

Systems of Hope
Houston Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
Monthly meeting
Telephone Conference

May 26, 2011

Present: Tammy Foster, Julie Bourne, Eileene Chappelle, Bonnie Cord, and Barbara Sewell, Sergio Aguirre.

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm

I. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the April 28, 2011, meeting was motioned to be approved by Bonnie and Julie seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.

II. Recruiting new members

Barbara stated there are many volunteer opportunities like Parent Connector, etc. that new recruits could help with. We should all continue providing information on HFOF and recruiting new members.

Barbara announced that Sergio has agreed to be on the HFOF Governing Board. We are very pleased he will be working with the Spanish speaking population and provide consultation on others working with Spanish speaking families.

III. Leadership Book Club

Barbara stated she is very busy with working on the website or HFOF and will draft a letter to find out who is interested in participating in a book club. This will be implemented later once the website is completed hopefully in June or July.

VI. Website

Barbara and Eileene have been training on the new website. The website service will have 24/7 accessibility and multiple user training is available. We are still waiting for funding to start the building of the website. Barbara asked members to look at various websites and logos and forward information on to her if we see something we like.

VII. Parent Connector

Barbara stated she and Eileene are working on putting the training together for parent connector and are really looking forward to expanding this service.

VIII. Training

Barbara reported that she and Pam Schaffer will present at the University of Houston Strengthening Families Conference. The workshop will be on family driven care.

IX. Fundraising

Barbara stated that she has met someone who is willing to work on fundraising and will provide Julie with Donna Edwards's phone number so Julie can call her and work on some goals for fundraising.

Additionally, Barbara asked if Tammy could research some grant opportunities for the organization. Tammy suggested Barbara check with Houston Endowment for "seed", start up money. Tammy will email the site to Barbara.

X. Hogg Grant Finalist

Bonnie reported that NAMI West Houston and NAMI Metropolitan have received notice from the Hogg Foundation regarding grant funds for training. Both groups have been invited to complete a proposal.

XI. Announcements

Tammy announced that SOH did receive the Harris County Hospital District Grant and it will be to:

- a) create a Family Leadership Coalition
- b) create a leadership listserv
- c) Create a resource guide of family run organizations and family groups.
- d) Provide training to professionals and families on Family Driven care and natural support systems.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Next Meetings: August 25, 2011 at the Youth Services Center

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Foster, Scribe