

**Harris County Systems of Hope
Cultural and Linguistic Competence Work Team
6300 Chimney Rock Road • Houston, Texas 77081
Wednesday, September 28, 2011 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Julie Bourne Larry D. Brown, Jr., Rev. Dr. Robert Gilmore, Dr. Samoan Johnson, Rev. Dr. Robert Gilmore, Mike Migura, Barbara Sewell,
Note taker: Sherry Hubbard

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.
- II. Review of Minutes – The minutes were accepted as submitted.
- III. SOH Program Updates/CLC Coordinator Updates
 - a. Larry Brown reported that Systems of Hope cooperative agreement with SAMSHA ends September 30, 2011. The governing board will continue to meet as an advisory board. The CLC workgroup will continue, per Randy Joiner.
 - b. Randy Joiner announced his retirement from Harris County during the September SOH governing board meeting last week.
 - c. The Harris County Hospital District grant was approved. The grant allows family organization work to take place.
 - d. The Meadow grant application was submitted. If accepted the grant allows \$200,000 for two years.
 - e. Kashmere SWAP will receive funding through July 2012. The former HISD South Region area is currently receiving referrals through the South Region Children's Mental Health Collaborative.
- IV. CLC Updates – Focus
 - a. L. Brown reported highlights from the 2011 Summer Systems of Care meeting in Chicago. SOH staff co-presented several cultural competence workshops.
 - i. There was significant discussion about the possibility of future Systems of Care awards to states, rather than individual communities.
 - ii. There was a 2-day post meeting that focused on improving services and supports for LGBT youth and their families. SAMHSA has dedicated funds and staff to this focus area.
 - b. L. Brown attended a two-day meeting on The Impact of Race and Gender on Girls of Color in the Juvenile Justice System, September 12-13th at the American Institutes for Research. Additional information is available upon request.
 - c. The TA Partnership acknowledged SOH as an exemplar community for CLC and highlighted our linguistic policy as a resource for other system of care sites. Harris County and Placer County, CA were featured during one of the workshops. Recognition was given the SOH CLC Workgroup for their contributions and commitment to advancing this work in Harris County.

V. SOH CLC Plan Progress Report

There have been significant accomplishments related to the CLC Plan:

- a. *Community engagement* – established 7 of the 8 identified partnerships within the community. We exceeded our projected 4 community forums/events.
- b. *Sustainability* – developed cultural competence and language access protocol and policies for SOH. Neither document has been adopted by agency partners to date, however assistance from SOH is still available to partners. The Houston Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health is the only [family] partner that has requested future assistance.
 - i. An ad hoc committee of the systems change workgroup is developing a draft Interagency/Community Participation Agreement as a subcomponent of sustaining Systems of Care principles/Care Coordination within existing and future partners.
- c. *Continuous Quality Improvement* – SOH is awaiting the final report for the Cultural Competence Implementation Outcomes Self-Assessment Sub-study, conducted by the National Evaluation Team. Unfortunately we did not improve as we hope, with increased/consistent local evaluation.
- d. *Youth Involvement/Engagement* – the proposed training development is incomplete. We hoped to engage more youth in a meaningful way.
 - i. B. Sewell wanted to know who is taking care of the youth—Vanecia from CY5 is taking that piece, but was not introduced to the youth group.
- e. *Training and Development* – we continue to excel in this area with both community trainings and staff in-service. Special recognition was given to Michael Migura for his June presentation, LGBT Youth in Out of Home Care. The training was well attended and good feedback was received.

VI. Next steps- L. Brown will follow up with Mr. Joiner and will update via email.

VII. Announcements

- i. The Houston Psychological Association CEU Luncheon will be held October 28, 2011 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at The Briar Club. For more information visit www.hpaonline.org
- ii. Dr. Johnson announced she is stepping down as chair. She has enjoyed working with this group and will continue to offer support.
- iii. Association for Family and Community Integrity began providing services, in partnership with Montrose Counseling Center. Beds are accessed via Kinder Emergency Shelter for youth.
- iv. Dr. Gilmore and Mike Migura attended One Voice Texas United Way Conference – *Overview of TJPC and TYC Merger*. Dr. Gilmore shared the PowerPoint with the workgroup

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting date: TBD