



Harris County Systems of Hope
Cultural and Linguistic Competence Work Team
6300 Chimney Rock Road • Houston, Texas 77081
Wednesday, October 27, 2010 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Julie Bourne, Larry D. Brown, Jr., Rev. Dr. Robert Gilmore, Randy Joiner, Dr. Samoan C. Johnson, Joseph Le, Barbara Sewell

- I. Dr. Samoan C. Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.
- II. The minutes dated June 23, 2010 were reviewed and accepted as submitted.
- III. SOH Program Updates/CLC Coordinator Updates
 - a. SOH submitted the required annual report to SAMHSA, which in-part highlighted the work of the CLC Workgroup.
 - b. October 1, 2010, SOH began the sixth and final year of federal funding. The year six funding/budget will not allow SOH to continue to operate the entire year at full staff. If additional funding is not obtained, worst case scenario, SOH would have to look at reducing personnel January 2011.
 - c. Sustainability efforts are underway and include two proposals that have been submitted to funders with one additional pending.
 - d. HCPS is exploring the possibility of obtaining court case manager fee dollars to implement wraparound in the JP Courts via the TRIAD Prevention Program. This would potentially extend the system of care principles, wraparound process and the work of SOH. If granted, funds would be used to fund care coordinator positions.
 - e. Interviews for the Cultural Competence Implementation Outcomes Self-Assessment Sub-study (CCIOSAS) are completed. The National Evaluation Team report is anticipated to be completed late November or early December and will be shared with the SOH Governing Board and CLC workgroup. Mr. Brown extended a special thank you to members which participated in the phone interviews.
 - f. Mr. Brown will be presenting cultural competence workshops at two upcoming conferences: Disproportionate Minority Representation (Long Island, NY) and National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (Atlanta, GA).
- IV. The 2010-2011 CLC Plan was reviewed and updated to reflect current areas of focus. Dr. Johnson highlighted accomplishments and commended the group for their contributions.
 - a. Sustainability for CLC will follow a similar pattern as System of Care Principles, in that they will be imbedded in broader community.

- b. Mr. Brown proposed moving forward with engaging the faith-based community as a platform to educate and raise awareness about behavioral health in a culturally relevant manner, and to develop community-wide systems of care. SOH will partner with workgroup member, Rev. Dr. Gilmore will be a vital partner in assisting to execute this strategy. A plan will be developed and presented during the next CLC meeting.

V. Language Interpreter Policy **TABLED**

VI. Announcements

- a. Rev. Dr. Gilmore is the featured presenter on the upcoming Technical Assistance Partnership Webinar, topic: "The Role of the Black Church: Engagement of Faith-Based Organizations in Systems of Care."
- b. Federal Youth Listening Session November 18, 2010. Details are forthcoming.
- c. Big Tent Conference November 18-20, 2010, George R. Brown Convention Center. For more information, visit www.bigtentconference.com

Next Meeting, Wednesday, December 15, 2010
(one week earlier)