# 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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|  | Amanda Metcalf |  | Jennifer Warren |  | Leslie Hughes Burgess |  | Tracy DeSimone |
|  | Ayana Coates-Hendricks |  | Jenny Thornhill |  | Lizzie Minton |  | Tevis Duncan |
|  | Barb Greene |  | Josh Swetnam |  | Mary Carpenter |  | Vestena Robbins |
|  | Beth Jordan |  | Joy Varney |  | Maxine Reid |  | Leslie Bentley |
|  | Carmilla Ratliff |  | Kate Overberg Wagoner |  | Melinda Vise |  | Max Mical |
|  | Carol Cecil |  | Katie Kirkland |  | Micah Blevins |  | Jon-Michael Watkins |
|  | Chris Cordell |  | Kenneth Fletcher |  | Michelle Niehaus |  | Tevis Duncan |
|  | Clarissa Allen |  | Katy Mullins |  | Michelle Sawyers |  | Jessica Ware |
|  | Dakota Simmons |  | Kelli Root |  | Randa Bush |  | David Lohr |
|  | Dee Dee Ward |  | Kelly Bradshaw |  | Sherri Staley |  | Jeremy Pope |
|  | Dyzz Cooper |  | Kelly Dorman |  | Tammi Taylor |  | Mary Kay Lamb |

= Present  = Absent

# Welcome and Introductions

New members joined today including a parent representative, Tevis Duncan. SGMIT Members welcomed new members.

# HDI KPFC SOC FIVE Evaluation- Jessica Ware, Jon-Michael Watkins & Max Mical

HDI presented recent data from the KPFC Peer Support Center Evaluation. HDI staff presented data from the FES and YES[[1]](#footnote-2) (through March 31) and data on SOC FIVE customers (through July 5). They also explained recent changes to the KPFC Referral Form and a Change Log for PSS to record changes to SOC FIVE status. New implementation helped organize data, etc. Some data highlights:

* 41% of Referrals are for SOC FIVE customers
* Cumberland has most SOC FIVE referrals by region
* Demographics: Mostly female, white
* Referral Type: Most from DCBS, followed by BHPs

**Referrals vs. Sessions Data**

* All data Max presented on was from Referral Form
* Referral data is representative of a singular customer – unique KPFC ID
* Sessions data has higher sample size
* SOC FIVE Customers – Services – Peer Support is highest (1027); 2nd highest is Resource Needs, then Nurturing Parenting. Each session usually contains 2 services per session.
* SOC FIVE Reason for Discharge - ~ 1/3 from Completed/Graduation. The highest incidence of discharge was due to an inability to contact.
* KPFC Customer Goals visually represented: ‘home’ is most common used word in documented goals

**Barb Greene, KPFC Associate Director**

**Data Empowered:** KPFC and I were not data savvy – this has been a very empowering experience to learn to collect meaningful data and will benefit youth and families served in KY.

**Challenges**

* **Contacting Families**: inability to contact b/c things w/ families change very rapidly.
* **Identifying and updating SOC Status:** Within 2 weeks of the case starting, things can change quickly and a lot of maneuvering between IH and OOH.
* **Customer hesitancy:** We all know when you’re referred by DCBS, there is some fear among families—we believe that’s part of the hesitancy we’ve seen w/ families.

**Virtual Peer Support:** Not billing Medicaid for services allows KPFC to deliver services virtually to families. The ability to contact people virtually has been vital to providing PSS statewide.

**FES/YES Comments**

* Challenge w/ FES and YES data collection is the change of customer status. We might not be able to track b/c they complete services or their situation changes.
* PS Specialists review the FES/YES data in regular meetings to talk through data and compare what the specialist are experiencing in the field.
* Some FES/YES Scores may drop when customers begin to feel more comfortable and speak more honestly with their specialist.

**Cumberland Region**

Why does Cumberland have the greatest number of referrals?

* Cumberland has a long history of implementing peer support (approx. 20 yrs.)
* Existing relationships w/ frontline workers
* Cumberland DCBS staff have made a difference. Billy Fore has inquired about who is and who isn’t referring within Cumberland Region and worked to promote services regionally
* The Cope House is in the Cumberland Region (Becoming a family and youth drop-in center)

**Current Demand**

* Trying to assist families more; getting more referrals from Fayette County, fortunately KPFC can do virtual peer support
* Forced 3 weeks ago to put someone on a waiting list – 1st time KPFC has had to do that. We were able to move them off b/c PS became available.

**Peer Support Specialist Turnover**  
Losing a youth peer support specialist this month from one region and gaining a new one in another region.

**Community Partnership Meetings**

Maxine, Cumberland Regional Implementation Specialist noted the benefits of the community partnership meetings in the region and peers support staff attendance might have increased referrals. The two highest referral regions (Cumberland and Salt River Trail) have regular community partner meetings.

**The Role of the Implementation Specialist**

Implementation Specialists have played an important role in promoting peer support and inviting peer support specialists to discussions at the regional meetings.

## Action Items

Task Description Person Responsible Deadline

N/A N/A N/A

# SOC FIVE Family and Youth Involvement Update- Joy Varney & Dyzz Cooper

Joy Varney announced she will be accepting a new role with Aetna SKY July 15th. Joy reviewed a document on the benefits & challenges of family and youth engagement. Dyzz shared youth engagement strategies and events conducted over the last year.

**Challenges of Family Engagement**

(Link to document reviewed: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/f_fam_engagement.pdf>)

**Youth Engagement Activities (2021-2022), Dyzz Cooper**

**Fostering Success**

*Open to all, no limit on registration* [Meeting Registration - Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqcuqtpzIoG9MeV9ebVIrYX-eFk-p7OzrX)July 19th 1:30-3:30 (EST)

A two-hour virtual presentation that chronologically shares the experiences of the author, Ángela Quijada-Banks (a professional certified holistic health coach with lived experience) and her revolutionary model, The R.E.A.L success model.

**Youth Advocate Leadership Academy (YALA)**

Gives youth the skills needed to make change in their communities and the systems that serve them

**Youth Recruitment Flyer for RGMIT**

Successfully filled youth rep positions, except SGMIT alternate.

**KY Youth Move (KYM) brochure**

Functions similarly to a youth council. Members are very active and help plan trainings and do a lot of outreach.

**Holding Hope**

Presentation about lived experience will be offered at this year’s SOC Academy in September

**Spring Joint Meeting**

Brings together different youth leaders from across KY to learn, network, skill build & support one another

**Community Needs & Outreach Survey**

Survey tool will be piloted with four SOC FIVE RIACS. The tool will be administered to those participating in RIAC outreach or receiving RIAC resources to

* Get connected to the RIAC and supports for those interested in advocacy
* Be able to provide feedback on which systems/system issues (education, childcare, access to services) are most important and how satisfied they are with community response to each.
* Results can inform/help drive RIAC work
* Parent/Youth reps will help implement the tool at events and locations
* A proposal had been submitted to acquire tablets to facilitate RIAC youth and parent rep involvement and support the implementation of this tool.

Joy showed the final revised survey. The tool will be premiered next week at a Family Fun Day (Bluegrass West RIAC event in Frankfort)

**Parent and Youth Reps – monthly conversations**

* Networking, skill building, belonging
* To know there’s a group statewide w/ understanding and belonging
* Meetings been going on since September 2020
* Strategic Storytelling – a way of sharing information, lived examples or telling your stories in a way that is meaningful, effective, and safe.

**Project SCOPE (Project Supporting Children of the Opioid Epidemic)**

Nationwide initiative to train interdisciplinary teams in high priority states on evidenced based practices in screening & monitoring. Amanda Metcalf has been part of this group since it started.

**Birth Parent Advisory Council**

M Carpenter is part of Thriving Families initiative. Looking for more parents to build up council.

**Comments on contacting families**

Micah B., River Valley Behavioral Health, identified a common barrier [for CMHCs & Peer Support] to get family’s contact info

Barb: KPFC system immediately generates an automatic message to the referral source that we’ll be in contact w/ family. We also follow up with the referral source. So, a lot of times, if we can’t contact family, we reach out to referral source to see if there’s another way to contact. Barb offered to meet further to discuss.

* Will be discussed further in next week’s Two Rivers RGMIT.
* Other CMHC in the region sends a letter saying to expect notification and include their contact info.

## Action Items

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N/A

# Agency Updates (No Agency Updates Reported)

Dee Dee promoted the SIAC Standing Committees, particularly the Service Array Standing Committee and invited member to join Kelly Dorman and Vestena Robbins and provide any updates to SGMIT

* Policy Recommendation due to SIAC next month; please be thinking of ideas and reach out if you have an idea for a recommendation. Considering PAPSS (Post Adoptive Placement Stabilization Services)

**Next Meeting:** August 12th, 2022,via Zoom: [State GMIT Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82154195143?pwd=anYrVjlJRXQ4ejgxaDRYeDFCQ0IrUT09)

**Notes:** [Kentucky System of Care V – Improving Outcomes for Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Mental Health Challenges and their Families (hdiuky.net)](https://socv.hdiuky.net/)

1. Family Empowerment Scale & Youth Empowerment Scale [↑](#footnote-ref-2)