



# TCCY Commission Meeting February 2022

Location: Tennessee Tower, Tennessee Room #2

Date: Friday, 2/18/2022 Time: 8:30 A.M. CDT

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

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







**Guests:** Clarence Carter, Commissioner, Tennessean Department of Human Services

Rokeisha Bryant, Executive Director, Café Momentum Nashville

#### Welcome

- Call to Order (Judge Robert Philyaw, Chair)
- Introductions ( Judge Robert Philyaw, Chair )
- Roll Call (Jeni Davis)

## **Committee Report Outs**

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

Mortensen updated the commission on the Youth Justice Committee meeting. Mortensen discussed the conversation that the committee had around a statewide system for youth justice and the progress on the Youth Justice Collaborative. Kennedy announced the hiring of Shaun Noblit as the Director of Youth Justice.

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

Sterbinsky asked Kennedy to provide a quick budget overview. He also provided an update on the budget requests and what the Governor presented at the State of the State. Sterbinsky gave an overview on the current social media data reports.

Philyaw asked for a motion to approve the budget.

#### Mortenson motioned and Butler seconded.

Unanimously approved by the commission.

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

Jones updated the Commission on the Children's Services Committee. The HVLA meetings in November and January with about 70 in attendance at each. The Youth Transitions Advisory Council (YTAC), has not met since the previous meeting on October 7, 2021. The YTAC annual report was completed and delivered prior to the October meeting. The next proposed meeting date for YTAC is Thursday, March 24, 2022.

TCCY coordinated a half day retreat in December for the BSB Coordinating Team to further progress on the Strategic Plan for 2022. The TCCY Building Strong Brains (BSB) team have resumed regular meetings and will continue to ensure training





material and presentations are up to date.

Dates for Spring 2022 Training for Trainers (T4T) were finalized: March 29th – 30th April 12th – 13th May 17th – 18th

The Second Look Commission (SLC) met virtually on November 9 and December 14, 2020. Both meetings were dedicated to working on the SLC annual report.

The final meeting of CCMH occurred on Thursday, October 21st. The meeting focused on youth just work in Tennessee and updates on federal requirements, as well as information on trauma-informed schools and TDMHSAS' Tennessee Resiliency Project grant. Dates for 2022 CCMH meetings were provided: February 24, 2022

April 21, 2022 June 23, 2022 August 25, 2022 October 20, 2022

For the Ombudsman program, there were eighteen new referrals were received for the months of October, November and December. For the same reporting period, there were 15 new referrals in 2020 and 27 new referrals in 2019. As of 12/31/21, 34 cases remain active or open in the Ombudsman Program database

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

1. Lindsey Cody and Dana Cobb updated the Commission on the work of each Regional Council. Cody and the ETCCY had 3 presentations across the region that brought in a total of over 600 attendees. Stott completed all OJJDP compliance monitoring visits for the NE and SE facilities. Cope and MCCY hosted their annual legislative event on November 7, 2021. TCCY Deputy Executive Director, Craig Hargrow moderated a Legislative Panel Discussion with panel members: Senator Ferrell Haile, Representative Mary Littleton, Representative Harold Love, Jr., and Representative Mike Stewart. Walker accepted the South Central Regional Coordinator position and began working with TCCY in January. Paling attended a kick-off meeting as one of the stakeholders in the UC region at the Upper Cumberland Development District on January 5<sup>th</sup>. UCDD has been awarded a TANF Opportunity Act Planning Grant to aid in reimagining the social services systems of the region. Cobb attended the virtual OJJDP Conference in November 2021, to learn more about the compliance monitoring changes to the Juvenile Justice





Reform Act, that will go into effect December 2021. Wright convened a virtual meeting of the Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council's Executive Committee to discuss and make plans for future learning opportunities. Moore participated in a Macro Level Advocacy Panel for a Master's of Social Work class at Union University to discuss how some agencies and organizations advocate for groups and individuals without direct service and continues to manage the duties of the Home Visitation Leadership Alliance due to the current TCCY vacancy.

# **Legislative (Rob Mortenson, Chair)**

Kennedy reported on the committee's decision to transition the agency from a reactive to a proactive approach. The committee discussed the plan to increase the use of policy briefs in collaboration with the agency budget recommendations. Butler suggested coming up with a simple way to identify bills that would be of interest to our partner organizations.

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

### Rokeisha Bryant, Executive Director - Café Momentum, Nashville

Bryant presented on the origin and work of Café Momentum

### **Approvals and Actions**

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

Philyaw asked for a motion to approve the October 2021 Full Commission Meeting minutes.

#### Butler motioned and Kromer seconded.

Unanimously approved by the commission.

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

Rose Naccarato, TCCY Director of Data and Communication. Kylie Graves, TCCY Communications and Policy Specialist

Graves and Naccarato presented on the TCCY State of the Child Report

#### **Committee Report Outs**

#### Awards (Amy Jones, Chair)

Committee Recommendations:





Steward Clifton – Linda O'Neil Award
Judge Sheila Calloway – Sen. Douglas Henry Award
Becky Haas – Friends of Children Award
Cole Sullivan, WBIR – John Seigenthaler Making KIDS COUNT Media Award
Matthew Marshall – Jim Pryor Award

Philyaw made a motion to accept the recommendation from the committee. Unanimously approved by the commission.

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

Clarence Carter, Commissioner – Tennessee Department of Human Services
Carter presented on the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.

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

Steve Petty, TCCY Director of Statewide Strategic Partnerships.

Petty presented on the Youth Transitions Advisory Council (YTAC)

# **Motion to Adjourn**

Philyaw asked for a motion to adjourn the February 2022 Commission Meeting. Sterbinsky motioned and Drummond seconded.

Unanimously approved by the commission.

### Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. CST

Prepared by Jeni Davis