

HARRIS COUNTY SYSTEMS OF HOPE
Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 15, 2010
2525 Murworth
Houston, TX 77054

Attendees:

Board Members and Alternates Present:		
Karen Bates	Rebecca Johansson	Pat Sibley
Taren Bates	Renatta Kost	Stephen Williams
Alma Bell	Sherea McKenzie	
Julie Bourne	Curtis Mooney	
Tom Brooks	Charissa Nealey	
Eileene Chappelle	Beverly Pettway	
Bonnie Cord	Clemelia Richardson	
George Ford	Barbara Sewell	

Systems of Hope Staff Present:
Larry D. Brown Jr.
Nichole Christoph
Lareatha Clay
Tammy Foster
Randy Joiner

Other Attendees:	
Brian Baxendale	Belinda Price
John Donovan	Raquel Runge
Michelle Ibarra	Michael Santana
Jason Lau	Elisia Velasquez
Joel Levine	

I. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Mooney called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm. Members of the Board and guests introduced themselves around the room.

II. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Mooney asked the group to review the minutes of the July 2010 meeting and note corrections. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ms. Chappelle seconded the motion which was carried without exception.

III. Financial Report

Mr. Baxendale presented a budget status report for the period ending August 31, 2010 which is 11 months into year five. The fiscal department has made projections on current spending and expects to carry over \$100,000 into year six. The report also provided detail of funds spent for wraparound services and the other funding sources.

IV. Work Group Reports

- a) CLCT- Mr. Brown reported that the last of the CLC self assessment interviews has taken place. He hopes to have results within 6-8 weeks. Mr. Brown thanked everyone that participated. A video PSA was shared with the group regarding language barriers.
- b) CQI-Ms. Johansson reported that the CQI group has been working with the YAC to make the youth satisfaction survey more youth friendly. The group may conduct the next survey over the phone. It was also announced that the program now has a Spanish speaker to conduct the caregiver survey for Spanish speaking only families.
- c) Evaluation-Dr. Runge reported that 83 youth are enrolled in the outcome study and the evaluation team is in the process of wrapping up the cost data analysis. The next DePelchin newsletter will be emailed by the end of the week. Mr. Lau shared a presentation on Child/Youth Behaviors Over Time. Information gathered showed that there has been a decrease in self reported truancy, theft, bullying, and increases in positive behaviors as reported by caregivers. One area of concern was noted related to youth frustration being manifested by destruction of property.
- d) Fiscal-Ms. Pettway reported that a plan for year six is being developed and will be presented to the fiscal work group next month. Once the plan has been approved by the committee a report will be presented to the full board.
Mr. Ford reported that he has been involved in several initiatives to find additional funds. He thanked Mr. Levine, Dr. Quintana and Ms. Sibley for the work they did on a report that was presented to the TRIAD Executives. This report will be presented to Commissioner's Court early next year. The HCPS Fund board has its own 501 C 3 which is available to utilize. Mr. Ford recently met with Mr. Thompson, the new president, who is very interested in appointing a liaison from the Fund Board to the SOH Governing Board and vice versa. That board will meet again December 14, 2010 to further discuss. Finally, a proposal will be presented to commissioner's court on September 28, 2010 to utilize the juvenile case manager funds to fund four additional case managers and one supervisor. This will afford an opportunity to move SOH staff off the year six budget.
- e) PEG-Ms. Cord reported that the PEG Sustainability Subcommittee has been working on the possibility of PEG's separating from SOH and joining Houston Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (HFFCMH). The Subcommittee had originally decided to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with HFFCMH, including bylaws revisions, to be completed by June 2011. However, upon reconsideration, the Subcommittee now recommends that PEG join HFFCMH immediately under HFFCMH's current bylaws and Board structure, with a few conditions, such as PEG's having two additional seats on the HFFCMH Board. Barbara Sewell, Executive Director of HFFCMH, agrees with this course of action and will meet with her Board for its approval. At the next PEG meeting, Thursday, September 23, 2010, these recommendations will be presented to PEG as a whole, and, if approved, PEG will be dissolved and will join HFFCMH, and HFFCMH will take PEG's place as the family voice for SOH.

- f) Social Marketing-Ms. Schaffer reported that the group met and their focus will shift to SOC principles and an anti stigma campaign.
- g) Systems Change-Ms. Price reported that the sustainability sub group for systems change is waiting to see how the structure component develops and piggy back from it.
- h) Youth-Dr. Richardson reported that the short term goal for youth sustainability is to integrate youth development and empowerment into existing SOH partner agency operations. Their long term goal is to build the youth voice throughout city agencies and develop a city-wide youth group with representation from SOH partner agencies and other organizations. Dr. Richardson also shared duties and qualification of what they would like to see each partner agency have in a youth staff liaison.

V. Report from Nomination Committee on proposed slate of officers for 2010-2011

Mr. Ford announced that the nomination committee was charged to bring forth a nomination for a chair elect for the upcoming fiscal year. The committee spoke with Dr. Schnee who agreed to be nominated. Ms. Cord made a motion to accept the nomination and Ms. Chappelle seconded the motion which was carried with all in favor.

VI. Program Services Report

Ms. Schaffer presented program statistics for the months of July and August. She noted that the format of the report has changed to reflect recent changes in staff supervision. The report shows that the program numbers were down during the period reported and Ms. Schaffer noted that the program is also down to care coordinators. During the month of June to program worked with 78 youth from 73 families and 70 youth from 60 families in August.

VII. Project Director Report

Mr. Joiner reported that Systems of Hope was invited to present three workshops at the University of Houston Downtown Center for Family Strengths 1st Annual Symposium. Due to inclement weather only two of the presentations were completed.

Mr. Joiner also shared a save the date flyer for an event hosted by Senator Jane Nelson at the State Capitol. The event will be a Systems of Care Symposium and each Systems of Care site will have an opportunity to share their experiences with legislatures. The symposium will take place on October 19, 2010 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

Mr. Joiner announced that Mr. Brown has been appointed to the technical Assistance partnership Cultural Competency Action Team. Detailed information regarding the team and their bio's can be found on the TA Partnership website.

VIII. Announcements

Dr. Mooney turned over his seat at Chair of the Governing Board to Ms. Johansson. Ms. Johansson thanked everyone for the honor and is looking forward to the next year.

Dr. Schnee thanked Dr. Mooney for his dedication as the Chair of the Governing Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.