



Southern Bluegrass  
October 6, 2017  
11:30am-1:00pm  
Meeting Summary

**Meeting Attendees-** Brian Dufresne, Lisa Gabbard, Robert “Nimbo” Hammons, Larry Johnson, Carla Jordan (Chair), Ian “Nick” Marks, Verne Webb, Rachael Ratliff, LaToya Vaughn.

**Absent Panel Members-** Jennifer Brown, Sabina Massey, Laura Kinney

**Purpose and Expectation of CRP:**

Members were reminded of the purpose and role and CRP.

Members also signed the Memorandum of Understanding and Confidentiality Agreements.

**Attendance:**

Carla informed members of the attendance policy as stated in the bylaws. Members were asked to notify the chair or program coordinator of their absence. Members were also reminded that “if any member does not attend two (2) Consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings without notification of said absence made to the Chair or Chair’s designee, the Panel may recommend the CRP remove the member and fill the resulting vacancy.

Introduction of Members

- Carla opened the meeting by welcoming new Members Robert “Nimbo” Hammons and Ian “Nick” Marks to the panel.
- Members were thanked for their dedication and service.
- Panel members signed the confidentiality agreement.

During this fiscal year the Southern Bluegrass CRP will focus on two areas

**Work Focus #1: Educate community about services & resources that aid in decrease of abuse and neglect (Promote DCBS in healthy manner)**

1. Conversation on Collaboration
2. Opioid Addiction – Narcan Training
3. Handle with Care Pilot Project

**Work Focus #2: Increase employee morale and retention rates**

1. Provide educational activities on self-care (mindfulness)
2. DCBS Employee Recognitions

### **Upcoming Projects**

#### **Handle with Care.**

- Carla, Verne and Sabina will spearhead a Handle with Care Pilot Program for the Fayette County School District.
- “Handle with Care” provides the school with a “heads up” when a child has been identified by law enforcement at the scene of a traumatic event.

#### **Narcan Training**

- The Southern Bluegrass CRP will host a Narcan Training. Other Child Welfare Providers and the public will be invited to attend. The Southern Bluegrass CRP will partner with the Substance Abuse and Violence Intervention SAVI Office, Amy to schedule a substance abuse training for the community. Date and Location to be determined.

#### **Annual Conversation on Collaboration**

- Conversation on Collaboration will take place on April 27, 2017 @ Fayette County Extension Office from 8:30-12:00.
- Panel Members are asked to help identify a speaker. Thus far, Jeff Wilson, Paul Dalton, Sherryl Roberts, and Amber Lambert should be considered.
- The Topic for this upcoming year is on issues surrounding Opioid Addiction and Treatment.
- Latoya will send the Invitations and Save the Date Cards.
- CHFS Worker Recognition: Only five workers will be recognized this year at the event.

#### **Quarterly Continued Conversations:**

Panel members discussed the possibility of having quarterly meetings to continue the conversation that originated from the Annual Conversation on Collaboration.

It was discussed that Dr. Jay Miller, and Erick Wilkinson be invited to discuss mindfulness. Other topics surrounding child welfare could also be discussed.

#### **Action Items:**

- Panel members were asked to solicit donations for monthly employee recognitions. Members should secure items such as office supplies, gift cards for food, gas, movies and other non-cash items. Carla will draft a general solicitation letter.
- Carla or Verne will contact Lt. Napier and Felisha Bush to invite them to conference in on an upcoming meeting, (possibly Nov., 10, 2017) to discuss Handle with Care to the group.

- Carla and Larry Johnson will work with the SAVI Office and Amy Baker with Lexington Fayette County Government to coordinate a substance abuse training for the community. Date and Location to be determined.
- Panel Members were asked to help identify speakers for the Annual Conversation on Collaboration.

**Next Meeting November 10, 2017, 1500 Bull Lea Road,  
Lexington, KY 40511**