

HARRIS COUNTY SYSTEMS OF HOPE  
Governing Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 23, 2008  
6400 Bissonnet  
Houston, TX 77074

Attendees:

Board Members and Alternates Present:
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Julie Bourne, Roger Chappelle, Eileene Chappelle, Bonnie Cord, Angel Escamilla, George Ford, Chelsea Garcia, Robin Harrison, Rebecca Johansson, Sherea McKenzie, Alma Montejano, Curtis Mooney, PhD, Beverly Pettway, Diana Quintana, PhD, Barbara Sewell, Sharon Sheldon, Pat Sibley, Raquel Runge PhD, Stephen Williams, Roger Chappelle, Ellieen Chappelle, Harvey Hetzel
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Systems of Hope Staff Present:
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Janis Bane, Larry Brown, Nichole Christoph, Tammy Foster, Magno Guillen, Jackie Mendoza, Lauren Moore, John Puder, John Sargent, Pam Schaffer, Charlotte Wilkins
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Other Attendees:
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Belinda Price, William Kirkpatrick, Rebecca DeCamara, Pamela Bonsu, Renata Kost, Pastor Harold Francis,
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I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Members of the Board and guests introduced themselves around the room.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Williams went through the May 2008 minutes for all to note changes additions or exceptions. It was noted that Sharon Sheldon was also present at the meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the May 2008 meeting with noted corrections. The motion was seconded and passed.

III. Cultural Awareness Moment

Mr. Brown deferred his time in the interest of moving the meeting along.

IV. Program Services Update

Ms. Schaffer presented a monthly report for June 2008. The program had seven new referrals during the month and worked with 109 clients. The Kashmere High School project worked with 27 youth and 19 families and Project Redirect Family Support worked with 14 youth. Ms. Shaffer welcomed Rhonda Loving as the newest Parent Partner and reported that Efrat Karny will be leaving the program in August to pursue her Master's degree. Mr. Williams thanked Ms. Karny for all that she has done for the program and clients. Ms. Schaffer also reported that all applicants for the vacant care coordinator positions have been identified and should be in place by the end of August.

## V. Evaluation Update

Dr. Runge and Ms. Bonsu co presented information on the National Evaluation Data Profile Report which was in everyone's packet. The report included information on: cross-section descriptive study, a review of demographic characteristics of youth served, a comparison of participation between Harris County and Phase Five Aggregate, an examination of the "presenting problems reported", consideration of "Psychosocial and Environmental Problems at Intake", and discussion of economic and Employment Status at intake.

The group discussed the low rate of therapist involvement in participation of developing care plans. Dr. Sargent stated that this issue has been a long standing one. Dr. Schnee would like to look into it further. Ms. Nealey noted that many providers are fearful of going into certain areas at times that are convenient for families. Mr. Williams would like the Systems Change work group to look into this issue and present some options that would address it and would like the issue to be on the agenda of the next board meeting. It was also noted that the sample group would most likely need more people involved.

"Presenting Problems Reported" information was presented that compares Harris County Systems of Hope to the aggregate median.

## VI. CQI Work Team Report

Ms. Johansson presented a handout that detailed where improvement is needed.

## VII. Youth Report

Chelsea Garcia reported that the recently Youth Summit was a great experience and the group made a plan of action for the next six months. Both Ms. Garcia and Ms Bates attended the TA conference in Nashville earlier this month. They enjoyed the workshops and networking with other participants. The YAC is working on a youth mentor project, youth retreat, leadership training and the possibility of starting a Systems of Care Club in Ms. Bates' school. Mr. Guillen reported that the Youth Conference was a great success and thanked everyone for their participation.

## VII. Family Report

Ms. Foster reported that family members attended the Nashville Conference. Academy for Competent Youth Work recently adopted the System of Care Core Values and Principles.

## IX. Social Marketing

Mr. Puder deferred his time while working on the promotional video.

## X. Children's Mental Health Strategic Planning

The development of a strategic plan was discussed.

## XI. Great Minds Think Alike

Information on a NAMI Texas curriculum was presented to the group for consideration. Mr. Williams stated that this could be done on the program level.

## XII. SOH By Laws

Ms. Johansson presented the bylaws revisions to the Governing Board on behalf of the Ad Hoc Bylaws Work Team. These revisions included all the revisions recommended by the Bylaws Work Team to cover the changed structure of the Governing Board. There was one additional issue that had been submitted to the Work Team by some PEG members but opposed by other PEG members (whether “NAMI” in the bylaws should be replaced by “NAMI Metropolitan Houston”). The Bylaws Work Team had reached no consensus on this issue. The issue was tabled until the next meeting. Dr. Mooney made motion to accept the bylaws revisions recommended by the Bylaws Work Team. Mr. Hetzel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## XII. Potential Governing Board Members

Mr. William Kirkpatrick was voted in as the newest family member to join the board.

## XIII. Operation Redirect for Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)

Information on proposed collaboration with Operation Redirect and MST was handed out. Dr. Schnee moved that the program go forward; the motion was seconded by Dr. Mooney. All participants were in favor.

## XV. Wraparound Milwaukee Training

Ms. Bane reported that the program is working on developing a training session with the Wraparound Milwaukee group. Their program is very successful and is highly recommended. Agency partners are encouraged to participate. Mr. Williams would like to plan a site visit to Milwaukee with partners and key members of the board.

## XVI. Financial Report

The current program budget was presented to the group. Ms. Pettway reported that the program is 75% through the fiscal year. Mr. Williams discussed sustainability and suggested that the group look at what the program wants to sustain.

## XVII. Project Director Report

Ms. Bane updated the group on the site visit recommendations and work that is being done with the Cassey Foundation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.