



Conference Call
February 3, 2016
9:00am

Attendees

Janet Stickels, Austin Griffiths, Ryan Smither, Dana Sullivan, and LaToya Vaughn

Absent

Kenneth Schwendeman, Verne Webb, Lisa Gabbard, Kate Goodenough Hackett, Kathy Sykes, Allison Brewer-Mortenson, Vivian Hurt, Marcy DuPlessis, Laura Kinney, Tami Blevins, April Murphy

Meeting Summary

* **Introductions and review of agenda** – Each member introduced themselves and Ryan completed an overview of conference call agenda.

* **Retention and Recruitment** – Austin gave an update on the recruitment and retention survey. He reported that a total of 2000 surveys were sent out. They have received 550 responses, 420 of those being from frontline workers. He reported that data collection would be coming to a close in a few weeks.

* **Public Perception Survey** – Ryan and LaToya gave an update on the survey. The panel members present discussed the importance of everyone being involved. It was suggested that members begin thinking about what area they would participate (i.e. data collection, data input, data analysis, report writing). The panel was informed that the survey had been presented to the Spalding University IRB for approval and would begin as soon as final approval has been received.

* **Children's Advocacy Day (CAD)** – Ryan gave an update on Tammy's involvement with representatives during CAD. The following is an update Tammy submitted via email:

- “1. Left one of our handouts for delivery to Representative Arnold Simpson (D) – Kenton County. He sits on some other committees – ex. Vice Chair on Appropriations & Revenue Committee, Chair of the House Postsecondary Education Committee – that are relevant to funding and priorities for KY's kids and families.
2. Left one of our handouts for delivery to Representative Dennis Keene (D) – Campbell County (*No significant committee involvement as it relates to our efforts, just wanted to include someone from the third of the uppermost NKY counties*).
3. Met with Representative Addia Wuchner (R), Boone County – one of three Vice-Chairs on the House Health & Welfare Committee. Gave her one of our handouts and explained our objectives. I asked if she would be willing to distribute remaining handouts to her fellow committee members and legislatures whom she knew to have an interest in such issues. Rep. Wuchner suggested that I have a conversation with Representative Tom Burch (D), Jefferson County – as Chair of the House Health & Welfare Committee, instead. He stated that he would be the more appropriate person for such a request. She further suggested that representatives of our Statewide CRP return during the Joint Interim Session, when legislators have more time, are more focused, and employ more of a learning orientation.

4. Took Rep. Wuchner's suggestion, immediately made an impromptu request for an appt. w/Rep. Burch, and got right in ☺ (*Late afternoon timing & pure luck!) Representative Burch said he'd "served on the Kentucky Legislature for 23 years and...never heard of CRP." I stated that's precisely what we were attempting to change. I described Representative Wuchner's suggestion, asked Rep. Burch what he thought about it / if he'd be willing to accommodate us in such a forum. He liked the idea, encouraged us to schedule something accordingly during the next Interim Joint Session, said he'd do whatever he could to support us on these efforts. *NOTE: Representative Burch also noted that changes may likely be afoot by the time the next Interim Session rolls around, due to partisan preferences – that he may no longer be Chair – but for us to follow the plan, regardless. (*FYI: It's rumored that Representative Wuchner is among those being considered for the next Chair of this Committee, which would be great for us). I don't have the dates on the 2016 Interim Joint Session yet. Last year, it ran from June 1st through December 1st, and the House Health & Welfare Committee met the third Wednesday of each month. Perhaps they'll maintain a similar schedule?
5. Lastly, I gave some of our handouts to former and current colleagues, and asked them to spread the word for us as well. Included among these folks were members of the Citizen Foster Care Review Board and the Children's Alliance of KY. "

* **What Works Conference** – LaToya gave an update on confirmed presenters as of this date and encouraged panel members to solicit proposals from peers. Topic of conference was briefly discussed. It was suggested that members solicit individuals from varying areas in order to make presentations board and not under one theme. Members also agreed that someone from the panel should also present on the who, what, how etc. of CRP.

Action Items

- Each panel member will make contact with potential presenters for upcoming What Works conference (see attachment)
- LaToya will send out Doodle Poll for next meeting to be held in April (around conference)

Next Meeting

- TBD