

HARRIS COUNTY SYSTEMS OF HOPE  
 Governing Board Meeting  
 Wednesday, December 3, 2008  
 2525 Murworth  
 Houston, TX 77054

Attendees:

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

Systems of Hope Staff Present:		
Janis Bane	Cherease Glasper	Charlotte Wilkins
Larry D. Brown Jr.	Magno Guillen	
Nichole Christoph	Lauren Moore	
Lucy DeLaFuente	John Puder	
Tammy Foster	Pam Schaffer	

Other Attendees:		
Pamela Bonsu	Diane Pinkston	Clemelia Richardson
Rebecca DeCamara	Leslie Raneri	

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 5:20 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 October 2008 meeting and note corrections. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

III. Cultural Awareness Moment

Mr. Brown announced that reports detailing the results of the CLC self assessment will be sent to the CEO partners for approval. Upon approval the information will be posted to the website. A report of recommendations and timeline will be presented at the next meeting.

IV. Program Services Update/Systems Change Work Team Update

Program stats through October 2008 and current org chart were presented. Stats for November are pending data entry. Updates to the org chart include the new supervisory staff. Ms. Schaffer reported that the Systems Change Work Group met December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion included participants that should be involved in the work group and the

service provider network. A question regarding what information do directors of partner agencies need to adopt Systems of Care principles? Dr. Mooney recommended a decision be made about what should be sustained at the end of the grant. Mr. Williams stated that he felt key components including; youth, family, CLC and flex funds and to use existing entities to influence the direction of the program. Ms. Bane suggested that program coordinators cross train partner agencies on how they can embrace systems of care principles using current resources. Executives from the partner agencies will attend the a Systems Change meeting to et a better view of their involvement and define parameters to had off to staff.

Ms. Bane reported that the program is scheduled for a site visit in March. A request for additional time due to Hurricane Ike will be made.

#### V. Evaluation Update

Dr. Runge submitted an Evaluation Team Productivity Report as of October 31, 2008. The report included a National Evaluation Outcome Study which showed 57 families enrolled in the study. Dr. Runge, the evaluation team and Eileen Chappelle submitted a presentation on caregiver strain. Handouts will be sent out electronically. The presentation covered information gained from a Caregiver Strain Questionnaire. The survey was completed by 57 caregivers (at base line) that answered 21 questions related to various types of strain felt. The data gained showed a marked improvement six months out.

#### VI. CQI Work Team Report

The CQI report was not presented.

#### VII. Youth Report

Ms. Bates reported that the YAC was very involved in the Cradle to Prison Pipeline Summit held in November. The group had an opportunity to share their stories and meet with Senator Whitmire to brainstorm about juvenile justice. Mr. Escamilla thanked the group for allowing him to attend the National Federation of Families Conference in Atlanta. He called the event a life changing experience. Ms. Montejano also thanked the group for all that was done to accommodate her during the conference.

#### VIII. Family Report

Ms. Foster announced that Family Enrichment Time will be located in the geographical areas starting in January. Locations and times are still pending. PEG is working on an anti stigma and positive mental health image campaign at the Spring Branch ISD Girl Power Conference.

#### IX. Social Marketing

Mr. Puder reported on work the committee is doing for Mental Health Awareness Month. The video is in the editing process and Mr. Puder hopes to have something to show the group at the next meeting.

#### X. Financial Report

Ms. Pettway provided financial information for the period October 1, 2007-September 30, 2008 and October 1, 2008 to current. A more detailed report will be provided next month after the fiscal year end information is completed.

#### XI. Project Director Report

Ms. Bane reported that the new supervisors are working out very well and is very happy with how things are moving along. A report highlighting current project events and collaborations was presented. The project was involved in a training provided by Wraparound Milwaukee, HISD Link Up Houston Conference, collaboration with Harris County Juvenile Probation on the Multi Systemic Therapy project, finalization of policies and procedures, and the Federation of Families Annual Conference.

#### XII. Governing Board Officer

Ms. Cord made a recommendation to declare an extraordinary circumstance because a chair elect is not available to step in at the end of current chair Stephen Williams' term. A motion was made, seconded and passed. Ms. Cord moved to elect Mr. Williams for another one year term with Dr. Mooney as the chair elect. Mr. Hetzel seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

#### XIII. Announcements

Mr. Williams presented Dr. Sargent with a certificate and gift to thank him for his dedication to the project. Dr. Sargent will be moving to Boston at the end of December. A farewell celebration is planned for December 18<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.