

HARRIS COUNTY SYSTEMS OF HOPE
Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 22, 2008
2525 Murworth
Houston, TX 77054

Attendees:

Board Members and Alternates Present:

Stephen Williams, Curtis Mooney, PhD, Alma Montejano, Julie Bourne, William Kirkpatrick, Barbara Sewell, George Ford, Sherea McKenzie, Steve Schnee, PhD, Robin Harrison, Rebecca Johansson, Bonnie Cord, Renatta Kost, Angel Escamilla, Chelsea Garcia, Raquel Runge, PhD, Eileen Chappelle, Diane Murrell, Diana Quintana, PhD
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Systems of Hope Staff Present:

Janis Bane, Nichole Christoph, Magno Guillen, Lauren Moore, John Puder, John Sargent, Pam Schaffer, Charlotte Wilkins

Other Attendees:

Rebecca DeCamara, Pamela Bonsu, Diane Pinkston, Laura Cohen, Leslie Raneri, Meredith Johnston, Chris Kizer
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I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm. Members of the Board and guests introduced themselves around the room.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Williams went through the July 2008 minutes for all to note changes additions or exceptions. A correction to section XII SOH By Laws was made. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the July 2008 meeting with noted corrections. The motion was seconded and passed.

III. Cultural Awareness Moment

Ms. Bonsu reported that the CLC work team is still receiving information from the self assessment and a report will follow.

IV. Program Services Update/Systems Change Work Team Update

Ms. Schaffer updated the board on relief efforts that were made by staff and board members during Hurricane Ike. A monthly report for September 2008 was presented and reviewed. The program had four new referrals and five case closures during the month. A total of 82 clients were served. It was reported that the Systems Change Work Group is still looking to create a service provider network and will meet again next week.

V. Evaluation Update

Dr. Runge submitted an Evaluation Team Productivity Report for October 2008. The report included a National Evaluation Outcome Study which showed 57 new families

enrolled in the study. Dr. Runge, the evaluation team, Julie Bourne and Eileen Chappelle also submitted a presentation on “Evaluation of Harris County Systems of Hope: Climate and/or Environmental Influences on Youth-Baseline Educational Characteristics of Participants”. Prints out of the slides were included in the board packet. The presentation included information on: School Attendance, Relationships between attendance and behavioral/emotional problems, the number of schools attended, educational performance, educational support, special education services, youth behavior, school disciplinary actions, and a school climate questionnaire.

VI. CQI Work Team Report

Ms. Johansson reported that the work team has suggested changes to the grievance process and has no activity to date. A Quality Improvement plan has identified incident trend reports that they would like to track. Information will be shared in a presentation soon.

VII. Youth Report

Ms. Garcia reported that a member of the Youth Advisory Council created an anti-stigma board which was displayed at a recent conference in Austin. The board will be used at several community events. It was reported that the YAC is working on the Cradle to Prison Pipeline and will attend an all day summit at the Power Center in November. Mr. Escamilla reported that the YAC was very involved in the Link Up Conference that took place this month at the George R. Brown. Several members of the YAC were presenters in the conference workshops. Mr. Kizer reported that a Youth Tool Kit is being developed for youth involved in systems.

VIII. Family Report

Ms. Bane submitted the family update for Ms. Foster. The report was included in the board packet.

IX. Social Marketing

Mr. Puder reported that production on an informational DVD is moving along and is nearly completed. The work will include a 10 minute video that can be used at various events, two 30 second public service announcements (one in English and one in Spanish) and an explanation of the wraparound process. It was also reported that the Interns have been working on an Annual Overview which covers data and information that can be tailor made for various audiences. A holiday event is being planned which will take place in December.

X. SOH By Laws Discussion

N/A

XI. Executive Committee

A total of five members are needed for the Executive Committee.

XII. Financial Report/Fiscal Work Team

Ms. Pettway submitted a budget summary for year three. A final report which will close out year three is pending due to outstanding expenditures. A request to roll over funds from year two was approved on September 29th. Another request to carry those funds over to year four will be made. A committee will be formed to look at the possibility of having a mental health component in schools. This could create a match in the schools and address the need of having schools involved.

XIII. Project Director Report

Ms. Bane submitted a report on program activities which was included in the packet. This report included information on a recent visit from the TA Partnership to look at roles and responsibilities, a need for measures that ensure accountability and quality of services. It was reported that three positions have been upgraded to supervisors for the Care Coordinators, Parent Partners and Juvenile Justice. Information on a collaborative effort with TRIAD to enhance services to at-risk youth and their families was also shared. This effort will help with crisis planning and the SOH waiting list. Members of the TRIAD staff will be included on the Child and Family teams if they have been involved with the case.

XIV. Next Meeting and 2009 Meeting Schedule

Meetings will take place on the third Wednesday of every other month at 5:00 pm. Everyone agreed that 2525 Murworth was a good location and had adequate space. The next meeting will be November 19, 2008 at 5:00 pm.

XV. Announcements

Dr. Mooney made a motion to declare an extraordinary circumstance as it relates to the board chair. Ms. Cord seconded the motion to have this issue on the agenda at the November meeting. The motion passed with all in favor. A motion was also made to extend the term of the current board chair, Stephen Williams, to the end of the next meeting. Dr. Schnee seconded the motion and it was passed with all in favor. A nominating committee was formed. Members of the committee include Dr. Schnee, Ms. Bourne, Ms. McKenzie, and Ms. Harrison.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.