

Council's Committee

Location: WebEx Address: [Link to Councils WebEx Meeting](#)
Call in number: 415-655-0003 Access Code: 616 812 984
Date: August 4, 2020
Time: 1:00 P.M. CDT

Staff Present: Richard Kennedy, Executive Director, Craig Hargrow, Deputy Executive Director, Melissa McGee, Steve Petty, Dana Cobb, Gwendolyn Wright, Jennifer Jones, Jerri Moore, Jill Stott, Kristi Paling, Lindsey Cody, Rosalyn Leavell-Rice, Susan Cope, and Shaun Noblit

Staff Absent: N/A

Commission Members: Allan Sterbinsky (Chair), Ella Bentley, and Petrina Jones-Jesz

Commission Members Absent: Ashley Dunkin, Wendy Shea, Glenda Terry, Hailey Brooks, Kelly Drummond and Steven Neely

Guests:

1) **Call to Order – Allan Sterbinsky, Chair**

Sterbinsky called the meeting to order at 1:06pm and found a quorum.

2) **Approval of May Council's Minutes (ACTION)**

Sterbinsky asked for a motion to approve the Councils meeting minutes from the May 2020 Commission Meeting.

Bentley moved to approve the minutes from May 2020.

Jones-Jesz seconded. Unanimously Approved.

3) **Staff Updates**

Regional Coordinator Updates

Lindsey Cody- ETCCY

Cody reported that ETCCY sponsored and collaborated with the Statewide Councils to present Dr. Mona Ivey-Soto who presented ETHICS: Promoting Equity and Social Justice by Addressing individual and Systemic Biases – Moving from Awareness to Action on June 5, 2020 with 620 online participants. ETCCY also collaborated with the Statewide

Councils to present Building Strong Brains on June 16, 2020 and July 16, 2020. Cody stated that ETCCY continues its KMT partnership efforts with the East Tennessee Foundation and has developed upon their request data which includes a map of Knox and the 16 surrounding counties in East Tennessee to determine which Counties are in need of ACEs/Building Strong Brains Educational Training. The 16-county map is color coded to indicate the number of Building Strong Brains trainings that have been conducted in each county. It also includes the number of attendees by county of residence that have participated in Building Strong Brains and the number of Building Strong Brains T4T Alumni in each county. The map was created through the assistance of TCCY co-workers Jennifer Drake-Croft and Sujit Das. The information was presented online to the ETF on June 22, 2020. The East TN Foundation has ear marked \$18,000 towards ACEs Education and has asked ETCCY to provide technical assistance in the process of distributing these educational funds. Cody reported that ETCCY responded to a request from Ben Harrington, CEO of Mental Health Association of East Tennessee, to provide information on African American and Hispanic Mental Health Professionals available in the East Tennessee area by contacting ETCCY Council Members and other agencies for their contacts on June 20, 2020. This was in response to specific client requests made to the MHAET to help update their resource lists in light of continued racial trauma due to COVID-19, disparities and law enforcement interactions. TCCY Regional Administrator Lindsey Cody serves on the Board of Directors for the Mental Health Association.

Jill Stott - NE

Stott reported that the regional coordinators have conducted seven statewide trainings since the first of May and have collectively trained 3,607 people. Stott reported that she organized a virtual training on May 11, 2020 and co-hosted with Upper Cumberland Coordinator Kristi Paling. Dr. Tim Perry with Frontier Health was the presenter and we had over 1,000 register and more than 700 people attend. Stott collaborated with all statewide councils to disseminate information from training and certificates to attendees. There were 28 different states represented and 12 countries. Stott was asked to join the Carter County Drug Prevention Board, a very active community group. Stott will be attending their Annual Planning Retreat on July 22, 2020. Stott has collaborated with statewide councils that are providing virtual trainings by moderating and merging reports for follow-up communication. Stott also continues to disseminate resources and other information to regional council members and friends. Lastly, Stott attended various regional meetings virtually such as Community Advisory Boards, Anti-Drug Coalitions, Relative Caregiver Advisory Board, Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network, Bristol's Promise, 423 Unsilenced, Children and Youth Vision Council, Dawn of Hope and Families Free.

Kristi Paling- UC

Paling reported that she continues to collaboratively coordinate and host virtual events: Promoting Equity and Social Justice by Addressing Individual and Systemic Biases – Moving from Awareness to Action on June 5, 2020 and Building Strong Brains - June 16, 2020 and July 16, 2020. Paling also conducted the Upper Cumberland Council's Annual Business Meeting via WebEx on June 19, 2020. The meeting included a recap of the year's educational events and council highlights and the announcement of a council sponsored (\$1,000) mini grant. The election of officers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year was held as well. Paling noted that Overton County Schools will hold their in-service training for staff on August 4, 2020. Paling is scheduled to present about ACEs to the group. Paling participates with the Upper-Cumberland Addresses Substance Abuse Solutions group. The group is developing a resource hub for addressing substance abuse. Lastly, Paling participated in a poverty simulation training with Putnam County Schools.

Susan Cope- MC

Cope reported that the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Regional Coordinators jointly hosted 6 statewide WebEx trainings. With a collaborative effort from all regional coordinators, on June 16, 2020 the first of 2 three-hour Building Strong Brains (BSB) trainings was conducted by our own Jennifer Drake-Croft and Melissa McGee. Out of the 439 attendees, for 201 individuals this was their first BSB training. Another 92 attendees had less than one hour of BSB training. There were attendees from four states and one attendee from Singapore. The second BSB training was held on July 16, 2020 and had 437 attendees. (See the report attached to the Mid-Cumberland Quarterly Report.)

Cope reported that the Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth (MCCY) co-hosted with the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network five "Question, Persuade and Refer" (QPR) trainings for Mid-Cumberland members and partners. Grace Eakin, Mid-Cumberland Regional Director, conducted these trainings. Over 100 individuals were trained in "QPR." Cope also stated nine Mid-Cumberland board members were in attendance, though one board member suffered material loss in the April tornado and could not attend this meeting.

Shaun Noblit- SC

Noblit and the other Regional Coordinators/Administrators have conducted multiple trainings statewide. The topics have included Domestic Violence, Building Strong Brains,

Ethics, Effects of Trauma and Quarantine. Trainings have had massive attendance and have been well received. Noblit has been working with the Lawrence County Foster Care Review Board to implement new structure with a focus on trauma-informed care. Last month to continue the work, the FCRB held Zoom meetings so the youth in foster care would not lose out on the right to a review. Noblit has been involved in many meetings virtually. Virtual meetings have been vital to staying in contact with community partners/co-workers to continue SCCCY's work.

Rosalyn Leavell-Rice-SE

Leavell-Rice and the other Regional Coordinators/Administrators have conducted multiple trainings statewide. The topics have included Domestic Violence, Building Strong Brains, Ethics, Effects of Trauma and Quarantine. Trainings were well attended and well received. Leavell-Rice has been involved in many meetings virtually. These meetings have allowed Leavell-Rice and the Southeast Council to continue communication efforts and information-sharing. Leavell-Rice along with members from the Department of Health, TCCY's Upper Cumberland Regional Coordinator Kristi Paling and other agencies throughout the state are working on three events. The first is a handwashing event on October 1st. Governor Lee was given an invite to attend. Dancing Across Tennessee is set for October 30th. The plan is to get everyone up and moving at home to promote healthier children/families in Tennessee through line dancing. The last event is an ACEs T4T reunion.

Dana Cobb- NW

Cobb stated the NW Council collaborated with United Way West TN, the Rural Health Association of TN and the SW Council to host an Addiction, Recovery & Employment Virtual Summit, A Toolkit for Employers, Practitioners and Those in Recovery, on May 21, 2020, with 199 attendees. On June 25, 2020, a virtual follow-up event was held on Understanding Addiction and the Brain, with over 200 attendees. Cobb also participated in weekly virtual meetings with the Rural Health Association of Tennessee, where Cobb currently serves as the Vice-President and serves on the Bylaws and Conference Planning Committees. Cobb worked with the staff and the conference committee to begin planning a virtual state conference due to COVID. Lastly, the NW Council held a virtual Board Meeting on August 5, 2020. Cobb informed the Board that all trainings through December will be virtual, due to COVID. The NW Council's bylaws and Regional Council Funds Administration Guidelines were reviewed. Training and speaker suggestions were discussed with the Board.

Gwen Wright- Memphis Shelby

Wright participated in three virtual United Way of the Mid-South Allocations Committee meetings, hearing presentations from member agencies and participating in the decision-making process of determining United Way grant amounts for those member agencies. The Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council hosted its second virtual QPR Training on May 7, 2020, with 25 participants. Regional Coordinator Wright presided over the Tennessee Community Services Agency Board of Directors Annual Meeting and a called meeting to discuss a new program. Wright was re-elected as Board chair. The Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council held a virtual Executive Committee Meeting on August 4, 2020. Wright and committee members reviewed the Council's bylaws and Regional Council Funds Administration Guidelines. Training and speaker suggestions were discussed with the Committee. Wright spoke on the three-part series of statewide trainings focusing on racial equity and implicit bias.

Jerri Moore- SW

Moore participated in weekly meetings with the United Way West Tennessee non-profit group. The United Way Director, Matthew Marshall, led the meetings to help local non-profit organizations stay updated on current COVID-19 developments, regulations, safety precautions, local finance and budget issues and other topics of discussion. Through this partnership, the Southwest Council has been able to offer information on training opportunities, resources, and data and also co-sponsor, collaborate, and participate in additional virtual training opportunities with United Way (through virtual conference software provided by United Way) and participating non-profit organizations. Moore, United Way (Matthew Marshall) and members of the Rural West Knowledge Mobilization Team have collaborated with the Jackson-Madison County School System, Jackson Law Enforcement and Madison County Juvenile Court to continue to develop a Handle with Care program in Madison County and other local areas. Moore participated in the Safe and Together Model Training as part of the Stakeholder/Partnership with Domestic Violence-Department of Children Services pilot Madison County. This pilot is funded by a three-year begun in Madison County in 2018 to assist and provide quality services to domestic violence victims and their families. The grant provides training for WRAP advocates and partnering agencies in rural West Tennessee to learn and administer the Safe and Together Model for a more holistic approach to serving families affected by domestic violence. Since the Southwest Council serves as one of many stakeholders, Jerri Moore completed the 22-hour certification of the Safe and Together Model to be better informed on this partnership and the progress of the pilot program.

***** All of the Regional Administrators and Coordinators co-hosted, and/or continue to co-host, QPR Suicide Prevention online trainings with the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network. All are also participating in the virtual “Impact of Domestic Violence on Families” trainings, as well as, the “Effect of Trauma on the Brain” and “the Psychological Effect of Social Distancing and Quarantining on Children” virtual trainings.**

Additional Items

Kennedy thanked all the Regional Coordinators for the online trainings pushed statewide. He spoke highly of the opportunity the coordinators took amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Kennedy also wants the Regional Coordinators to keep using technology to connect the state.

Kennedy spoke about the 12% budget reduction plan. Kennedy made retaining staff members the main goal. Kennedy spoke about removing the Regional Coordinator offices across the state to help meet the 12% reduction. Kennedy also explained that a reduction in CASA funding is necessary to meet the reduction.

- 4) **Motion to Adjourn was made by Bentley and seconded by Jones-Jesz.**

Allan Sterbinsky, Chairperson adjourned the meeting 2:00PM.

Prepared by: Shaun Noblit