

## HARRIS COUNTY SYSTEMS OF HOPE

Governing Board Meeting

December 14, 2011

6300 Chimney Rock

Houston, TX 77081

### Attendees:

Board Members and Alternates Present:
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Thomas Brooks Eileene Chappelle Clemelia Richardson Barbara Sewell Julie Bourne George Ford Curtis Mooney Renatta Kost
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Systems of Hope Staff Present:
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Larry Brown Pam Schaffer Tammy Foster Lareatha Clay
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Other Attendees:
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Brian Baxendale Belinda Price Magno Guillen Ginger Harper
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### I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm and welcomed everyone.

### II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brooks asked the group to review the minutes of the September 2011 meeting and note corrections. A motion was made by Ms. Sewell to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Mooney seconded the motion which was carried without exception.

### III. Financial Report

Mr. Baxendale presented a budget report for the period ending November 30, 2011. To date the program has expended 8% of the budget. Mr. Baxendale noted that the program is currently under budget by \$17,949.00. Wraparound funds balance is \$46,950.00 in federal funds and \$525.52 in independent flex funds for the remainder of the fiscal year. Mr. Baxendale reported that we are receiving a quarterly donation from El Paso Energy each month in the amount of \$320.00. A report with projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year was presented.

Mr. Baxendale presented a funding sources report for the period ending November 30, 2011. Mr. Baxendale reported the funding for the Criminal Justice Division (Sunnyside Project) funding has been approved by Commissioners Court and is reflected on the budget report. Mr. Baxendale provided a report from Juvenile Probation on what funds they are spending on systems of care work. Mr. Baxendale stated the fiscal work team met and decided that outcomes would be a better record for systems of care work being done by partnering agencies. Due to there being so many ways systems of care work can be done, it is difficult to capture it in an expense report.

Ms. Schaffer reported we did not receive the funding from The Meadows Foundation. The foundation is overwhelmed with Dallas area requests and suggests we seek funding sources in Houston.

#### IV. Project Director Report/ Program Services Report

Ms. Schaffer presented her Director Report.

Ms. Schaffer reported that Mr. Joiner wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity to work with Systems of Hope and systems change in Harris County. He is happy to be retired and is looking forward to hearing about how we move forward with systems change in Harris County.

Ms. Schaffer reported we did receive the funding for two new positions from the Children's Collaborative (intake worker and parent partner). SOH is receiving between 35-40 referrals per month. The families are referred to the appropriate services and SOH has incorporated a parent support piece to the project. Families who may not need intensive services receive weekly telephone support and/or visits until the family is linked to requested services. A care coordinator is called in if more intense services are found to be needed.

Ms. Schaffer presented the program report identifying the number of youth and families served by each team for the months of October and November.

#### V. Education Presentation:

Ms. Foster reported the Hospital District grant is moving forward. The resource guide is complete and being distributed. Ms. Foster reported training and presentations have been delivered to nearly 1,000 participants. Audiences have included various cultural groups, families, youth and service providers.

A news update was presented with the types of trainings available. Training is available to any group or organization and will be tailored to meet the individual needs of the audience.

#### VI. Sustainability Component Reports:

- a) SOC Principles/Care Coordination- Ms. Price reported there was a systems change meeting. The ad-hoc group presented a draft of the participation agreement and after some discussion, it was decided more detail was needed

before bringing the agreement to the full board. The ad-hoc group has met once since then and hope to have a revised copy to present at the next board meeting.

- b) Planning and Decision Making- Mr. Ford reported that SOH will be under the advisory of the TRIAD associates and believes the advisory board will remain the same. Mr. Ford reported that Mr. Joiner's position will not be filled and Dr. Schaffer will take over the duties.

Mr. Ford reported that Ms. Harper has been named the new Youth Services Director and will be working with all the youth programs to incorporate systems of care and work better together providing services to youth and families.

Mr. Ford reported that we are still waiting on commissioner's court to approve the new budget but expect the dollar amount will not increase. Employee health benefits are increasing which may affect the overall funding.

Mr. Ford reported that the Harris County Fund Board is a 501(c) 3 and we are working on getting additional funds through the fund board to support SOH.

- c) Information and Education- Ms. Sewell presented a story about a family she is working with and how it's important for families to have role models and help navigating systems. Ms. Sewell reported that FOF is very interested in providing training to CPS staff and Juvenile Probation staff. Training includes:
- Teaching families about school law
  - Helping staff understand how to effectively approach family members
  - Financial literacy for family members and for youth

Ms. Sewell reported that training can be individualized to meet family and/or agency individual needs.

Ms. Sewell reported that the parent to parent connector program is going well and FOF is getting many calls to assist families. Ms. Schaffer stated the calls coming in will help FOF document gaps in services.

Ms. Chappelle reported that the Cord Foundation donated \$4,000.00 to FOF. Ms. Sewell reported FOF is very grateful for the donation and wish that Ms. Cord was able to attend this meeting so she could thank her personally.

- d) Youth Groups/Youth Empowerment-Mr. Guillen reported the Health Adolescent Youth Leadership is moving along well. On December 21, 2011 there will be a Youth Voice Summit at the United Way of Greater Houston. Any youth who wishes to participate can contact Ashley Howell at [Ashley.Howell@houstontx.gov](mailto:Ashley.Howell@houstontx.gov)

Mr. Guillen reported he has had two conference calls with Houston FOF about moving forward on building the Youth Move group in Houston. It will be a lot of work and funding will be needed for sustainability. Ms. Sewell stated the goal is to imbed our youth throughout the county in other youth groups as well and help youth build a strong voice in our community.

Mr. Guillen reported that Harris County Youth on Board is doing well and will support Youth MOVE Houston with leadership training and mentoring.

Mr. Guillen reported DePelchin Children's Center has formed a youth advisory committee in the residential treatment center and the group is already accomplishing great things. The group creates their own agenda and runs their own meetings.

#### VII. Announcements

Mr. Brooks announced that this will be Mr. Mooney's last board meeting with us since he is retiring from DePelchin. Mr. Ford thanked Mr. Mooney for all his work and financial support he and DePelchin have provided to SOH. Mr. Ford stated Mr. Mooney will be missed greatly by the group.

Dr. Mooney thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with this project and is looking forward to seeing it sustain once funding from SAMHSA is over. Mr. Mooney stated he hopes to do some work with the Child Welfare League of America once his retirement is official.

Ms. Schaffer announced that the Hogg Foundation will have training in Austin on integrating medical and mental health services. Ms. Schaffer will email the information out to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm