

## TCCY Commission Meeting August 2021

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Location: WebEx  
 Date: Friday, 8/20/2021  
 Time: 8:45 A.M. CDT

TCCY Staff		ABSENT	TCCY Staff		ABSENT
1	Richard Kennedy, Exec. Director		17	Rosalyn Leavell- Rice	
2	Craig Hargrow, Deputy Exec. Director		18	Rose Naccarato	
3	Bill Latimer		19	Russette Marcum-Embry	
4	Cory Bradfield		20	Sherry Isom	
5	Dana Cobb		21	Steve Petty	
6	Gerald Papica		22	Sujit Das	
7	Gwen Wright		23	Susan Cope	
8	Jeni Davis		24	Vicki Taylor	
9	Jerri Moore		25	Zanira Whitfield	
10	Jill Stott				
11	Jonquil Newland				
12	Kristi Paling				
13	Kylie Burns			<b>INTERNS:</b>	
14	Lea Brandon		26	Tristine Nguyen	<b>X</b>
15	Lindsey Cody		27	Katie Cannon	
16	Melissa McGee				

	Commission Members	ABSENT		Commission Members	ABSENT
1	Brenda Davis, Chair		12	Kelly Drummond	
2	Rob Mortensen, Vice Chair		13	Makenzie Johnston	<b>X</b>
3	Allan Sterbinsky		14	Michael Rediker	<b>X</b>
4	Altha Stewart		15	Petrina Jones-Jesz	
5	Amy Jones		16	Randy "James" Butler	
6	Ashley Dunkin		17	Rob Philyaw	
7	Cameron Carver	<b>X</b>	18	Sharon Green	
8	Charmaine Kromer		19	Stan Settles	<b>X</b>
9	Ella Britt		20	Steven Neely	<b>X</b>
10	Glenda Terry		21	Trey Jones	
11	Jennie Harlan	<b>X</b>			

**Guests:** Kristin Allender, Executive Director, TN Kids Belong

Madeline Condron, Senior Account Director, redpepper

## **Welcome**

- Call to Order (Rob Mortensen, Vice Chair)
- Introductions (Rob Mortensen, Vice Chair)
- Roll Call (Jeni Davis)

## **Approvals and Actions**

### **Approval of May 2021 Full Commission Meeting Minutes**

Mortensen asked for a motion to approve the May 2021 Full Commission Meeting minutes.

***Britt motioned and Davis seconded.***

*Unanimously approved by the commission.*

## **Committee Report Outs**

### **Regional Councils (Ashley Dunkin, Chair)**

Dunkin updated the Commission on the Regional Councils' Committee meeting. Leavell-Rice announced her retirement at the end of the month. Cobb, Wright, and Moore worked with the West Tennessee Knowledge Mobilization Leadership Team to plan and deliver the 2021 West Tennessee Building Strong Brains Summit, "Building Resilient Communities through Cross-Sector Collaboration," on August 6, 2021. Leavell-Rice held a Juvenile Justice event to educate participants on the Juvenile Court system. Moore co-sponsored and helped plan the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services West Mini-Conference that was held on June 3rd and 4th. Paling is helping to host a four-part virtual series of webinars "Moving Forward Together: Back to School Series." Cody participated in the Mount Rest Fund grants panel to help East Tennessee Foundation award grants to address the impact of COVID-19 on women and/or children in Knox County on May 25, 2021. Stott coordinated a statewide training, "Recognizing and Responding to Human Trafficking" on June 10 with 308 participants. Cope hosted in collaboration with Tennessee Early Education Training Alliance a webinar on Trauma Informed Approach, Train the Trainer.

## **Budget and Data (Allan Sterbinsky, Chair)**

Sterbinsky requested for Kennedy to provide a quick budget overview. Sterbinsky reported on the federal grant award status, CASA contracts, Annie E. Casey state rankings and web statistic updates, including that page views were lower in May but individual user views were up in June & July.

## **Children's Services (Amy Jones, Chair)**

Jones updated the Commission on the Children's Services Committee. The Ombudsman Program reported similar referral numbers were received for the months of May and June as in 2019 and 2020. As of 06/30/21, 31 cases remain active or open in the Ombudsman Program database. Melissa McGee has taken over the T4T responsibilities and the agency is waiting on a contract from DCS for the BSB Innovation Grant funds. The agency has been in communication with the Trauma Awareness Network of Australia (TANA) about sharing BSB T4T information. DCS received 25 proposals for the Innovation Grants and the team recommended six for funding. The BSB Strategic Plan should be completed by early fall. TCCY developed a partnership plan with the Department of Health to discuss a request for \$28 million over 4.5 years using funds from the American Rescue Plan. Council on Children's Mental Health had a sunset hearing before the joint Government Operations committee of the TN General Assembly and received a recommendation for a 6-year extension. A CCMH Summit is being planned for October depending on conditions. Jerri Moore has taken over HVLA with the departure of Sumita Keller.

## **Youth Justice (Rob Mortensen, Chair)**

Mortensen updated the commission on the Youth Justice Committee meeting. Kennedy provided information on the new DCS Safety Survey. Kennedy, Sterbinsky and Philyaw reported on their visit to the Wilder Youth Detention Center.

## **Grant Review (Glenda Terry, Chair)**

Terry reported on the Grant Review Committee. There are 4 grants up for continuation votes:

YMCA of Chattanooga requested a continuation grant of \$45,000 and their score was 93.

**Terry made a motion that this was approved pending their corrections related to the comments made by the Committee.**

Rob Philyaw recused himself from the vote.

*Unanimously approved by the commission.*

Early Intervention Program, JIFF Inc. requested a continuation grant of \$30,000 and their score was 92.

**Terry made a motion that this was approved pending their corrections related to the comments made by the Committee.**

*Unanimously approved by the commission.*

Youth Arts Initiative requested a continuation grant of \$45,000 and their score was 93.

**Terry made a motion that this was approved pending their corrections related to the comments made by the Committee.**

*Unanimously approved by the commission.*

Life Skills Training in Roane County requested a continuation grant of \$19,050.

**Terry made a motion that this was approved pending their corrections related to the comments made by the Committee.**

*Unanimously approved by the commission.*

## **Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Presentations**

**Madeline Condron, Senior Account Director, redpepper**

Condron presented an update on the Child Abuse Prevention Public Awareness Campaign.

**Kristin Allender, Executive Director, TN Kids Belong**

Allender presented on the TN Kids Belong program.

## **2021 Budget Recommendations**

Kennedy updated the Commission on the 2021 Budget Recommendations for the Governor's office. This year the recommendations are ranked by importance at the request of the administration.

Davis asked for a motion to approve the 2021 Budget Recommendations.

***Mortensen made the motion and Philyaw seconded.***

*Unanimously approved by the commission.*

## **Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Reports and Office Updates**

### **Office Updates**

Kennedy reported TCCY updates to the Commission.

The Director of Field Operations position is still unfilled. Shaun Noblit has left and is now working with DCS. Sumita Keller has resigned and is now working at The Healing Trust. Jenn Drake-Croft has resigned and is now working for Georgetown University. Latasha Mitchell has resigned and is now pursuing her doctorate degree in Chicago. Rosalyn Leavell-Rice is retiring at the end of August. Gerald Papica is set to retire at the end of the year.

Kennedy and Hargrow have been working with an outside consultant on reorganizing the structure of the organization.

Kennedy reported that Rep. Lamar has filed HB 1637 on Youth Justice.

Kennedy reported that he continues to have conversations with the Governor's office regarding Commission member replacements for those whose terms have expired. At this time, there is not a set date by when those replacements will be appointed.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

***Davis asked for a motion to adjourn the August 2021 Commission Meeting.***

***Mortensen made the motion and Philyaw seconded.***

*Unanimously approved by the commission.*

***Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. CST***

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Prepared by Jeni Davis