



Southern Bluegrass Panel Meeting Notes

Meeting Attendees

Dori Thompson (Chair), Rachael Gardner Ratliff, Amanda White, Tiffany Compton, Larry Johnson, Vanna Armstrong, Carla Jordan, LaToya Vaughn, and Jessica Fletcher

Meeting Notes

- Cross Panel Collaborative to Evaluate Public Perception of DCBS
 - Jessica Fletcher provided an overview of what was discussed regarding the cross panel collaborative during the CRP Chairs meeting on 10/2/15.
 - There was discussion regarding the purpose of this evaluation. It was shared that in order to make recommendations regarding how DCBS can improve public perception, which was the topic selected by the panel prior to the retreat, that the public's perception first has to be known and cannot be considered what panel member's perceptions are. There was discussion regarding how the "general public" differs from service providers. If a poor or negative perception of DCBS is found to exist, it may impact the reporting of child abuse, neglect and dependency, as well as the department's ability to recruit and retain staff.
 - Dori Thompson facilitated a discussion regarding if the panel should be part of this cross-collaborative and what member's responsibilities might be (i.e. survey distribution and collection). The panel decided to participate in this effort, but had additional questions concerning methodology. Jessica shared that answers to these types of questions would be decided during upcoming Chairs meetings. Dori highlighted the need for a timeline to be developed.
- Evaluating CPS Workers
 - Jessica shared that the panel needs to obtain CHFS-IRB approval before disseminating a survey to collect data from Cabinet employees. Rachael Ratliff explained that previously she sent CRP surveys to CHFS legal for review and approval. Dori asked Rachael to see what steps needed to be taken to move forward with an evaluation of what CPS workers think about the public's perception of the work they do.
- Planning "A Conversation on Collaboration"
 - The theme this year is "Keeping Kids Safe"
 - The tentative date for this event is April 8, 2015
 - Jessica will see if the UK Extension Office has space available
 - Dori requested Cosi for breakfast as they have been used for these events previously
 - Estimate 100 to 120 participants

- Speakers/Topics
 - Rachael Ratliff or another DCBS representative to speak on the CPS referral process
 - Invite a prosecutor to speak about their role in child abuse, neglect and dependency cases
 - Invite Amy Ward with the Targeted Assessment Program (TAP) to share what serves they provide families involved with CPS
 - Invite someone with Family Preservation Services to discuss what they provide families involved with CPS
 - Have a DCBS foster or adoptive parent speak
- Need to develop talking points that members can refer to when requesting speakers
- Meeting Schedule Revised
 - **Meeting on 12/4/15 rescheduled for 12/11/15 (normal time and location). Amanda White will reserve the room.**
 - Meeting on 1/1/16 rescheduled for 1/8/16 (normal time and location)
 - All other meetings for FY 2016 are planned for the first Friday of the month from 11:30am to 1pm at the DCBS Office at 1165 Centre Parkway, Lexington, KY.