**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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| Dee Dee Ward | Bobbi Jones  | Michelle Sawyers  |
| Maxine Reid  | Mary Hajner | Billie Fore  |
| Katie Kirkland  | Denise Marlett  | Jessica Ware |
| Shellie Mills  | Debra Collins  | Amanda Miller  |
| Kelvin Bailey  | Stephanie Mullins  | Monica Hoskins |
| Greta Baker  | Barb Greene  | Joy Varney  |
| Bridgett Rogers  | Mary Hajner |  |
| Jill Edwards | Tina Marrow |  |

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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:
* Maxine will be sending out the flyer by email and offered to make copies for any of the members.
	+ - * Barb offered to share more information on how to identify and engage families and prepare them for leadership/advocacy roles such as a youth or family representative.
* Joy reiterated that the more information on the commitment that the RGMIT requires of a representative, the better (dates times, stipend, etc.)
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| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| Maxine will send out the Family and Youth Recruitment Flyer to the RGMIT | Maxine | August 31st  |
| Barb will bring more information on identifying potential families for RGMIT representation | Barb | Sept. 9 |

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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/)Maxine forwarded an email from Lizzie Minton on CANS training and put links to sign up in the Agenda and offered refresher training for the RGMIT. |
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| 1. Data & Evaluation – Katie Kirkland
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| June’s CQI Metrics:**DCBS Data** * Policy Changes - 0
* Outreach – 95 (total number of people involved with workers discussing screeners with families and children)
* Screeners completed – 16
* Referrals made for CANS – 16
	+ - * Number refused Screeners – 25 16 denied Screeners; 9 denied CANS.
			* DCBS staff explained that the number of Screener refusals/denials should decline.
			* DCBS Staff reported that they have had meetings discussing at length barriers, including worker buy in to better strengthen implementation.
			* The most common denials are for infants and those already receiving services

**BHP Provider Data for July*** Number of Policy Changes = 0
* Number of Outreach Efforts = 5 Adanta, 30 CRV.
* Number of initial CANS completed – 0 Adanta, 1 CRV
* Number of children/youth referred to services/treatment based on CANS – 0 Adanta,1 CRV
* Number of children/youth receiving services or treatment after referral – 6 Adanta, 1 CRV
* Number of baseline NOMs completed – 1 from CRV
	+ Kelvin mentioned there were several cases where clinicians had not been able to get in touch with clients. Dee Dee noted that they’ve been hearing that about it being hard to reach families.

Joy and Barb reiterated the benefit of adding peer supports early on in case management to help families Bridgett Rogers noted they’ve seen pick up – should see an increase in numbers but also noted they have had some difficulty making contact. |
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| 1. Monthly Service Delivery Update
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| **DCBS:** * **Which new counties are you implementing this month?**

Bell, Adair, Green, McCreary & Russell (August 1)* **How many counties are currently completing screeners?**

13: Laurel, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Whitley, Knox, Clay, Casey, Taylor, Bell, Adair, Green, McCreary & Russell * **How are frontline staff responding?**

Getting acclimated to the new workload, not receiving any negative feedback at this point. **Anything we can do to help?** Nothing else at this point. **BPH (CRBH):*** **How is staffing for SOC FIVE services?**

No turnover, Bridgett is back from maternity leave.* **Any policy changes?**

No policy changes reported this month.* **Outreach:**

Attending community partner meetings to discuss SOC FIVE services, which has been very successful. Also meeting with clinicians to identify SOC children.**BPH(Adanta):*** **How is staffing for SOC FIVE services?**

Recently lost a CANS assessor, remains a monthly issue. * **Any policy changes?**

No policy changes reported this month.* **Outreach:**

Attending community partner meetings to discuss SOC FIVE services**CQI Tip Sheet & Implementation Checklist**Katie shared the Updated CQI Tip Sheet for the team to reviewAdded clarification on the language Denials for screeners and denials for CANS are now separate.For DCBS metrics, added ‘Number of children/youth who did not screen in for the CANS assessment.’ For BHP metrics, added one new metric: 4. “The number who were not referred to services or treatment based on the CANS.’ Please reach out to Katie if you have any questions on these changes. Jessica shared the Draft Implementation Checklist and asked members to take time to review the document and reflect on the implementation process for Cohort 1 and provide feedback on the checklist. Please provide feedback to Maxine or Jessica by Aug 31st.  |
| **Action Items** | **Person Responsible** | **Deadline** |
| RGMIT will review the updated CQI metrics as well as the Implementation Checklist and will send any feedback or questions to the Evaluation Team  | RGMIT | August 31st  |
| 1. Other Agency Updates
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| v SOC FIVECohort 2 Kickoff just ended and went well.Next round of partner funding is in October. v DCBSØ Billy shared that K-STEP is expanding to new counties* + For children under the age of 10 and currently under investigation
	+ intensive services 3-4 times a week.
	+ Aimed at preventing removal of children from the home. Current pilot occurring now in SRT and Northeastern; it will cover all counties in the Cumberland region (serving 288 families)
	+ Should be fully implemented by January 2022.
* CRBH
	+ Biggest effort is getting clinicians to all schools this week. All are trained to complete the CANS (they have train-the-trainers to keep staff trained). Have had some classes quarantined. Still doing home visits and seeing people face to face.
* ADANTA
	+ Staff are in the schools and committed to the district. One school delayed opening due to mask mandates. Added a few key positions, including Jill Edwards (LRC) and a case manager supervisor for the agency. Very exciting changes; hoping to have CANS assessors in each county of the region in the next few weeks.
* KPFC
	+ Hired new staff, preparing to deliver baskets to local DCBS offices.
	+ Continuing work on the LEAD committee which supports making the system of care truly family driven. If interested to join and formulate strategies, contact Carol Cecil.
	+ Have gone back to face to face, however there is concern how long that will remain. Peer support can use Zoom because do not bill so do not have to comply with Medicaid restrictions.
* RIAC

Family fun night kids are ready to go and working on natural disaster kits and participating in back-to-school events * AOC

Excited to participate in RGMIT meetings, AOC is focused on becoming trauma responsive, implementing motivational interview and other practices.  |
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**NEXT MEETING**: September 9, 2021 1pm EST