

PEG

Parent Empowerment Group

Telephone Conference Call Meeting September 23, 2010 6:30-8:30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Alma Bell, Julie Bourne, Bonnie Cord, Barbara Sewell, Eileene Chappelle, Roger Chappelle, Tammy Foster and Randy Joiner

Bonnie called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Minutes Approval

Alma moved that the minutes of August 26, 2010 to be approved as written. Bonnie seconded the motion. The motion passed by everyone.

Sustainability Subcommittee

Bonnie reported that the Sustainability Subcommittee recommends that PEG should take a less formal path to joining Houston Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (HFFCMH). Instead of drafting/implementing PEG bylaws, comparison of PEG bylaws to HFFCMH bylaws, proposed revisions to HFFCMH bylaws, and a Memorandum of Understanding, all by June 2011, the subcommittee recommends that PEG join HFFCMH immediately, with the following conditions:

- The HFFCMH Board of Directors should have regular monthly meetings.
- The HFFCMH bylaws should be revised.
- The HFFCMH Board of Directors should be diverse, reflecting the population of Harris County and support the SOC values and principals.
- HFFCMH will adopt and implement the Matrix of Supports that PEG has created, in order to fulfill PEG's commitment to sustain Component #4;
- PEG (as it currently stands) should still be able to decide who sits on the SOH board until the end of the grant, September 31, 2011.
- PEG (as it currently stands) would like one or two additional seats on the HFFCMH governing board.

If the conditions are met, then PEG will dissolve. An important consideration is that SOH can still provide training to the parent group, until the end of the grant, if the parent group is HFFCMH rather than PEG. Bonnie moved that PEG accept the subcommittee's recommendations. Julie seconded. Eileene, Roger and Barbara abstained due to conflict of interest as a result of their membership on the HFFCMH Board. The motion was passed.

**Houston Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health Board
Decisions/Plans**

Bonnie and Barbara, on the direction of the subcommittee, talked prior to this meeting to get a sense of the HFFCMH Board’s reception to the subcommittee’s recommendation. The HFFCMH Board drafted a response, which Barbara sent to Bonnie earlier today, and Bonnie sent on to the whole PEG group. Bonnie stated that due to misunderstandings, HFFCMH rejected most of PEG’s requests. Bonnie recommended that the issue be taken back to the subcommittee for more work. When the subcommittee is prepared, it will bring the issue back to PEG..

Verification/Contingency re matrix items included in HFFCM plan

This agenda item is now premature, and has been tabled until the Sustainability Subcommittee brings the issue back to PEG.

Dissolution of PEG

This agenda item is now premature and has been tabled until the Sustainability Subcommittee brings the issue back to PEG.

Family Enrichment Time

Tammy reported that family enrichment time in October will be on October 23, 2010 at the Youth Services Center from 2pm-4pm. There have been many requests for IEP/ARD training and this will be our topic. Barbara will conduct the training and all family members will receive a copy of the parent guide “It’s a New Idea”.

The November and December family enrichment time will be combined for a winter party and will be held on December 4, 2010 from 2pm-4pm at the youth services center.

Management Training Report

Tammy attended Nancy Baird’s two day management training on September 22-23. Tammy reported the training was very useful and there are several activities that she would like to do with PEG. Tammy will get the information together and visit opportunities to do the activities with PEG members.

Old Business

No old business at this time.

New Business

No new business at this time.

Announcements

- Bonnie announced that Laurie Glaze, Executive Director of One Voice, contacted her about NAMI’s participation on One Voice’s application for a Hogg Foundation grant on home and community-based services, relating to the family voice. Bonnie described what NAMI offers and referred Laurie to Barbara Sewell

for what Houston Federation of Families can contribute. Barbara spoke with Laurie and related that HFFCMH will be included in the grant request.

- Eileene stated she attended a webinar on “The Affordable Care Act” and the information was very useful. Eileene suggested that all PEG members take an opportunity to watch the webinar. Eileene also suggested that PEG needs to find out how we can share this with other family members.
- Randy announced that the 1915(c) waiver will not be started in Harris County in 2011 but has been postponed until 2013. Randy also stated the waiver will only be available in Harris County in 2013 if it has been proven in the pilot sites to be cost effective. Barbara stated the waiver is very important and we should continue our efforts to support and make recommendations on how the waiver would benefit families more in Harris County, but that it was no longer the highest priority for HFFCMH.
- Randy announced that Rebecca Johansson will be the family speaker at the October 19, 2010 System of Care Summit in Austin. Tarren Bates from the youth advisory council will be the state youth voice. We are honored to have our family members be representing families across the state.

Next Meeting

The next PEG meeting will be a face to face meeting on October 28, 2010

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Foster, Scribe

Date: August 28, 2010