

PEG
FACE TO FACE MEETING
May 27, 2010, 6:30-8:30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Alma Bell, Karen Bates, Julie Bourne, Eileene Chappelle, Bonnie Cord, Tammy Foster, Randy Joiner, Alma Montejano, Charissa Nealy, Barbara Sewell.

Tammy called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes Approval

The minutes of April 22, 2010, were corrected by changing the date in the footer on each page to April 22, 2010. The minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

Resignation of Co-Leader

Tammy resigned as Co-leader because she felt that, even though she is a family member, she is also a staff member. In the case of a conflict between her staff responsibilities and her family member responsibilities, her staff responsibilities would have to prevail. Thus she felt it would be more appropriate for someone without those constraints to be Co-leader. Also, since PEG is now examining its future structure, perhaps outside of Systems of Hope, she felt it was a good time to make the change. She assured the group that she would still support PEG and act as liaison with SOH. The group expressed their gratitude for her service as Co-Chair.

Election of Co-Leader

Barbara moved, and Eileene seconded, that Bonnie be the new Co-Chair. The group elected Bonnie unanimously.

Scribe

In light of Bonnie's becoming Co-Chair, Tammy offered to take on the responsibilities of Scribe. This was approved unanimously.

SOH Sustainability Retreat Decisions

Bonnie briefly reviewed what had been decided at the Sustainability Retreat. Four priorities were chosen. Each priority then had a group assigned to develop, at the Retreat, action items for that priority and a completion date. The groups also chose a Champion to lead the work on the action items throughout the next year. Current SOH Work Teams were assigned to do the work on the action items and bring the results to the Governing Board for approval. The detailed lists of all of these are attached. In sum, the four priorities, their Champions, and the SOH Work Teams are as follows:

1. *Planning And Decision-Making "Structure" With All Partners Including Families And Youth*; George Ford, Champion; Fiscal Work Team

2. *Systems Of Care Principles*; Pam Schaffer, Champion; Work Team: Training-input and feed back to Systems Change Work Team.
3. *Youth Group & Youth Empowerment*; Stephen Williams, Champion; Youth Advisory Council
4. *Information & Education To Empower Families To Advocate For Selves And Others- Family Voice*; Bonnie Cord, Champion; PEG, Social Marketing Work Team

Champion of the entire sustainability effort is Randy Joiner.

Priority 4: Empowerment of Families

At the Retreat, it was decided that there were about 20 services (attached) to be included in this effort. PEG concluded that several meetings additional to the regular PEG meetings would be necessary to sort out how to proceed. A subcommittee was formed to consider how to organize these items and how to go forward. The subcommittee will bring the plan back to PEG for consideration. Everyone present was willing to be on the subcommittee. Meetings were planned at the Youth Services Center for:

Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 6:30-8:30 pm
 Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 7:00-9:00 pm
 Tuesday June 15, 2010, 6:30-8:30 pm

Tammy will schedule a room for these meetings. Bonnie, as Champion of this priority, will be the leader.

Future of PEG

Bonnie moved that at the end of the SAMHSA grant, PEG become an autonomous chapter of Houston Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (HFFCMH). Eileene seconded. In support, the following was noted:

- *Credibility* - PEG would have more credibility with the Federation of Families name, a national organization, than it would by itself;
- *Financial* - SOH will not be sustaining PEG after the grant expires. HFFCMH is already a Texas section 503(c)(3) non-profit organization , and thus PEG, as part of HFFCMH, would be able to apply for grants;
- *Mission* - Because FFCMH partners with SAMHSA to support systems of care principles, aligning with HFFCMH is more in keeping with PEG's goals than aligning with any other non-profit.
- *Not irrevocable* - In the future, PEG could always separate from HFFCMH if it wanted to.

Because there was some discomfort and confusion about the proposed structure, the motion was amended to make this vote preliminary, with a final vote to be taken at the PEG meeting in June. Eileene seconded the amended motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Resignation of PEG Board Member/Executive Committee

At the May 19, 2010 Governing Board Meeting, the Board voted on PEG's recommendation to remove Robin Harrison from the Board, due to behavior inconsistent with the Board's Code of Conduct as set forth in the Bylaws. The Board met in Executive Session to hear Ms. Harrison and to consider the issue. Then, in the open meeting, the Board unanimously approved PEG's recommendation. Eileene Chappelle had previously been elected by PEG to fill that Board position if it became empty. Thus Eileene became a Board Member immediately after the vote.

With Ms. Harrison's departure from the Governing Board, there was a PEG vacancy on the Executive Committee of the Board. Bonnie nominated Karen Bates to fill that position. Barbara seconded. PEG elected Karen Bates unanimously.

Family Primer

The Family Primer Training is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2010, 10 am to 5 pm. All PEG members are strongly urged to attend. This will be a pilot for PEG's family member training; those present will give feedback on improvements. In addition, the Communications information will be taught by Nancy Baird, a professional in communications training. She will also train those present on how to teach this information in future trainings. Everyone present, except Randy Joiner, plans to be at the Training. It will be held in Room 203 at the Youth Services Center.

Training Institute

The Training Institute Conference will be held in Washington, D.C. in mid-July. Randy reported that for the first time, SOH will send an equal number of family members and staff members. PEG has two slots. Alma Montejano and Bonnie indicated they would like to attend and were chosen to go.

Next Meeting

The next PEG meeting will be a telephone conference on Thursday, June 17, 2010, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Cord, PEG Scribe

Date: May 27, 2010