**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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| Barb Greene | Dee Dee Ward | Katie Kirkland |
| Jessica Ware | Maxine Reid | Nellie Arnett |
| Anne Embry  | Kelly Bradshaw | Jessica Humphrey |
| Gayla Lockhart  | J. Robin Gregory  | Chris Elmore |
| Dianne McFarling | Dyzz Cooper | Christy Probus |
| Leslie Bentley | Dawn Crabtree | Amanda Metcalf  |
| Chithra Adams | Meredith Young | Nicole Buehler |
| Danielle Zogg  | Crystal Iler | Vikki Embry  |
| Maxamillion Burney | Amy Hutchinson | Katie Hopper  |

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| 1. **Family & Youth Involvement**
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| Dyzz Cooper reported that there are no new candidates to serve as representatives for the R-GMIT. The group discussed barriers to recruit youth/family representatives. Barb suggested that having past lived experience can also be a barrier as many people prefer to put such experiences behind them and that youth and families who are currently touching the welfare system would contribute a valuable, unique perspective. New members of the R-GMIT include peer support specialists who offer their own lived experience and insights to the team. Youth members from RIAC are in school and have limited availability. Although the R-GMIT has good representation, the team will continue searching.  |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| Dawn (DCBS) will check with frontline staff to see if they can identify a youth/family in the region who would benefit directly from SOC services who might also be able to serve on the R-GMIT. | Dawn  | ongoing |
| Nellie will also search for family/youth representation through her programming.  | Nellie | ongoing |

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| 1. Training Opportunities
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| SOC Academy* June 8-10, $75 per day or $200 for full 3 days.
* Grant Funded Attendees (youth and family reps will be funded as well as DCBS frontline workers)
* RIAC members will also have opportunities to attend

KY School – July 2021 (More information will be coming) Training Institute Workshops[**https://theinstitute.umaryland.edu/2021traininginstitutes/schedule/**](https://theinstitute.umaryland.edu/2021traininginstitutes/schedule/)* May 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
* Behavior Institute (conference coming up, more information will be shared)
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| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| DCBS determine frontline workers attending SOC Academy | Dawn |  |
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| 1. Data & Evaluation - Chithra
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| * In April, 21 screeners completed, 7 referred to CANS assessment, 2 refused/denial (Chris reported: one child had extensive health issues and went to medical daycare facility, and another one simply refused.)
* How is screening going? Any challenges?
	+ Chris is still teaching staff and walking them through the process of entering screeners, no issues reported during this month. Warren County has been working hard to learn the screener and SOC processes.
* Two Rivers Regional behavioral health provider data was shared with the group and providers were encouraged to share any lessons learned/insights.
	+ Nellie shared that HDI NOMS training was helpful to clarify the process for staff.
* DCBS expanding counties?
	+ Counties are being suggested to next level staff, awaiting approval to expand.
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| 1. Service & Referral Updates (Accomplishments & Barriers)
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| * Barriers – Leslie shared that a DCBS staff was not aware High-Fidelity Wraparound services are a component of SOC services. Also, a formal referral was made through a direct email and did not follow the process outlined for River Valley SOC referrals. Danielle of DCBS explained there was confusion and that the family’s case was still under investigation. Leslie discussed workflow: Gerrimy Keiffer, is the River Valley Gatekeeper and is responsible for the data entry and should receive all SOC referrals. One provider at River Valley is ready to take cases; one more will be hired within the month. A meeting with grant staff and DCBS staff might clarify services and processes for River Valley.
* More meetings with frontline DCBS staff, Behavioral Providers and grant staff will be scheduled to familiarize frontline DCBS staff with services and providers.
* River Valley was encouraged to prepare a handout on their services that can be distributed to DCBS frontline staff. (One prepared by Anne Embry is an example.)
* Color copy SOC brochures are ready to disseminate to local DCBS offices, Kelly will travel to sites in the upcoming weeks to deliver the brochures.
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| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| Arrange for delivery of brochures to offices | Kelly |  |
| Arrange meetings to present SOC services to DCBS frontline staff – at supervisor meetings and meetings of frontline staff. Also include reps from BHPs. | Kelly |  |
| River Valley will review its referral forms and send to Kelly to forward via email. | Leslie Bentley/Kelly Bradshaw |  |

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| 1. **Family Preservation Program and Diversion Services Presentation (FPP)**
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| * Follows intensive in-home evidence-based services model, Solution based casework (strength based). Meets in the home or community settings and meets with the family 3 times a week (4-6 weeks), intensive services (at least one child of the family is considered a potential removal.
* Low to moderate risk families: reunification/preservation. Seen twice a week for 12- 16 weeks of service.
* Team includes Behavioral Health Specialist who can complete CANS assessment. For longer term services, they refer to River Valley, Sunrise or other BHP. (Many in FPP are already utilizing providers and are encouraged to continue with current providers. FPP aligns with SOC goals to serve as many families as possible in the population of focus (in-home)).
* In 2019-2020, served 182 families in a year, 3-months follow up, 97% success rate and at 6-month, 96% success rate (youth remained in the home.) Serves Green River Region, many counties in the area.
* Family Preservation will invite Kelly to present on the grant to the team of specialists.
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| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| Kelly Bradshaw will meet with FPP staff to talk about SOC-FIVE grant (per request of Vikki Embry). | Kelly Bradshaw |  |

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| 1. SOC R-GMIT Charter
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| Draft R-GMIT SOC charter was shared with the team for review; will vote at next month’s R-GMIT meeting (June 7th). Membership stakeholder list to include: Transition Age Youth Representative and Family Representative. The team has a shared understanding that youth and families can be at any point in their process with DCBS services/intervention. Members suggested including Family Resource, or schools; the team wants R-GMIT membership to remain focused to those who will best support the implementation of the grant but will include child serving agencies on the list serve and may invite staff from various agencies periodically.  |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| R-GMIT members will review the charter before the next meeting; will vote at next meeting. | R-GMIT members | June 7th |
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| 1. Other Agency Updates
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| * SOC FIVE
	+ Partner Funding Request Form- 26 applications received! This funding opportunity will be available in July and October 2021 as well. Please share with others! Those who have been selected will be shared with the R-GMIT.
* KPFC
	+ Peer support centers will be putting together baskets for each DCBS office in the implementation region as well as regional Behavioral Health Providers to discuss partnership.
	+ Dyzz and Amanda presented to DCBS based on their own lived experience (over 2,000 DCBS staff) and received a lot of great feedback on barriers DCBS staff experiences when connecting to families
* RVBH – no update
* Lifeskills- no update
* Bellewood- no update
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**NEXT MEETING**: Monday, June 7th, 9:00am Central Time