

TCB April Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2024

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Zoom Option Available

Attendance

Ashley Hampton
Alice Forrester
Betty Ann McDonald
Catherine Foley - Geib
Ceci Maher
Christina Ghio

Gerald O'Sullivan
Howard Sovronsky
Javeed Sukhera
Jeanne Milstein
Jodi Hill Lily
Jodi Bishop Pullan

Christina McCarthy
Vahey
Claudio Gualtieri
Edith Boyle
Erika Sharillo

Kimberly Karanda
Lorna Thomas Farqurson
Mariam Miller
Melvette Hill

Michael Moravecek
Michael Patota
Michael Powers
Mickey Kramer
Shari Shapiro
Sinthia Sone
Mayano
Tammy Freeburg
Yann Poncin
Yvonne Pallotto

TYJI Staff

Emily Bombach
Jacqueline Marks
Stacey Olea

Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was opened with welcoming all attendees.

Acceptance of TCB Meeting Minutes:

A motion to accept the March meeting minutes was put forward. The motion was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Overview of the Meeting:

The April monthly meeting was opened with Legislative updates from the TCB Tri Chairs. The Community Voice Workgroup (CVW) introduced themselves and provided an overview of their workgroup workplan to the committee. Health Equity Solution (HES) then introduced themselves, their mission and vision, and their scope of work with the CVW workgroup and TCB committee. TYJI also provided an overview of the changes made to the 2025-2028 strategic plan before closing the meeting with roll a call vote to adapt the strategic plan.

Legislative Updates:

The Tri-chairs provided an update of the TCB committee bills going through the legislative process. HB 6951 had a public hearing on February 20, 2025, through the children's committee, and on March 12, 2025, it was sent to the appropriations committee. HB 6951 includes a recommendation for a crisis continuum study, a school-based health center study, and the sustaining funding for mobile crisis recommendation. HB 7109 was referred out of the Children's Committee into the Human Services Committee, and a public hearing was held on March 6, 2025. HB 7109 includes recommendations regarding amending the age for insurance coverage for ABA-applied behavioral health analysis therapy for individuals with autism spectrum

disorders, a review of private insurance billing for Urgent Crisis Centers (UCCs), the IICAPS recommendations, and the design of the CCBHC planning grant. HB 7263 had a public hearing on April 3, 2025, through the appropriations committee. HB 7623 would allow for the Behavioral Health Advocate and two providers of substance abuse disorder who treat youth to be appointed as members of the TCB committee.

Transformative Community Engagement (HES introduction):

The presenter from Health Equity Solution (HES) introduced himself and provided an overview of the organization's vision, mission, and scope of work. The presenter identified the impact transformational community engagement has on communities to share power, build collaborative ideas, and have equitable access to knowledge to build long term improvement.

Community Voices Workgroup; Introduction and Draft Workplan:

TYJI shared a short description of the Community Voices Workgroup membership, responsibilities, and expertise. The current membership of CVW includes providers from FAVOR, Love146, Full Circle, and CT Family Support Network (CTFSN). The workgroup co-chairs then shared a brief overview of the workplan including the purpose statement, draft priorities, short-term goals, medium-term goals, and long-term goals. The co-chairs highlighted the workgroup's priorities to evaluate what happens in schools and services provided to children and families across CT.

Transformative Community Engagement Scope of Work:

The presenter from Health Equity Solution (HES) followed the community engagement portion of the meeting by presenting details on their scope of work. They stated that the goal of the work is to evaluate the committee's current knowledge for transformative community engagement and build skills to operate with equal understanding of short-term goals for a successful youth summit. HES will also conduct training with TCB to strengthen their expertise in transformational community engagement. The presenter closed by detailing how HES will facilitate the full day summit that engages community members within the CVW network to build the shared power dynamic and establish safety and democratic decision making into the work of the CVW.

Community Voice:

Parents and youth with lived experience from the CVW provider network shared their perspectives on behavioral health needs, barriers, and suggestions for improvement in the community. The parents and youth expressed the challenges they experienced when seeking services and highlighted the aspects of behavioral health services that should be enhanced to meet the needs of all children and families.

Strategic Plan Update:

TYJI reviewed the feedback given for the draft strategic plan from committee members, workgroup members, and advisory bodies. TYJI collected all of the committee members' suggestions on the draft 2025–2028 strategic plan and tracked changes made within an excel sheet.

TYJI reviewed some of the updates made to the plan with the TCB committee, including clarifying diagrams within the plan, adjustments to the advisory body document, and the expanding partners needed and measures of success within the work.

Voting for the Adoption of the Strategic Plan:

TYJI reminded the committee members that the strategic plan is a living document, and it reflects input given by the committee throughout the various strategic planning sessions in 2024. TYJI also noted hard copies of the plan will be given to committee members at the May TCB meeting. A roll call was then given to vote on the 2025- 2028 strategic plan. The strategic plan was passed with 26 yes, 2 abstain, 1 no answer.

Closing Remarks:

TYJI closed by expressing appreciation for the committee's flexibility to join the meeting virtually. The TCB committee members the next meeting will be on May 14th, 2025. The tri - chairs emphasized the strategic plan is an evolving document and are excited for the continued growth and development with the help of all members and agencies involved with the TCB.

Next Meeting:

May 14, 2025

Time: 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Zoom