



## Southern Bluegrass Panel Meeting Summary

### 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
  - Dori and Jessica provided an overview of what was discussed regarding the cross panel collaboration during the CRP Chairs meeting on 12-9-15.
  - Dori informed the panel that she would be presenting this panel's questions for the public perception survey during the next Chairs meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>.
- CPS Worker Evaluation
  - Jessica, Dori and Rachel discussed the process of obtaining approval from IRB and DCBS legal department prior to the submission of surveys to CPS workers. The panel discussed how this process has impeded their progress. As a result the panel decided to postpone this task until next year.
- Planning "A Conversation on Collaboration"
  - The theme this year is "Keeping Kids Safe" (the intent of and explanation of the flow and perception of how CPS works)
  - The tentative date for this event is April 8, 2015 from 8:30am-12:00pm
  - The panel discussed who will be the target audience: parents, recruited foster parents, professionals, community members
  - Jessica reserved the space at the UK Extension Office.
  - Panel discussed the possibility of partnering with Friends of Children for Child Abuse Awareness Month. Jessica will contact Suzanna Polis.
  - Speakers/Topics
    - Rachael Ratliff will make contacts in order to obtain a DCBS representative to speak on the CPS referral process
    - Dori will contact Dewayne Osborne to speak on behalf of prosecutors regarding their role in child abuse, neglect and dependency cases
    - Dori will contact a potential GAL regarding their role in child abuse, neglect and dependency cases.
    - Jessica will contact Amy Ward with the Targeted Assessment Program (TAP) to share what serves they provide families involved with CPS
    - Vanna will speak with Nicole Garrett regarding Family Preservation Services to discuss what they provide families involved with CPS

- Larry will decide if he would like to speak on behalf foster parents. He will also speak with a prior foster child regarding presentation about their perspective as a foster child.
    - Carol will speak with a potential adoptive parent about presenting.
  - Panel members will develop talking points that members can refer to when requesting speakers
    - January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be utilized to meet with potential speakers and determine talking points
  - Panel members will determine what kind of exhibit booths and PowerPoint presentations, if any, to have during collaboration.
- Meeting Schedule
    - Next meeting will be held on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am to 1pm at the DCBS Office at 1165 Centre Parkway, Lexington, KY. Amanda White will reserve the room.
      - The focus of this meeting will be on the “Conversation on Collaboration”