



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH**

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Council on Children's Mental Health  
June 24, 2010  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Otter Creek Church of Christ

**Meeting Summary**

***Attendee List:***

Susan Adams	Deseree Ewing	Rob Mortensen
Carla Babb	Rhonda Ewing	Michael Myszka
Giovonnte Baker	Laura Fair	Linda O'Neal
Sumita Banerjee	Tierra French	Freida Outlaw
Kathy Benedetto	Deborah Gatlin	Cindy Perry
Bonnie Beneke	Nneka Gordon	Steve Petty
Susanne Bennett	Stephanie Guthrie	Mallory Powell
Virginia Trotter Betts	Vickie Harden	Anne Robertson
Kathryn Bowen	Kurt Hoppel	Kathy Rogers
Shawn Brooks	Jennifer Houston	Mary Rolando
Pam Brown	E. Ann Ingram	John Rust
Charlotte Bryson	Anthony Jackson	Sara Smith
Michelle Covington	Jeanne James	Steve Sparks
Michael Cull	Petrina Jesz	Melissa Staley
Roger Diehl	Dustin Keller	Susan Steckel
Sita Diehl	Richard Kennedy	Millie Sweeney
Bill Dobbins	Rachel Krauss	Angie Thompson
Justin Dominy	Randal Lea	Heather Wallace
Katrina Donaldson	Kim Crane Mallory	Pam White
Carol Dunaway	Marlanna Marion	Ellyn Wilbur
Emel Eff	Angie McKinney	Emily Williamson
Bruce Emery	Emily Moore	Mark Wolf

**Welcome and Introductions (Commissioner Virginia Trotter Betts and Linda O'Neal)**

- Linda O'Neal, Co-Chair, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY)
  - Expressed her excitement about our guest speaker today, Dr. Dennis Embry.

- Thanked Dustin Keller, Dr. Freida Outlaw and all the workgroup members who have helped write and edit the final draft of the report for the legislature.
- Thanked Pam White for again arranging for us to meet here at Otter Creek Church.
- Commissioner Virginia Trotter Betts, Co-Chair, Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (TDMHDD)
  - Explained TDMHDD received the first SAMHSA/FEMA Individual Service Program grant (Crisis Counseling Program) for flood survivors and the department now has contracts with five mental health centers: Mental Health Co-Op, Centerstone, Behavioral Health Institute, Volunteer Behavioral Health Center, and SouthEast Mental Health Center.
    - Discussed how crisis workers are available and are setting up non-threatening, non-clinical centers, like schools, for debriefing. There are also several summer camps offering reduced tuition and have made counselors available.
  - 62,000 families have registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and TDMHDD is applying for an additional grant (the Regular Service Program grant) to cover crisis counseling services through the anniversary date of the flood and tornadoes (May 1, 2011). *[Post meeting update: 69,000 families registered for FEMA services.]*
    - If participants know of people who need services, please let the department know. *[Post meeting update: TDMHDD received the second FEMA grant award on September 1, 2010 and is currently planning implementation.]*
  - TDMHDD is also in the process of re-constituting the regional planning councils and would like to have more participation from families and youth at both the statewide and regional mental health councils. If participants have names of people or would like to participate, please contact Debbie Shahla at our Planning Office ([Debbie.Shahla@tn.gov](mailto:Debbie.Shahla@tn.gov)).

#### **Acceptance of the Meeting Summary for April 22, 2010 (O'Neal)**

- Thanked Susan Steckel for taking the meeting summary.
- April 22, 2010 Meeting Summary Acceptance (**BROWN MOTION, EMERY SECOND, UNANIMOUS**)
- Reminded participants about receiving a summary from the Steering Committee meeting and encouraged participants to review this.

#### **Legislative Update (O'Neal)**

- Stated on June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Tennessee General Assembly adjourned sine die until January 2011 affectively ending this legislative session.

- Reviewed with participants the CCMH sunset legislation did not pass this year. This legislation was part of a number of bills stalled in a discussion over the process of nominating and appointing individuals to serve on legislated boards and councils. These issues were not as substantive for the CCMH as for other groups.
  - Explained CCMH is officially now in a wind down period for the next year pending reauthorization next year. O’Neal also encouraged participants to work in the coming legislative session to ensure the legislature understands the importance of the work of the council. Both Co-Chairs are committed to advocating for passage of this legislation in the next session. She also thanked all who have worked on this legislation. Dr. Outlaw, Debrah Stafford, Sumita Banerjee, Dustin Keller and others were particularly helpful.
- Reviewed other legislation passing to create the Department of Intellectual Disabilities. This department will absorb the developmental disabilities function from TDMHDD. After January 15, 2011, TDMHDD will be known as the Department of Mental Health.
- Reminded participants the sex offender registry for children legislation did not pass. This will be an ongoing issue in the future. The Second Look Commission also passed and will be housed in TCCY. This Commission will review cases of child abuse where a second abuse case was substantiated to determine if the subsequent abuse could have been prevented and recommend system changes.
- Explained the Governor’s Office of Children’s Care Coordination (GOCCC) was funded in the budget after several attempts to end funding for GOCCC in January 2011.
- Noted almost 2 million recurring dollars were added to the Department of Children’s Services (DCS) budget for transition age youth.
- O’Neal encouraged participants to discuss children’s issues with candidates when they are campaigning.
- Betts stated how pleased she was with the advocacy efforts of children’s mental health and substance abuse service providers and advocates.

**Invited guest speaker – Dr. Dennis Embry, Child Developmental Psychologist**

*“Integration of Cost Effective Mental Health Prevention Strategies into a Statewide System of Care Using a Public Health Approach”*

- Refer to “Reaching all our parents: Strategies to achieve cross-sector prevention outcomes” PowerPoint emailed to participants.
- Dr. Embry is an incredibly well known international and national researcher who comes to us as the CEO of the Paxis Institute and is a head researcher at both the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Oregon Research Institute.
- He takes the information from the *2009 Institute of Medicine Report: Preventing Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders Among Young People* and makes actionable steps to allow the implementation of the IOM’s recommendations [at the community level].

- TDMHDD will be reporting to you over the next few years about the impact of Families United in the 20 PFS counties.

### **Mule Town Proposed Financial Infrastructure Model for Sustainability (Dr. Freida Outlaw)**

- Dr. Outlaw encouraged participants to review the MTFN handout over the summer to provide input and discussion at the next CCMH meeting.
- Refer to PowerPoint handout provided at meeting.

### **Council Draft Report Discussion (Dustin Keller)**

- *Refer to “6/18/10 DRAFT to CCMH/ Council on Children’s Mental Health: A Report to the Legislature July 2010” provided at the meeting.*
- Discussed the report page by page and provided council members with the opportunity to respond to the report.
  - Significant discussion on whether or not Example A and B on page 15 of the draft report should be included. Michael Myszka stated TennCare could not endorse either model and did not want their position to be misrepresented.
  - Final approved suggestion, after some discussion, is to include the current schematic, no wrong door graphic from preliminary CCMH report, Wraparound Milwaukee graphic and Dawn Project graphic from MuleTown PowerPoint provided at the meeting, and two System Administration (formerly entitled System Administrator) graphs (currently Examples A and B), while making it clear no decision has been made as to a firm governance or funding structure and these are simply examples. **(AGREED TO SEND THE SECTION WITH THE SYSTEM STRUCTURES REVISED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE GROUP BY THE END OF THE DAY ON FRIDAY JUNE 25, 2010)**
  - Betts reminded participants it is important for us not to include an unworkable model. It is critical to remember Systems of Care are not just for children receiving services under a public health plan. All children in all communities need care, so a model serving all children with mental health needs should be considered.
- Agreed to add paragraph to page 23 explaining services change regularly and provide links to existing lists of services where available.
- Agreed to include all response numbers for each survey referenced in the report.
- Agreed to add a paragraph on page five to include a list of projected clinical outcomes referenced under several System of Care Initiatives on page seven.

### **Workgroup Meetings for completion of products/recommendations**

- Workgroups did not meet because of time constraints.

### **Youth Transition Panel Lunch Presentation (Kathy Rogers and Sita Diehl Facilitating)**

- Emily Williamson, Justin Dominy, Roger Diehl, Giovonnte Baker, Tierra French provided participants with their personal stories about their transition from the child-serving system to the adult-serving system.

### **Planning Unit Meetings for completion of products/recommendations**

- Council members met in two large planning units to discuss completing work products and make recommendations for additional changes to report.

### **Structured Feedback Discussion and Report Adoption (Keller Facilitating)**

- **AMENDED REPORT APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LEGISLATURE PENDING AGREEMENT ON THE STRUCTURE SECTION BY EMAIL.**
- *[Post meeting update: The updated governance and funding section was emailed to CCMH members by Dustin Keller on June 25, 2010 requesting feedback by 4:30pm on June 28, 2010. Report was submitted to the required members of the General Assembly and members of the CCMH on June 30, 2010]*

### **Discussion Plans for Future Meetings (O'Neal Facilitating)**

- Participants discussed topics for future meeting presentations:
  - Mule Town Financial Infrastructure Pilot presentation and discussion;
  - TDMHDD-DADAS – PFS funding and a list of the 20 counties;
  - Legislative feedback on the report – invite some of the legislators to come and provide discussion and feedback to the group;
  - Review of an analysis of intensive home based services Continuous Treatment Team (CTT) and Comprehensive Child and Family Treatment (CCFT);
  - Report on future candidates forums;
  - Report on Georgetown Training Institutes; and
  - TCCY budget recommendations.

### **Other Business**

- Michelle Covington invited members to a presentation from the Youth Council in Indiana to talk about the CANS implementation in their effort to build a System of Care on June 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Centerstone Hayes Building.
- Ellyn Wilbur encouraged participants to respond to a survey about transitioning youth services being emailed to them from a Student at Vanderbilt University named Gracie Smith. If you know of agencies serving transitioning youth who have not received the survey, please forward it to them.
- Next Meeting: August 19, 2010 *[Post meeting update: The August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled due to numerous scheduling conflicts.]*