# Attendees

**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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|  | Ayana Coates-Hendricks |  | Chris Cordell |  | Leslie Hughes |  | James Sherry |
|  | Dee Dee Ward |  | Dakota Simmons |  | Beth Jordan |  | Christa Bell |
|  | Joy Varney |  | Jeremy Pope |  | Barb Greene |  | Meghan Ackerman |
|  | Kate Overberg Wagoner |  | Michelle Niehaus |  | Kelli Root |  | Amy Jeffers |
|  | Kelly Bradshaw |  | Katie Kirkland |  | Jennifer Warren |  | Erix Delgado |
|  | Kelly Dorman |  | Jenny Thornhill |  | Sherri Staley |  | Mary Carpenter |
|  | Lizzie Minton |  | Clarissa Allen |  | Dyzz Cooper |  | Hannah Hyatt |
|  | Maxine Reid |  | Chelsa Hamilton |  | Carol Cecil |  | Katy Mullins |
|  | Micah Blevins |  | Traci DeSimone |  | Carmilla Ratliff |  | Veronica Sears |
|  | Tammi Taylor |  | Randa Bush |  | Vestena Robbins |  | Melinda Vise |
|  | Josh (?) |  | Vanessa Brown |  |  |  |  |

= Present  = Absent

# Housekeeping

March notes were sent out prior to the meeting.

SOC Topics for future meetings from Poll in March

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| **1.What values or principles of Kentucky's System of Care would you like to know more about?** | Accountability and quality improvement tracking (8) | Incorporate mental health promotion, prevention, early identification, intervention, and recovery services and supports (7) |
| **2.SOC FIVE Goal 1 (Infrastructure): What do you want to know more about? What new ideas do you have?** | Secondary Traumatic Stress Breakthrough Series Collaboratives (STS BSC) (8) | RIAC Action Items (6) |
| **3.SOC FIVE Goal 2 (Services): What do you want to know more about? What new ideas do you have?** | SAFESPACE Expansion (9) | Changed the definition of ‘DCBS Involvement’ within the CMHC client data set (8) |
| **4.SOC FIVE Goal 3 (Family/Youth Voice/Choice): What do you want to know more about? What new ideas do you have?** | DCBS Parent Advisory Councils (12) | Holding Hope (7) |

## Action Items

Task Description Person Responsible Deadline

N/A

# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

**Presentations from 2 Partner Funding Awardees:**

**Holly Hill – (Meghan Ackerman & Vanessa Brown)**

* The awarded grant is for residential youth, who have exhausted base services, so they come the program where they receive therapy, case management, life skills, and go to public school in a least restrictive environment.
* The grant was used for Health Rhythms Drumming, which functions to builds camaraderie, relieves stress, exercise, etc. It is an expressive therapy – nonverbal program and is group-based but helps to find self-expression.
* Funds were used to pay for the equipment, two staff members to become trainers, and purchase safe storage equipment
* As of now, 16 drumming groups have been completed, and youth participated in at least 6 drumming circles. Each circle is about 1 hour length and is led by a trained staff member.
* From a conducted pre and post survey to the youth, a positive outcome was shown; from pre 59.6/100 to post 80/100 on a Likert scale.
* They hope to continue the program and invest in training for staff and to increase family engagement as COVID protocols decrease. They would eventually like to purchase a second set of drums for the out-patient programs as the set is large and difficult to transport.
* Beth Jordan stated she would like to incorporate this program into the SOC Academy, and Carol Cecil would like them to attend the annual Youth/Parent conference for a presentation. Both will reach out to Meghan.

**Chelsa Hamilton – Galaxy Project (Carter County)**

* This is a 501c nonprofit youth driven project. It is volunteer driven but they are hoping to secure funding for a paid staff position.
* Their mission is to empower youth through leadership engagement; give youth resources to become successful. It focuses on creating a community that can help each other and the youth to succeed as leaders.
* Overall health and wellness are a priority for the project. They provide family events- free arcade night, movie nights, etc. They have also provided food for the families, provided 50 holiday dinners (25 each for Christmas and Thanksgiving), and over 900 drawstrings bags (filled with snacks and hygiene items).
* As of now, they are moving toward a youth center, the building was secured but will require renovations. It will provide a commercial kitchen, tutor space, soup kitchen, computer lab, meeting spaces; resources that families have stated they need to help their child grow.
* Beth Jordan suggested Chelsa reach out to Pathways as they have experience with drop-in centers for transition-age youth. Amy Jeffers will connect Chelsa with the TAYLRD project. Email addresses shared in chat: Kate Tilton, TAYLRD project director, at [ktilton@kypartnership.org](mailto:ktilton@kypartnership.org), Janice Johnston is the DBH staff who works on that: [Janice.johnston@ky.gov](mailto:Janice.johnston@ky.gov), [amy.jeffers@pathways-ky.org](mailto:amy.jeffers@pathways-ky.org), Chelsa Hamilton: [director@thegalaxyproject.org](mailto:director@thegalaxyproject.org)

**Agency/State/Local Activities for CAP Month**

* There were no new activities known my members to share. Dee Dee previously shared a few activities across the state. Carol Cecil will share registration information for the Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day (May 5th)

**Presentation: Positive Childhood Experiences – Amy Jeffers of Pathways**

* PCEs Positive Childhood Experiences
* ACE (adverse childhood experiences) have a huge impact on growing youth and leads to other negative impacts further in their lives.
* PCE Study 2019, which showed that PCEs can mediate ACE. However, research is new in this field.
* Call to action: we must be deliberate about providing PCEs
* Every moment matters and anyone can make a difference in a child’s life.
* Key points: Reframe dialogue, prioritize~~s~~ positivity and possibility, and good mental health is not just the absence of adversity.
* Suggested to share with RIAC/LIAC, CDWs, and resource centers. Link in chat: <https://www.pacesconnection.com/>
* Carol Cecil noted PCEs help balance the negative focus on ACEs, and Meghan Ackerman mentioned that Cincinnati Children’s has done a lot of research with trauma-informed classrooms with similar practices.

## Action Items

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Share PPT slides of presentations w/ members Dee Dee 4/28/22

# SOC FIVE Population of Focus – Possible missing population

**Post Adoptive Placement Preservation Services – Veronica Sears (DCBS)/Kelly Dorman/Josh Swetnam (Boys & Girls Haven)**

* There has been a possible missing population identified that SOC must consider. It is families that have an adoptive case that have disruption crisis but do not have an open in-home DCBS case, which places them out of SOC FIVE.
* **PAPSS**- post adoptive placement stabilization services- is an optional and supportive service offered to adoptive parents on a voluntary basis. Child must be adopted from DCBS. They may request services if the placement is close to disruption. Kelly Dorman and Josh have both been contacted about serving families in this situation.

However, certain factors must be met:

* + Exhausted all in-home services and therapies
  + Must have levels from CRP and at level 4 and 5
  + Parents must be involved.
* Once PAPSS is approved, referrals are submitted to private child caring facilities through CRP. After the youth is placed, family team meetings are held every 30 days. After 90 days, if the child requires continued treatment voluntary commitment to the cabinet is pursued.

\*PAPSS cannot extend beyond 90 days per 12-month period.

* Number of PAPSS cases have increased in 2021.
* The issue is that this only comes to DCBS attention when the family is at a point of crisis. The goal is to get to the child before the child and family is in crisis.
* The members agreed to add this population to the population of focus. Dee Dee will contact non-present members as well.
* Moving forward it is important to get the word out and to include screeners in the process. Screeners cannot be submitted in TWIST without DCBS referral, so they would have to be completed outside that system.

## Action Items

Task Description Person Responsible Deadline

Email GMIT members for a vote to

accept or reject this population of focus. Dee Dee 4/15/22

# Agency Updates

HDI

* Interactive Website: Map for SOC website as a useful tool to quickly identify services for the staff in each county and region. The site has been shared with the regional implementation specialists to share with providers. Where not SOC services are available, the map has a reference to the CMHC in the area.

KPFC

* June 17th - Annual youth parent conference
* June 7th - open house for their new building
* Have worked on sensory modulation kits for Building Bridges Initiative (lap blankets that are weighted, and other things included) for the youth and their families to use at home
* Dyzz – working on a project to implement strategies from The Black Foster Youth Handbook that target residential treatment, waiting on feedback from Angela Vance, updates in the future.

SOC FIVE

* First Round of 2022 Partner Funding Opportunities due April 8th

## Action Items

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N/A

**Next Meeting:** May 13th, 2022,via Zoom: [May S-GMIT Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82154195143?pwd=anYrVjlJRXQ4ejgxaDRYeDFCQ0IrUT09)