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Council on Children's Mental Health
April 19, 2012
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Committee Meetings
11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. CCMH
Otter Creek Church of Christ

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendee List:

Regina Baiden	Jeanne James	Sara Smith
Susan Bell	Joan Jenkins	Steve Sparks
Carole Beltz	Mary Katsikas	Debrah Stafford
Monica Blanton-Kitts	Dustin Keller	Sukey Steckel
Libby Christman	Mary Linden-Salter	April Stewart
Janice Davidson	Candace Longo	Sarah Suiter
Mary Jane Dewey	Linda O'Neal	Heather Taylor
Deborah Gatlin	Dawn Puster	Doug Varney
Kathy Gracey	Kathy Rogers	Pat Wade
Vickie Harden	Mary Rolando	Heather Wallace
E. Ann Ingram	John Rust	William Weathers

Welcome and Introductions (Dustin Keller and E. Douglas Varney)

- Keller welcomed participants to the meeting and explained Linda was involved with duties at the legislature and would be late to the meeting. He reminded the Council members that copies of the System of Care Core Values and Guiding Principles were available on each table.
- Commissioner Varney welcomed the Council members and thanked them for all their good work in preparation for the 2012 Legislative Report. The General Assembly should finish its work for this session by the end of April, earlier than it has ended for a number of years. Getting the Department's budget passed has been a very lengthy process that involved a large number of TDMH staff but, fortunately, as a result, TDMH fared comparably well and did not have to endure certain funding cuts.

- A major piece of legislation is the TN Prescription Safety Act of 2012, an expansion of the Controlled Substances Monitoring Act of 2011. The Safety Subcabinet's mission is to develop a measurable public safety action plan. Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Bill Gibbons is leading the group in its work to implement the plan. Dr. John Dreyzehner, Health Commissioner, will take the lead in establishing the Controlled Substances Database. The database will be used to monitor prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances. Rules will be promulgated for the sharing and dissemination of data and information. This monitoring will be used to address problems such as over-prescribing, doctor shopping and pain clinics. Prescription drugs are unique from other drugs and narcotics in that they are widely available and easy to obtain.
- The Department of Mental Health will become the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services effective July 1.
- The closure of Lakeshore Mental Health Institute continues on schedule. The number of patients has decreased about 55%. The Governor received many phone calls from concerned citizens in the community. Usually when a cost savings occurs, the money reverts to the General Fund, but in the case of Lakeshore, the $20 million budget will be retained by TDMH and reinvested into strengthening the infrastructure in East Tennessee. Everyone, especially the long-term patients, must have appropriate placements.
- The TN Excellence, Accountability and Management (TEAM) Act passed and will update the State's hiring process, reward good performance and give agencies more flexibility in personnel management. It will also provide a more meaningful evaluation process and will include Executive Service employees.
- Jude White will be the director of the newly revised Children's Cabinet, announced by Governor Haslam in January. The Governor and First Lady are co-chairs of the group.
- Lastly, Varney announced the availability of needs assessment surveys on the Department's website. This a major initiative for TDMH and Varney wants all Council members to complete at least one survey and share the link with as many people as possible. Information from the surveys will be used to provide data to the planning regions as a basis for their needs assessments. TDMH will use the data to set priorities so broad-based input is needed in order to get direction from all Tennessee communities. There are three surveys: Adult Consumer/Parent or Family Member, a Survey for Stakeholders and a Survey for Providers. The surveys are available online until April 30.

Acceptance of Meeting Summary (Keller)

- February 23, 2012 Meeting Summary Acceptance **(WALLACE MOTION, WADE SECOND, PASSED UNANIMOUS)**

Workgroup Reports (Representatives)

- *Community Outreach and Awareness (Joan Jenkins and Steve Sparks)*
  Refer to blue handout "Community Outreach and Awareness Workgroup Terms Final Draft (March 2012)"
  - Jenkins shared a listing of definitions of common terms. Definitions directly from a source were cited. The workgroup has also been developing a toolkit with Fact Sheets on Systems of Care, Family Driven Care and Youth Guided Care. Other suggestions for definitions include accountability, evaluation (of data) and dual diagnosis. All suggestions for additional common terms should be sent to TCCY.

- *Collaboration and Adoption (Vickie Hardin, Pat Wade)*
  - Hardin reported the group discussed the need for establishing dialog with TennCare and the MCOs regarding the adoption of System of Care principles and language. Outcome indicators should be identified to demonstrate the decreased need for hospitalization if Systems of Care are in place. There should be an increase in Family Support services. AmeriChoice is already looking into this issue. Getting SOCs into the statewide system should be a parallel process, encouraging all child-serving departments to incorporate SOC values and principles. The Top to Bottom Review could be used to advocate for SOC philosophy in inter-agency agreements and contracts or MOUs and use a Commissioner-to-Commissioner approach.

- *MIS and Accountability (Heather Wallace)*
  - Wallace reported on the status of the Statewide System of Care Data Project, an effort to connect evaluation data from all System of Care demonstration sites. The workgroup discussed a timeline for resource allocation by finding common points from the Project Directors across the state and to ensure the statewide system is user-friendly. In discussing security and access to the system, the group recommends an entity such as an institutional review board (IRB) or some sort of community advisory board. In order to use the system, a proposal would be submitted to this board for approval. The board would approve of all use and dissemination of information. An outline or template for proposals could be developed. Sukey added TDMH will retain all data but compilation of information will be done by Centerstone Research Institute (CRI) under existing evaluation contracts. There will be a semi-annual data transfer to TDMH. TDMH plans to upload the data from the Nashville Connection project for inclusion in the project.

- *Service Capacity and Readiness (Kathy Rogers)*
  - At the last meeting, the group had focused on readiness and recommended using the Behar assessment instrument to determine readiness but that has proved to be cost prohibitive. Capacity will require strong commitment from all child-serving departments. It would be helpful to have a pilot in each Grand Region, but again, it

would require buy-in from top leadership. It was suggested trying to work through the Children's Cabinet.

- *Financing Strategies (Shawn Brooks)*
  - The financing strategies workgroup was charged with producing a finance plan for a state supported system of care. The workgroup faced two major difficulties when answering this charge. The first is choosing from the myriad of examples existing across the nation and the second was attempting to chart a path that was feasible and acceptable to various collaborating partners. The committee proposes the state of Tennessee reallocate a small percentage from each child serving state department into one pooled sum to be managed by an agency/entity to be identified. An organization will be identified that can serve as an administrative service organization or can manage the contracts, funds, and accountability functions themselves. The administering organization will then put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to three targeted Tennessee regions. The proposals will include requirements for a community board, an organization serving as a care management organization for the community board, and a provider collaborative willing to learn and operate system of care services for an identified population in each region. In the RFP, roles of each of the above identified components will be described in detail so that each submitted proposal can describe how it can meet and carry out those roles. Also required in the proposal will be outcome and cost savings measures and benchmarks for accountability. The result will be to create 3 state funded pilot sites across the state that are charged with demonstrating the improved outcomes and cost savings that system of care sites have demonstrated across the nation. As these outcomes and cost savings are demonstrated the percentage contributed from the child serving state departments can be increased.

Draft Report Outline Discussion (Keller)

- Keller began the discussion by asking the Council to remember its initial charge, as well as the System of Care Guiding Principles and Values and the Purpose Statement. P.C. 1062 (codified at T.C.A. 37-3-110-115) established the Council to design a plan for a statewide system of care for children. Implementation of the plan is staggered. The first report was due February 1, 2009. The second report was due June 1, 2010 and called for three demonstration sites. The plan due July 1, 2012 calls for ten demonstration sites.
- The resource map will be updated and sent to Council members for review. Much of it will remain unchanged. There has been some decline in federal funding with the exception of the Basic Education funding, which has increased. The resource map can be used to determine how all funding is spent. It can also be used to ensure that a federal match is utilized whenever possible.

- In the previous reports to the Legislature, barriers to implementation are identified for four areas: administrative, service, policy and implementation of SOC principles. In 2010, two surveys were done by CCMH members and Youth participants. This year's report should include any progress in addressing those barriers identified.
- Keller asked to Council for a consensus around asking for funding to continue to staff the Council considering the federal funding is no longer available. The amount of funding is roughly $95,000.00. Council members present agreed.
- The Plan is due to the Legislature by July 1. Keller asked the Council for consensus to move the due date for the third planning report to July 2015. If the plan calling for 10 demonstration sites is funded, the next plan will be statewide SOC implementation. Council members present agreed.
- Keller asked the Council to consider how we could move from four sites to 10 sites as the statue requires. He also asked the Council to consider what has previously worked in the state regarding project expansion. O'Neal noted the legislation creating the Council and its initial charge was passed before the recession. Buy-in from TennCare and the MCOs is needed to progress forward. The four sites need to be studied carefully to figure cost savings. Steckel added we should look at individual communities and, for the long term, try to infuse the SOC philosophy and build on to the system currently in place. O'Neal said providers also need to step up and commit to the process and all need to strive for better collaboration in the way we do business.
- There will be numerous items e-mailed for Council review and feedback. Keller would like to receive comments by May 15 from Committee Co-Chairs. Council members can ask questions or request data from TCCY.

Legislative Update (Linda O'Neal)

- Steve Petty is involved with legislative hearings so O'Neal will give the update. SB2249/HB2387 was recommended for passage next week. The bill grants the Governor the authority to appoint the Executive Director of the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (and other boards and commissions as well.)
- SB2253/HB is the TN Prescription Drug Safety Act of 2012. It expands and clarifies the Controlled Substance Monitoring Act of last year. Reporting data will be entered directly into the Controlled Substance Database as opposed to the Controlled Substance Database Committee. Reporting requirements including timeframes, information to be sent, and requires prescribers and dispensers to check the database before prescribing or dispensing any controlled substance. The Commissioner of Health is authorized to enter into agreements with other states providing for sharing and dissemination of information in the database. The amendment also addresses responsibilities of the Committee regarding review of the database for any violation of the law, civil penalties, criminal offenses and confidentiality issues. SB2416/HB2568 establishes drug overdose reporting requirements and will be enacted by the end of the session.

- SB3768/HB3835 (the Appropriations Act) would abolish the CPORT program. Amendments have been filed and the Committees will meet next week. TCCY will lose 40% of its positions and 30-35% of its funding if the funding is not restored. TCCY is also anticipating a reduction in federal Juvenile Justice funding.

Plans for Future Meetings (O'Neal)

- By the June 21 meeting, Council members will have definitions, survey results, graphs and the resource map. Feedback is needed as soon as possible. Workgroups are encouraged to meet at least once more before May 15.
- Future meeting topics could include:
    - Getting primary care physicians to incorporate the SOC philosophy;
    - Update on an Intensive In-home Services for children and youth in state custody. The project will use CANS for assessment and is ready for implementation; and
    - System of Care site updates.
- The Children's Mental Health Coalition's Whole Kid Festival will be held May 5 from 11:00 to 3:00 at the Bicentennial Capitol Mall. It is free to the public.