

PEG
FACE TO FACE MEETING
June 24, 2010, 6:30-8:30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Alma Bell, Julie Bourne, Bonnie Cord, Tammy Foster, Rebecca Johansson, Barbara Sewell and Kim Williams (phone).

Bonnie called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

Minutes Approval

The minutes of May 27, 2010, were corrected by changing the time on the Family Primer training. The minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

Family Enrichment Time June 19, 2010

Julie reported that nine families came for the June FET meeting. The meeting was an introduction to FET for families. Barbara facilitated a “get acquainted” group. Barbara also talked on the culture of families with children who have a mental illness and encouraged participants to join PEG.

Family Primer Training

Bonnie reminded everyone that the Family Primer training would be on June 26, 2010 from 8:30am-5:30pm at the Youth Services Center.

PEG Sustainability Subcommittee

Bonnie reported that the subcommittee had prioritized the tasks before it: the first priority is building PEG’s structure; the second is to be the family voice of Systems of Hope. The group is currently working on two simultaneously: exploring the possibility of joining Houston Families for Children’s Mental Health (HFFCMH); and exploring and organizing what services will be offered..

With respect to joining HFFCMH, the subcommittee read the bylaws carefully, and determined that there were some provisions that would not be good for PEG. One in particular was that the HFFCMH bylaws preclude membership in HFFCMH. As PEG probably wants to have membership, this presents a problem. Also, the question of PEG Board Representation was raised. It was decided to recommend to the whole PEG group that PEG join HFFCMH in two stages. First, PEG will work with HFFCMH to revise the bylaws and to create a Memorandum of Understanding between PEG and HFFCMH. The plan is to join HFFCMH at the end of the SAMHSA grant in 2011. The second stage would be adapting HFFCMH so that PEG is comfortable with the arrangement or, alternatively, for PEG to seek its own 501(c)(3) standing.

The subcommittee also looked at services that were identified at the Board Retreat to be sustained. It is now working on a matrix to organize the ideas. Bonnie believes by doing the matrix, it will help us create our vision and mission and decide how to proceed. There will be a meeting today following this PEG meeting.

PEG Joining HFFCMH

Barbara stated that her vision was for HFFCMH and/or PEG to become service-oriented and to provide services to promote systems of care in Harris County becoming community-based. This would be done by:

- Collaborating with family-run organizations on what they could provide,
- Partnering with schools,
- Integrate staff to help support the mission.

After a brief discussion, Rebecca made a motion for PEG to become part of HFFCMH in September 2011. Tammy seconded. There was consensus in the entire group.

PEG Membership Policy

Bonnie stated that PEG needs to work on what our membership policy would be. Who could join? Who could vote? What would it look like? Everyone agreed that we would table this for now.

Old Business

Barbara stated that we need to remember the core values of systems of care and remind ourselves to be strength-based in our approaches/work.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Announcements

Tammy announced that Family Enrichment Time for July will be held on July 10, 2010 from 2pm-4pm at the Youth Services Center. We will have a Discovery Toys Representative Alexandra Valadez come and talk about "How to Play with your Child". Alexandra comes highly recommended by Pam Esser and has done work with the Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA) in the past.

Alma Bell stated that she had a concern that the older children may be bored at FET now since the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) no longer meets at the same time. Bonnie asked that the issue be taken back to the FET subcommittee. Julie stated she would attend the next YAC meeting and request that they support FET and mentor the new youth in the program.

Bonnie asked Tammy to lead the FET subcommittee and bring back a report on the status of FET structure to our next PEG meeting.

Next Meeting

The next PEG meeting will be a telephone conference on Thursday, July 22, 2010, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Foster, Scribe

Date: June 28, 2010