



Southern Bluegrass Panel
February 3, 2017
11:30am-1:00pm

Meeting Attendees- Vanna Armstrong, Hannah Bailey, Brian Dufresne, Nanci House, Carla Jordan (Chair), Rachael Gardner Ratliff, Lynn Squicciarini, LaToya Vaughn and Ronica Whitlock.

Absent Panel Members- Larry Johnson,

Meeting Notes

Updates from Meeting with Commissioner Johnson

- The Commissioner explained her top priorities of improving moral and hiring additional staff.
- Commissioner Johnson thanked the Panel Members for their work and invited the Chairs to the PIP Meeting to be held on 2/23/17 at Kentucky State University.
- Chairs informed Commissioner Johnson on upcoming event. Commissioner Johnson once again expressed her gratitude in partnering to ensure that employee morale was increased and that child welfare system is improved.

Conversation on Collaboration

8:30-9:00am	Registration and Breakfast
9:00- 9:30	DCBS Award Recognition
9:30-10:00	1 st Presenter What is Trauma Informed Care
10:00-10:30	2 nd Presenter How to Develop Programming Without Re-Traumatizing Students. Handle With Care
10:30-11:00	3 rd Presenter Survivor Impact Story
11:00- 12:00	Roundtable Panel Discussion

- Members were updated on the planning of the Conversation on Collaboration. The conversation will comprise of two keynote speakers (30 mins. each), Dr. Shambra Mulder of Abundant Living-Psychological and Coaching Services and Neil Heffelbower of the Providence School in Wilmore, KY. Dr. Mulder will provide a brief overview of Trauma Informed Care. Neil will follow up by describing how the staff at the Providence School has been successful in connecting with students and meeting them where there are.
- We are still trying to locate an additional speaker to give an impact story. We are hoping to get Author, George Duvall to speak for 30 mins.
- Nicole Garrett will facilitate the panel discussion. Members were asked to forward several questions to Carla Jordan prior the event. The questions will be used as conversation starters. The panel discussion will take place after the first three speakers. The panel will be comprised of someone from the START program, Legal System, KVC and possibly parent/caregiver.
- The Fayette County Extension Office Has been reserved for the event from 9am-12pm on 4/14/17.
- Each member was asked to identify and select panel members who were doing outstanding jobs in the field.

● **Worker Recognition**

- Nomination forms were submitted. Thus far we have received three nominations.
- We will select no more than 5 winners.
- Each winner will receive a certificate and a small token of appreciation from the Southern Bluegrass Region. It was suggested that each awardee be presented with flowers.
- LaToya also suggested giving gift bags. Members were asked to secure donations.
- Carla will work to secure floral donations from either Kentucky State University or Greenhouse 17.

- **Next Steps:**

- Members are asked identify panel members and invite them to the March meeting.
- Members are asked to help identify someone to tell their impact story. Larry Johnson will reach out to contact, Author George Duvall.
- Nanci will ask a Family Court Judge to sit on the panel.
- Carla will follow up with Dr. Mulder to update on her meeting. She will also remind her to potentially discuss:
 - A brief explanation on trauma and how it impacts the lives of survivors.
 - Explain adverse childhood experiences (ACES.) What are some best practices for working with individuals with high ACES?
 - What are some common factors/traits signs/symptoms displayed from individuals who have experienced trauma?
 - How it impacts children and adults in social settings, schools, etc.? How it effects learning, behaviors, etc.?
 - Other important items identified
- Carla will contact Dr. Kobayashi of Kentucky State University or Greenhouse 17 to secure donations of flowers for the DCBS Worker Awardees.
- Members are asked to collect donations for gift bags for the CHFS Worker Recognition.

- 2017 Meeting Schedule

- Members will meet on the 1st Friday of each month at Imani Family Life Center, 1155 Georgetown Road, Lexington, KY 40511.

- Adjourn

- **Meeting Schedule**

- Next meeting: March 2, 2017.