**Goal of the Grant:** to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth (birth through age 21) who meet criteria for SED and their families and who have child welfare involvement. For this project, child welfare-involved families are those for whom a child abuse and/or neglect investigation results in a substantiation or services-needed finding.

**Purpose of the GMIT:** interagency team responsible for management of the grant, oversight of state and local implementation activities, and ongoing communication with the system of care governing bodies.

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| Attendees |
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| Denise Marlett  | Jessica Ware | Dee Dee Ward |
| Billy Fore | Debra Collins | Maxine Reid  |
| Barb Greene | Greta Baker  | Bobbi Jones |
| Chithra Adams | Hanna Tucker  | Kelvin Bailey |
| Joy Varney |  Dyzz Cooper  | Katie Kirkland  |
| Amanda Metcalf | Kelly Bradshaw | Monica Hoskins  |
| Kasey Slage  | Shellie Mills | Kelly Minton |
| Jennifer Warren  |  |  |

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| 1. **Family & Youth Involvement:** Regional GMIT Goal Summary - Implement strategies to promote and sustain the voice of children, youth, and their families with child welfare involvement at all levels of the system of care. (Practice, Program, Policy levels)
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| * Recruiting Family and Youth members:
	+ Where are we with Sierra
		- Sierra reported that she will be able to participate once school is out (May 6th)
* Concern: How not to overload some that want to participate-yet keep them engaged
	+ - Members agreed that having more than one youth representative would provide more insight and alleviate pressure from one individual
	+ What accommodations are able to be made for them (change meeting schedule-time/day)
		- Dyzz discussed the importance of identifying barriers to engaging youth first
		- Joy highlighted the importance and value, not only to the RGMIT but for the youth/parent’s empowerment. She also reminded the team that sustaining youth voice will be an ongoing process including coaching and training.
	+ How can we all help recruit/identify possible Youth and Family members
		- Billy suggested creating a flyer to distribute to potential representatives providing more information. Dyzz suggested adapting an existing RIAC flyer that provides more information on becoming a representative on local committees. Barb commented that we have the technical resources for coaching and recruiting youth/parents virtually.
	+ Dyzz suggested that the GMIT create a list of the characteristics and qualities of youth/parent reps for a more targeted search. Members made the following suggestions:
		- Transparent
		- Able to think about what benefits others
		- Open-minded
		- Empathetic
* Dee Dee suggested at the community partnership meetings might be a great place to go into more detail about the RGMIT to utilize DCBS staff in attendance to recruit
* There is a $25/hour stipend for participating as a youth/parent rep
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| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| Gather update from Buckhorn FPP provider | Hannah | Feb 2021 |
| Dyzz will send RIAC Flyer to be restructured for RGMIT; Dee Dee/Maxine will then distribute to R-GMIT to review to be ready to discuss at next month’s meeting.  | Dyzz/Dee Dee/Maxine |  |
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| 1. Training Opportunities
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| Training Institute Workshops[**https://theinstitute.umaryland.edu/2021traininginstitutes/schedule/**](https://theinstitute.umaryland.edu/2021traininginstitutes/schedule/)* April Workshops:
	+ Making Change Stick: Implementing Bolder Policies to Enhance the Lives of Young Adults
	+ Using Data for Equity: Creating Capacity for Data-Driven Decision Making
	+ From Evidence to Impact: Implementing Effective Mental Health Services
	+ Accrediting Qualified Residential Treatment Programs Under the Family First Prevention Services Act: Lessons Learned
* May Workshop Opportunities:
	+ The Coach Approach Model: A Workforce Development Strategy that Changes the Conversation
	+ Operationalizing the System of Care Approach in Juvenile Justice: Partnerships with Youth and Families
	+ Strategies for Certifying Parent and Youth Peer Support Providers
	+ Supporting Grandparent – and Kinship-Led Families

SOC Academy June 8-10, 2021* Will be virtual again
* Registration opens in April
* Costs $75 per day or $200 for the 3 days

Determining Frontline DCBS Staff to attend per grant (this is additional staff; DCBS already sends some staff) Families can also have registration fees paid for by the grant as well. KY School – July 21 |
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| Share opportunities with staff and colleagues | All | Monthly |
| DCBS determine frontline workers attending SOC Academy | Billy  |  |

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| 1. Data & Evaluation – Dr. Chithra Adams
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| * HDI team shared Service Intervention Pathway (flowchart)
* Chithra thanked everyone for reporting data.
* March CQI data reported by COB yesterday will be shared next month.
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| 1. Service & Referral Updates (Accomplishments & Barriers)
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| * DCBS Screener – Billy met last month with the pilot teams, considering moving screeners to the ongoing team. Debra created a template to help staff indicate in-home versus out-of-home. A family switched from in-home to out of home care due to circumstance and the referral was therefore not submitted as a SOC referral.
* Successes – Debra shared an experience informing a parent directly about SOC services and was able to explain the benefits associated with the screener and CANS process.
* Barriers – Screener does not seem to flow as well for the in-home population and is lengthy.

Screener Brochure (for parents) Update – Final, printed this week. 7,000 flyers have been created; Maxine will deliver to DCBS offices throughout the region. |
| **Action Items** | **Person Responsible** | **Deadline** |
| Arrange for delivery of brochures to DCBS offices | Maxine |  |
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| 1. Lessons Learned – Survey
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| This is not going to be done so was not discussed. |
| **Action Items** | **Person Responsible** | **Deadline** |
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| 1. Other Agency Updates
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| SOC FIVE:* Partner Funding Request due today – Next due date (July and October 2021)
* Regional GMIT Charter
	+ - Dee Dee is reaching out to Central office staff to help explain and walk our RGMIT through the Charter creation process
* DCBS
	+ Aligned with the System of Care, cohort regions participated in the Secondary Traumatic Breakthrough Trauma Collaborative. Dyzz and Amanda presented to the front-line staff and was very impactful.

Fictive kin placement support takes up to 20 referrals* CRBH
	+ 1 new referral came in from DCBS, CANS completed this week and two current youth have been identified. Peer support center is open and now has wi-fi for families to access.
	+ Working with transition-age youth to help them become independent.
	+ Asked if could spent money to pre-pay laundry services for families.
	+ Looking at ways to incorporate SOC-FIVE into existing processes to keep it going after the grant period.
	+ Looking for ways to spend SOC grant funds directly on families.
* RIAC
* RIAC divided into subcommittees, including a SOC funds subcommittee, and determined numbers of SOC youth within the region and is planning to make packages with activities families can do together-- games, scavenger hunts etc. RIAC has identified internet access as a common need for families; will look at recent email about another possible solution; do not think can use SOC funds.
* Dee Dee noted need to use RIAC funding by June 30.
* ADANTA
	+ Staffing issues continue, searching for intensive in-home staff. Also looking for peer support staff. No direct referrals from DCBS yet.
	+ Going to meet about how to use SOC funds to support peer support and youth voices.
	+ Offered to share survey and results with CRBH, in terms of getting feedback on what families need.
* KPFC
	+ Parent/youth Smart Recovery still ongoing weekly
	+ Doing a lot of presentations on peer support services.
	+ In process of hiring at 2 new peer support centers in Lakes and Salt River regions.
	+ Creating give away boxes for clients including SOC materials, magnets and various items
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**NEXT MEETING**: May 13, 2021 1pm EST