEE
TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Andrew Jackson Building, Ninth Floor
502 Deaderick Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0800

COUNCILS COMMITTEE
Fall Creek Falls Conference Room 2
Thursday, October 29, 2015
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Jill Grayson Stott, Chair
Kelly Drummond
Ashley Dunkin
Wendy Shea

Petrina Jones-Jesz
Amy Lawrence
Steve Neely
Tawny Spinelli

Susan Cope
Rodger Jowers
Rosalyn Leavell-Rice
Shaun Noblit
John Rust
Gwendolyn Wright

Members Absent

Joshua Grubb
Gary Houston

Staff Present

Richard Kennedy
Dana Cobb
Lindsey Cody

Staff Absent

Diane Wise

I. Welcome and Introductions - Jill Grayson Stott, Chair

Chair Stott called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m. and welcomed all members and staff and asked each person to introduce herself/himself.

II. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED (DUNKIN) AND SECONDED (SHEA) TO APPROVE THE MAY 2015 MINUTES. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

III. Children's Advocacy Days 2016 Update – Richard Kennedy

Children's Advocacy Days (CAD) 2016 will be held March 8-9, 2016 at War Memorial Auditorium. The theme for the event will be Building Tennessee's Next Generation: Under Construction. Kennedy gave a brief overview of the progress on planning indicating that the process is well underway.

IV. Review of Regional Coordinators' Activities

Information was presented about individual council and coordinator activities by: Lindsey Cody, East Tennessee; Rosalyn Leavell-Rice, Southeast; John Rust, Upper Cumberland; Rodger Jowers, Southwest; Dana Cobb, Northwest; Susan Cope, Mid-Cumberland; Gwen Wright, Memphis/Shelby County and Shaun Noblit, South Central. Each of the reports included council activities that have occurred since the last meeting of the Commission, as well as information about special projects and upcoming council meetings and events. Diane Wise, Northeast, was not present so her report was presented by Kennedy.

Detailed information regarding activities in each region was included in materials distributed.

V. Program Monitoring Report

Jowers reported that the 2014/15 CPO Policy #2013-007 Grant & Subrecipient Monitoring was completed. There were no major monitoring concerns. CASA programs were overrepresented for findings and observations. The 2015/16 CPO Policy #2013-007 Grant & Subrecipient Monitoring plan was submitted timely with the necessary updates.

VI. Other Business

Kennedy provided updates on staff reorganizations. Rust moved to the vacant Director of Field Operations position and will co-organize and implement CAD 2016. Cobb, Cody and Leavell-Rice moved into the newly created Regional Program Administrator roles.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Minutes Approved by:

John Rust, Director of Field Operations

Jill Grayson Stott, Committee Chair