# 1. Welcome and 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 and for whom DCBS does not have custody. The population of focus also includes children and youth who have a planned reunification date within 60 days, as well as post adoptive families who are seeking behavioral health services for youth they have adopted.

**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 Gehring | ☒ | Lynette Ponder |  |  |  |  |
| ☒ | Amanda Metcalf | ☐ | Jenny Thornhill | ☐ | Mary Carpenter | ☒ | Jess Clouser |
| ☒ | Barb Greene | ☒ | Jessica Ware | ☐ | Michelle Niehaus | ☐ | Felicity Krueger |
| ☒ | Beth Jordan | ☐ | Josh Swetnam | ☐ | Melinda Vise | ☐ | Natasha Ulrich |
| ☒ | Brittany Roberts | ☐ | John Broadus | ☐ | Maxine Reid | ☐ | Ashley Peercy |
| ☒ | Carmilla Salyers | ☐ | Kenneth Fletcher | ☐ | Micah Blevins | ☒ | Ayanna Coates-Hendricks |
| ☒ | Carol Cecil | ☒ | Katie Kirkland | ☐ | Michelle Sawyers | ☐ | Jamie Tipton |
| ☒ | Chris Cordell | ☒ | Katy Mullins | ☒ | Randa Bush | ☐ | Mallory Bateman |
| ☐ | Dakota Simmons | ☐ | Kelli Root | ☒ | Sherri Staley | ☐ | Amanda Body |
| ☐ | David Lohr | ☒ | Kelly Bradshaw | ☒ | Tammi Taylor | ☐ | Danielle Khoury |
| ☒ | Dee Dee Ward | ☐ | Kelly Dorman | ☒ | Tracy DeSimone | ☐ | Ruthie Sizemore |
| ☒ | Dyzz Cooper | ☐ | Leslie Hughes Burgess | ☒ | Tevis Duncan | ☐ | Shellie Mills |
| ☒ | Jennifer Warren | ☒ | Lizzie Minton | ☒ | Vestena Robbins | ☐ | Ciara Jackson |

☒ = Present ☐ = Absent

# SOC FIVE Successes, KPFC Family and Peer Support

**Family and Youth Leadership: Dyzz Cooper and Amanda Metcalf**

Dyzz C., KPFC shared about his involvement with child welfare and his motivation to help youth, while Amanda Metcalf shared her experiences with DCBS and long-term recovery that inspired her to help other families. KPFC is a child welfare organization that focuses on promoting and sustaining the voice of children, youth, and their families with child welfare involvement at all levels of the system of care. The organization's goal three objectives include holding hope for families and youth, providing networking, training, and leadership opportunities, and supporting peer support centers through six peer support geographies.

**KPFC Peer Support: Brittany Roberts, and Barb Greene**

SOC FIVE supports the peer support centers by spreading the word about peer support services, reducing the need for high-cost services, increasing engagement of families in outpatient treatment, and empowering people to create and work toward their own goals. The organization has built a diverse referral base and shared statewide data on referrals, demographics, services accessed and specific comments from satisfied customers summarized below.

* + - 7,668 services provided since February 2022 with just 7-12 people providing them.
    - 17% Nurturing Parenting, 82% general peer support, 14% specified resource needs, 8% attended SMART Recovery, 5% attended support groups, 76% were individual services.
    - 81% of services were provided remotely.

\*Note: the % listed above are sessions. One session has been counted in multiple of these categories.

**\*General peer support vs. individual services**: peer support is talking directly to your peer support specialist. Individual means that you perform the service 1:1 versus one facilitator with multiple participants. General peer support can be for whatever reason. It can be done in an individual or a group setting. A non-customer does not have an ID number as they were not formally referred to KPFC.

KPFC developed multiple partnerships, including a contract with a CMHC and UK HDI for peer support evaluation. KPFC now has voting members in six Regional Interagency Councils. They also collaborated with each SOC FIVE Regional Grant Management Team and are state-level stakeholders and a part of SOC FIVE staff. Partnerships with local DCBS offices and frontline staff were also strengthened through the grant.

## Sustainability: How can we keep what we have and build on it?

## Keeping families and youth at the center of the system of care is important. Below are some considerations for the team:

* Peer support Centers
* RIAC parent and youth rep support
* Regional and local partnerships
* Stakeholder and overcoming resistant partner buy-in

## Action Items

Task Description Person Responsible Deadline

Please share the information SGMIT ongoing

# SOC FIVE Successes (Continued), “Top Ten” Tena Robbins and Carol Cecil

An intensive study of the strategies used by awardees to expand the System of Care approach to create a strategic framework for System of Care across the country identified five areas. Carol and Tena used that framework to inform this Top Ten activities.

1. Implementing policy regulatory and partnership changes
2. Services and supports.
3. Creating or improving financing strategies
4. Training TA and workforce development
5. Generating support among key decision makers, stakeholders, etc.

Some of the top Ten successes of SOC FIVE include implementing policy regulatory and partnership changes, creating, or improving financing strategies, training TA and workforce development, and generating support among key decision makers and stakeholders. The SIAC recommendation regarding custody relinquishment has been submitted, and universal mental health screening is now available for any youth with open cases with DCBS. KPFC Peer Support Centers are working around the state under a lived experience agency, and equitable service delivery has been achieved through Racial Equity Change Teams and the use of local and federal funds. The organization has also leveraged local dollars, having almost 8 million dollars in match in the first three years. They have also maximized federal dollars, tapping into grants such as SOC FIVE, FFPSA, Medicaid, Block grant (mental health and substance use), Statewide Family Network grant, and Project SAFESPACE to support their work.

**10. SIAC recommendation regarding custody relinquishment**

* reduce the unnecessary relinquishment of parental custody for parents to receive behavioral health services.

**9. Universal screening is live!**

* Any youth with open case with DCBS is screened as of 8/1/23.

**8. KPFC Peer Support Centers working around the state, under a lived experience agency**

**7. Equitable Service Delivery**

* Cabinets created Racial Equity Change Teams: Grant created one that is cross agency that operationalized an equity action plan.

**6. Leveraging local dollars**

* in first 3 years, had almost 8 million dollars in match

**5. Maximizing Federal dollars**

* SOC FIVE, FFPSA, Medicaid, Block grant (mental health and substance use), Statewide Family Network grant, Project SAFESPACE were all tapped during this grant to support this work.

**4. Lived Experience to Lived Expert: the journey.**

* Further developed the pathway for families with lived experience to gain knowledge, skills, and confidence to help others.

**3. SOC FIVE Supported Evidence Based Practices**

* Built, expanded competencies of providers in multiple evidence-based practices (e.g., racial trauma treatment, targeted high needs services, managing, and adapting practice, attachment behavioral catch up, nurturing parenting program, SMART recovery)
* If you are interested in more of Dr. Kniffley's work: <https://drstevenkniffleyjr.com/racial-trauma-therapy-training/>

**2.LEAD KY (Lived Experience Authentically Driven) in Kentucky**

**1. Using Data to Inform Policy and Practice**

* Creating policy-to-practice feedback loops to have practice informed policy and policy enabled practices.

## Action Items

Task Description Person Responsible Deadline

Please share the info with others SGMIT ongoing

## Agency Updates

## **KPFC**

## We will be having virtual Kentucky Family Leadership Academy October 9 - 11 and then certification training October 23 - 27.  You can go to kypartnership.org to register: [Home | KPFC (kypartnership.org)](https://kypartnership.org/) If you need a scholarship, then please fill out the form located on the website.

## Next month at the in-person SGMIT, we are going to talk about **sustainability.**

## Action Items

Task Description Person Responsible Deadline

**Next Meeting: September 8, 2023**, **IN PERSON at KPFC Offices located at 600 Teton Trail, Frankfort, KY**

**Reminder:** You can find notes for all GMIT meetings as well as the CQI Dashboards and Interactive Map on the SOC FIVE Website**:** [**https://socv.hdiuky.net/**](https://socv.hdiuky.net/)

Family & Youth Reps complete for meeting time reimbursement: [**https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Attend\_Meeting**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Attend_Meeting)