

Harris County Systems of Hope MINUTES OF MEETING

Parent Empowerment Group

6300 Chimney Rock Road

Houston, TX 77081

Date	March 25, 2010	Time	6:40 – 8:00 PM
Team Leaders	Julie Bourne and Tammy	Note taker	R Johansson
Attendees	Rebecca Johansson; Julie Bourne; Eileene Chappelle; Alma Bell; Karen Bates; Barbara Sewell; Kim Williams (by phone); Randy Joiner; Alma Montejano		
Welcome & Introductions	Overview of PEG Agreements by Julie		
Approval of February Minutes	Teleconference February 25 th . Barbara moved; Julie seconded. Motion passed.		
Membership of PEG on Governing Board	Barbara Sewell made a motion that we vacate Robin Harrison's position on the Governing Board (for committing the transgression of Standard D of Ethical Principles and Standards of Conduct) and vote for a replacement. Eileene seconded. Motion passed. PEG agreed the co-leaders would send a certified letter to Robin with a copy to the chair and chair elect. Julie nominated Eileene to fill the third seat on the board for PEG. Julie will announce this to the board.		
Update on PEG transportation	Not clear that solicitation of car pool drivers is working. Tammy's looking for other ideas. Randy suggested we post a map at the next family enrichment. Eileene passed around a list of persons and areas willing to provide transportation. We'll let families work this out together.		
PEG Strategic Plan	Eileene made a motion that we adopt the Strategic Plan as it is until after we launch the Family Primer and mentor some of our new family members and participate in the Sustainability Planning. Julie seconded it. Consensus. Eileene proposed every new member have a mentor.		
Conference Report	Eileene and Rebecca attended the South Florida Research Conference in Tampa earlier this month. Eileen mentioned the key note was about coalition. One of the most important aspects of forming and sustaining a coalition was that everyone has a shared vision. We got a chance to network with other Texas sites and began talking about forming a coalition of family members especially in regards to influencing legislation. Let's look to ourselves to form once amongst current participants in SOH. She also mentioned the study done to correlate outcomes and satisfaction. The Continuous Quality Improvement Team is thinking about how to do this. She also mentioned that she spoke with a service in PA that has successfully leveraged Medicaid for mental health services. Conversation turned to the new health care legislation. Kim mentioned Federation of Families will be helping others work through the new legislation. Rebecca mentioned the best seminar she attended was the one on financial planning.		
Collaborative for Children Report	Julie, a parent rep for the grant, reported that the superintendent of HISD has announced there will be no more regions, but will be centralized. This will have an impact on the HOGG mental health grant for the south region. They'll have to wait to see how the reorganization of HISD works out. The collaborative will launch a mental health awareness campaign for youth and caregivers.		
PEG By-Laws / Guidance committee report	Bonnie Cord and Barbara Sewell are thinking that PEG needs by-laws as a mechanism to organize ourselves as a family organization. The group was not clear or united on this concept. A discussion ensued about the purpose of PEG. Randy said that there is no money in the current budget to sustain PEG after the grant. Kim mentioned that PEG could operate as part of SOH or as a separate entity. We agreed to defer this discussion until after the sustainability. We will put it on the next agenda.		
Family Primer Committee Report	We referred to the print out. We will pilot family training on April 17 th .		

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PEG priorities for sustainability	Kim Williams will share the work she's done with Bruce with us electronically to generalize and define some of the major concepts we want to transmit to the sustainability retreat.
Funding Sources	Not covered until after retreat.
Announcements	None
Next Meeting	Conference call with one agenda item: the PEG statement we need for May 7-8. Thursday, April 22.