



Southern Bluegrass Panel February 5, 2016

Meeting Attendees

Dori Thompson (Chair), Rachael Gardner Ratliff, Amanda White, Tiffany Compton, Larry Johnson, Vanna Armstrong, Carla Jordan, LaToya Vaughn, April Brown, Nicole Garrett, Duane Osborne, Kimberly Burris, Denise Hall, Blake Jones, Katie Jack, Sarah Yerkey, Linda Helm, and Brian Dufresne

Absent Panel Members - None

Meeting Notes

- Dori opened up meeting with welcome and introduction of panel members and guests.
- Conversation on Collaboration (CoC) - Speakers
 - Dori gave an overview of the history, purpose and current status of the Conversation on Collaboration.
 - Duane Osborn gave an overview of ECO/Petitions/TPR points he will cover at the upcoming CoC
 - Nicole Garrett of FPP at KVC provided an overview of the preservation and reunification services offered. She noted that FPP provides services to children ages birth to 18, based on referrals received from DCBS. She noted that once DCBS closes the case they also remove services from the home. Nicole also gave an overview of Diversion services provided to children 10 years and older. She pointed out that this service involved a mental health component. Nicole also agreed to present on these services at the upcoming CoC.
- **Update on Public Perception Survey (PPS)**
 - LaToya and Dori gave an overview and purpose of PPS. LaToya informed the group that Jay Miller was in the process of submitting the survey to the IRB at Spalding University. Once that has been approved the survey will be distributed to panel members to begin collecting data.
- **Conversation on Collaboration – Logistics**
 - **Target Audience** – The panel agreed they plan to invite Social Workers, GALs, Attorneys, FRYSC, Foster Parents, Counselors/Mental Health Providers, and community Pastors
 - **Number of Attendee** – Approximately 80
 - **Main room setup** – Classroom style
 - **Breakout rooms** – Yes, small focus group discussion towards end of program
 - **Speaker Confirmations** - Dori will contact the following to confirm: Rachel Ratliff/Amanda White (DCBS component), Duane Osborne - Court, Nicole Garrett - FPP, Elaine Howard – Family Care Ctr, Amy Ward – TAP, Suzanne Polis – KY River Foothills, previous Foster Child (Larry Johnson will contact), potential reunified family/parent
 - **Awards** – LaToya will send out requests for DCBS nominations and will obtain awards for ceremony
 - **Time allotment** – each speaker will have a max of 20 minutes to speak with an average being 15 minutes or less.
- **Meeting Schedule**
 - Next meeting will be held on Friday, March 4th, 11:30am to 1pm at the DCBS Office at 1165 Centre Parkway, Lexington, KY. Amanda White will reserve the room.