



Statewide Panel

Frankfort, KY
January 14, 2016

Attendees

Ken Schwendeman, Janet Stickels, Austin Griffiths, Rachel Ratliff, Ryan Smither, Lisa Gabbard, Marcy DuPlessis, Kate Hackett, and LaToya Vaughn

Absent

Vivian Hurt, Tami Blevins, April Murphy, Verne Webb, Dana Sullivan, Laura Kinney, Allison Brewer-Mortenson, Kathy Sykes,

Meeting Summary

* **Honoring Blake Jones** – Lisa gave the group an update on the gift card and plaque. The group was informed that the presentation would occur on Friday, April 29th during the What Works Conference. Members that would still like to contribute, please contact Lisa Gabbard. LaToya will send out a notice to other regional CRP members regarding monetary donations.

* **Membership** – Kate informed the group of Stephanie Harrison's resignation from the group as a result of changes in her family dynamic and the time commitment required.

* **Public Perception Survey** - The panel discussed their thoughts on the collaboration survey on the public's perception of DCBS. Members inquired as to the purpose of the survey and where the focus would go after data is collected and analyzed (i.e. strategize to change the perceptions and/or advocacy). Ryan gave the panel an update on co-panel collaboration. Ryan and Kate informed the group of a meeting between CRP Chairs to devise a survey to be utilized in this study.

* **Legislative Planning and Advocacy** – Ryan gave a brief overview and discussed Marcy and Austin taking over the Legislative and Planning component. The panel discussed opportunities as a result of the state being in transition with new governor and his administration.

Austin presented results from "Unheard Voices: Why Former Child Welfare Worker Left Their Positions". He and the group discussed ways in which the panel could use this information to provide support to front line social service workers and supervisors. Panel members discussed the impact of social service workers and supervisor not knowing what CRP is and does or that it even exists. They discussed ways in which to inform DCBS employees using "grassroots" and "good faith human contact" approaches. Rachel discussed possibly presenting material on CRP during quarterly meetings with the Commissioner. She noted that she would start scheduling these meetings. The panel agreed that it would be a good idea to have Austin speak during one of these meetings with the Commissioner. Ken suggested that we put current focus on the Public Perception survey and work with Austin on the retention component at a later date as long as there is not a conflict. The group agreed and Austin noted that he would keep the panel abreast of progress with this project. He requested that panel members not discuss this project with others until he has been given final approval.

* **Legal Requirements of CRPs** – Ryan presented a PowerPoint on the legal requirements, criteria and function of CRPs. He will forward presentation to panel members at a later date.

* **What Works Conference** – The panel decided the 5th Annual What Works Conference will be held on Friday, April 29, 2016. LaToya will try to locate a venue to hold up to 100 participants. If one is not available, the conference will be held in the KY Domestic Violence Association conference room and attendance will be limited to 60 participants. The panel decided to invite the new Commissioner, Adria Johnson, DCBS leadership, Project SAFESPACE (1 year update), Judge Lucinda Masterson (Model Court Assessment Project), and Terry Brooks (discuss new Bills). There will also be invitations sent out to varying community partners to possibly discuss topics of substance abuse, making family court public, and suicide. The panel decided to offer CEUs to participants and charge a nominal fee to non-DCBS participants. Serving of food during this conference will be dependent upon on the cost of the venue as the panel did not want to charge an excessive registration fee.

Action Items

- Conference call will be held the first week of February to discuss progress and implementation of Public Perception Survey. LaToya will send out a Doodle Poll.
- Ryan will attend Chairs meeting on 1-14-16 and submit questions from panel
- LaToya will find venue and begin sending out call for proposals for What Works Conference.

Next Meeting

- **Thursday, April 14, 2016 from 11:30am to 1:30pm** in Frankfort. The address is 111 Darby Shire Circle, Frankfort, KY 40601