

HARRIS COUNTY SYSTEMS OF HOPE
 Governing Board Meeting
 Wednesday, July 15, 2009
 2525 Murworth
 Houston, TX 77054

Attendees:

Board Members and Alternates Present:		
Taren Bates	Renatta Kost	Barbara Sewell
Julie Bourne	Linda Lamb	Stephen Williams
Eileene Chappelle	Sherea McKenzie	
Bonnie Cord	Alma Montejano	
Angel Escamilla	Beverly Pettway	
George Ford	Diana Quintana	
Robin Harrison	Raquel Runge, PhD	
Harvey Hetzel	Steve Schnee, PhD	

Systems of Hope Staff Present:		
Janis Bane	Randy Joiner	Pam Schaffer
Larry D. Brown Jr.	Yolanda Martin	Charlotte Wilkins
Nichole Christoph	Lauren Moore	
Vermilia Freeman	Stephanie Pecora	
Magno Guillen	John Puder	

Other Attendees:		
Karen Bates	Kendra Jackson	Belinda Price
Brian Baxendale	Austin Jean	Leslie Raneri
Joseph Bourne	Brooklyn Jean	Clemelia Richardson
Rebecca DeCamara	Joel Levine	Patricia Sibley
	Victoria Nealy	Elisia Vasquez

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm. Members of the Board and guests introduced themselves around the room.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Williams asked the group to review the minutes of the May 2009 meeting and note corrections. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

III. Youth and Family Project

Ms. Bates announced that she and Ms. Nealey co-presented a mental health stigma event with the Department of Health and Human Services. The YAC has been working on several community projects. Ms. Bates is working on a community art expression project for youth to express themselves in a positive way. It was also reported that the YAC is

working on a website and Myspace page. Mr. Jean announced that he and Mr. Bourne have been working with the evaluation team.

IV. Financial Report

Ms. Pettway shared a financial report for the period ending June 30, 2009. A request to change the budget will be made at the end of the year to cover any overages. It was reported that the budget is lapsing \$361,000 in wraparound services. Mr. Williams inquired how many families have been served by wraparound services to date.

Ms. Pettway reported that the fiscal committee has determined that the program will experience a \$980,000 shortage for the match requirement for year five. Ms. Bane reported on several funding and match opportunities that the program is exploring. They include two grants submitted to the Hogg Foundation, funding/match opportunities from TRIAD funds and diverted funds from TYC. Ms. Bane announced that additional funding will be used to remove salaries from the grant. It is expected that the program will look different over the next few years.

Mr. Williams reported that his department has several proposals out that may fund care team salaries. Mr. Hetzel reported that the legislature has allocated money to communities that can divert youth from TYC. He expects that some of that money can be used to fund the current Mental Health Court Care Team, and for various projects that can be utilized by the program as a match.

V. SAMHSA Site Visit

Mr. Brown reported that preparations for the September site visit are under way. The visit will take place September 8-11. A meet and greet with the visitors will take place on September 8th from 8:30 am- 10:00 am the remainder of the agenda is currently being developed. Mr. Brown passed around a signup sheet for those interested in participating in the visit. A conference call with Ms. Herman, Ms. Bane and Mr. Brown will take place on Monday to work on details regarding the format, agenda, protocol, sessions and documents needed. Ms. Bane suggested the possibility of having portions of the visit take place at Sunnyside and the Mental Health Court.

VI. Systems Change Work Team Report

Mr. Levine reported that the TRIAD Associates recently mapped out all the partner agencies systems. It was found that communication and coordination could be work more smoothly. They looked at how recourses that are utilized at the “back” could be used for prevention and early intervention. A proposal was made to develop an assessment center that will target front end clients such as CYS, Justice of the Peace Courts and other early intervention programs. It is expected that the assessment center will be operational in October.

VII. Program Services Report

Ms. Schaffer provided a statistical report for the month of June. The report gives more demographic detail as requested including gender and average age. Ms. Schaffer

reported that most cases are assigned to a care team within one day of receiving the referral. Occasionally delays beyond program control occur but contact is consistent throughout that period.

Mr. Joiner reported that staff is working on case records. It was also reported that the program has transitioned 26 cases and no longer has a waiting list. The care teams are now doing their own orientation.

Ms. Harrison raised an issue regarding the status of her personal service agreement. Mr. Joiner will address the protocol for utilizing her services and will follow up with Ms. Harrison.

VIII. CQI Work Team Report

Ms. Chappelle reported that the team is refining the complaint and grievance policy. A care giver satisfaction survey has been completed and will begin a pilot and testing phase in an upcoming Family Enrichment Time event. Ms. Chappelle also reported that the team would like to see the Youth Advisory Council create a youth satisfaction survey.

IX. Evaluation Report

Dr. Runge presented the July Evaluation Team Productivity Report. The report provided an outcome study with 72 families (cumulative) participating as of July 1, 2009. Mr. Jean and Mr. Bourne, with the Youth Advisory Council, presented "Climate and/or Environmental Influences on Youth: Delinquent Behavior and Out of Home Placements". The presentation compared delinquent behavior and out of home placements from intake to six months. A Data Flash report for the month of July was also presented. Copies of both were distributed to the group.

X. Social Marketing Report

Mr. Puder reported that he recently attended a conference on Social Marketing in Public Health. It was announced that Systems of Hope has a Facebook page and the promotional DVD will soon be on Youtube. The calendar which features art work submitted to the Youth Expressions Art Contest is being worked on as well.

XI. Project Director Report

Ms. Bane reported that she has been working on several funding options for the program which included two Hogg Foundation grant. The first proposal will continue the partnership with the City of Houston Health and Human Services in the Kashmere feeder pattern area. The second includes SOH in a large collaborative including the Harris County psychiatric Center, the Family Service Center, City of Houston and Collaborative for Children in the Sunnyside area.

Ms. Bane reported that SOH was very involved in several conferences including a presentation at the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services on Mental Health and Stigma and Promoting Health in Youth. SOH also contributed and presented at the AAMA 2009 Youth Conference in June. Several staff and board members

attended the Research and Training Conference in Portland. Ms. McKenzie and Ms. Cord co-presented with Ms. Bane and Dr. Bertram during one of the breakout sessions.

Ms. Bane, Mr. Ford and Ms. Raneire attended a luncheon to present the American Leadership Forum's "Dismantling the Cradle to Prison Pipeline" publication. A copy of the publication was provided in the board packets. SOH is featured in the section on Juvenile Justice.

Ms. Bane announced that planning and arrangements are underway for the second SAMHSA site visit in September.

A nomination committee was appointed by Mr. Williams to nominate a chair elect for next year. The committee members are Ms. McKenzie and Mr. Hetzel.

XII. Announcements

Mr. Brown reported that SOH will be co-sponsoring Culture of Poverty training in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.