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Council on Children's Mental Health
August 25, 2011
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Ellington Agricultural Center – Ed Jones Auditorium

Attendee List:

Susan Adams	Carol Dunaway	Michelle Moser
Sandra Allen	Richard Edgar	Nneka Norman-Gordon
Chrystal Armstrong	Richard Epstein	Linda O'Neal
Giovonnte D. Baker	Deseree Ewing	Steve Petty
Jill Barnes	Deborah Gatlin	Anne Pouliot
Susan Bell	Stephanie Grissom	Laurie Powell
Kathy Benedetto	Vickie Harden	Dawn Puster
Susanne Bennett	Kurt Hippel	Kathy Rogers
Judy Bomar	Jeanne James	John Rust
Kathryn Bowen	Joan Jenkins	Mary Linden Salter
Pam Brown	Petrina Jesz	Kubra Snow
Charlotte Bryson	Angie Jones	Steve Sparks
Aaron Campbell	Dustin Keller	Susan Steckel
Janet Coscarelli	Wendy Kronenberg	Millie Sweeney
Michelle Covington	Paul Lefkowitz	Michael Warren
Janice Davidson	James Martin	Ellyn Wilbur
Bill Dobbins	Shelley Martin	Alysia Williams
Katrina Donaldson	Debbie Miller	Martavis Williams

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions (Linda O'Neal and Marie Williams)

- O'Neal urged all in attendance to sign attendance sheets. For the rest of this fiscal year, the schedule will balance presentations and committee work in anticipation of the Council's next Report to the Legislature due July 2012.
- Williams conveyed Commissioner Varney's regrets as he had a scheduling conflict and was unable to attend today's meeting. She addressed the Contingency Plans departments

were asked to develop to offset a potential loss of federal revenue. Departments were to plan a 15 percent budget reduction and a 30 percent reduction of current federal revenue. Adult mental health services gets approximately \$20 million in federal funding per year and children's mental health services gets around \$10 million. A 15 percent cut would be nearly \$9 million for TDMH.

- TDMH is still waiting on a final decision on the application for a Statewide System of Care Expansion Planning Grant. Notification should come near the end of September or early October.
- Williams said Commissioner Varney greatly appreciates the Council and its work on behalf of Tennessee's children.

Budget Recommendations (O'Neal)

- Tennessee relies heavily on federal dollars, constituting 40 percent of the state's budget. In fiscal year 2010, 48.5 percent of all dollars spent on children in Tennessee were federal dollars. The budget includes \$160 million in non-recurring dollars.
- TCCY is statutorily mandated to make recommendations about the state budget. Staff works on recommendations during the summer and then the recommendations are sent to the Governor, the Department of Finance & Administration, all child-serving state department commissioners, and key legislators. As in past recent years, TCCY may make additional comments after the budget hearings.
- This year's recommendations will focus on maintaining the public-private infrastructure serving children and their families, early childhood programs, Systems of Care and increasing close collaboration between all child-serving agencies.

KIDS COUNT (O'Neal and Pam Brown)

Refer to copies of the "KIDS COUNT – The State of the Child in Tennessee 2010" and the "KIDS COUNT Data Book."

- The State of the Child Report 2010 was released at a press conference on August 10, 2011. The KIDS COUNT Data Book 2011 was released August 17, 2011. Tennessee was ranked 39th, the first time since the beginning of the publication Tennessee has ranked above the forties. The report highlights successful programs such as home visitation (based on the Healthy Start model) and pre-K. These services improve outcomes for children but are not currently available for all children and families who need them
- Hard copies of both reports were distributed at the meeting. The state report is available on the TCCY website at www.tn.gov/tccy. The national report and KIDS COUNT data is also available at <http://www.datacenter.kidscount.org>.
- Brown gave several demonstrations from the on-line DATA Center on how to retrieve data in a number of formats such as graphs, maps, comparisons of indicators. Information is available at both the state and county level.

Approval of April 21, 2011 and June 16, 2011 Meeting Summaries (O’Neal)

- **Meeting Summary for April 21, 2011: (Motion: Sweeney; Second: Baker; UNANIMOUS)**
- **Meeting Summary for June 16, 2011: (Motion: Bryson; Second: Steckel; UNANIMOUS)**

Tennessee Teen Institute (TTI) (Giovonnt’e Baker and Deseree Ewing)

- TTI is sponsored by the TDMH Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services and the Jackson Area Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency. It is a five-day annual event offering a wide range of activities from workshops to recreation focusing on youth development, leadership and prevention. The youth divide into groups called “families” lead by junior staff or older youth who have completed TTI.
- Baker showed a film clip of TTI, thanked everyone for their support, and encouraged participants to be involved in planning for next year’s event.

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Overview (Mindy Kronenberg and Michelle Mosier)

Refer to PowerPoint

- Dr. Kronenberg provided participants will an overview of the concepts of infant and early childhood mental health.
- She discussed the growing need and importance of screening and diagnosis when necessary by pediatricians and the training of clinicians to provide training and treatment options to the family.
- Dr. Kronenberg also discussed the efforts on a national and state level to increase diagnosis and treatment of infant and early childhood mental health disorders.
- Mosier gave an update on the state initiative and invited participants to become involved.

Workgroup Meeting Café (Dustin Keller)

Refer to “CCMH Next Steps 2”

- All Council members were encouraged to attend two different workgroup meetings today during lunch similar to the structure used at the June meeting.
- Keller also urged the workgroups to meet at least once between CCMH meetings. He asked Co-Chairs to particularly focus on discussion of next steps, keeping in mind Tennessee’s current structure of the service delivery system.

System of Care Community Training: Expanding System of Care (Susan Steckel)

Refer to PowerPoint

- Steckel discussed information recently received from a national grantee meeting for System of Care initiatives.

- A national study was done to identify the most effective expansion strategies supporting statewide SOC efforts. The selected sample of nine states demonstrating SOC Expansion progress were Arizona, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Rhode Island. The study's authors are Beth Stroul and Robert Freidman.
- The three main elements of systems of care are philosophy, infrastructure, and services and supports. A strategic framework is needed for expansion of a SOS constituting a roadmap for system change.
- Steckel explained the study's findings around barriers, most effective strategies, and recommendations and guidelines for other states.
- She also noted John O'Brien of SAMHSA presented information at the July conference on the expansion of Medicaid, part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), potentially providing new opportunities for expansion of SOC. In 2014, there will be an estimated 16 million new enrollees, 40 percent of them under 30 years old.
- Georgetown University Technical Assistance Center will soon issue a White Paper with good information on the ACA and opportunities for Systems of Care. A link to the white paper was emailed to participants.

Plans for Future Meetings (O'Neal)

- Items already scheduled for the next meeting will include updates and overviews from child-serving state departments, managed care organizations serving TennCare enrollees, and workgroups.
- Because of cuts to federal juvenile justice funding currently, TCCY will request improvement funding for CCMH.
- Brown said the MIS/Accountability workgroup is conducting a survey about participant's views on an ideal statewide management information system (MIS).
- Another workgroup will also conduct a survey about agencies and departments' willingness to adopt SOC principles and values.