

MINUTES: North Carolina State Collaborative for Children and Families
CHAIRPERSONS: Pat Solomon and Joel Rosch
LOCATION: AOC Training Warehouse

DATE: 3-23 - 2007
START TIME: 9:00 am
END TIME: 11:00 a.m.

Name/Affiliation		Name/Affiliation		Name/Affiliation	
Gary Ander, Alamance DSS	X	Mike Lancaster, DMHDDSAS		Adele Spitz-Roth, Duke Univ. DSS SOC Grant	
Cyndie Bennett, Office of Education Services, DHHS		Martha Lowrance, DOA, YA&I		Leslie Starsonneck, Ctr for Child & Family Health	X
Candice Britt, DSS	X	Andrea Lewis, Div Child Dev.	X	Flo Stein, DMHDDSAS	
Jamal Carr, DJJDP		Keith Letchworth, EAHEC		Judy Stephens, DJJDP	
Gail Cormier, NC Families United		Jennifer Mahan, MHANC		John Stephens, UNC-CH	
Kelly Crowley, DMHDDSAS		Angela Mendell, Bladen County SOC	X	Alexia Stith, AOC –drug courts	X
Beverly Daniel, DSS		Gerri Mattson, DPH		Chary Sundstrom, NC School Psych. Assn.	X
Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I	X	Faye McDaniel, DPI		Linda Swann, NAMI/NC	
Lana Dial, AOC	X	Trishana McKendall, DOA, YA&I		Tony Troop, DHHS/CFST Initiative	
Regina Dickens, RSD Consulting, Inc		Debra McHenry, DPI	X	Christine Trottier, Carolina Legal Assistance	
Kathy Dobbs, CFSA-NC		Angela Mendell, Bladen County DSS		Jane D. Young, NC DJJDP	
Maria Fernandez, DMHDDSAS		Rhoda Miller, DMHDDSAS		Lee Wallace, Scotland Co., SOC	
Kirstin Frescoln, AOC		Ron Moore, DHHS		Jeffery Watson, DOA, YA&I	
Alex Fonville, Five County COG SOC Coordinator		Robert Murphy, Ctr for Child & Family Health	X	Connie Windham, Alamance LME SOC	
Alex Goldstein, MHA/NC		Stephanie Nantz, DOA/YA&I	X	Kimm Wilson, GCC	
Terri Grant, Durham Center		Michael Owen, NC Council of Community Programs		Berkeley Yorkery, Action for Children	
Billie Guthrie, Community Backyard	X	Mike Palanza, Wilmington Health Access	X	Michael Young, UNC –CH evaluation project	
Jann Harris, DHHS		Joan Pennell, NCSU			
Esther High, DSS		Martin Pharr, DJJDP	X		
Rebecca Huffman, DSS	X	Susan E. Robinson, DMHDDSAS	X		
Djann Irwin, DPI	X	Joel Rosch, CCFP Co-Chair	X		
Libby Jones, Parent	X	Fran Sapir – Citizen Soldier Support	X		
Narell Joyner, Meck Cares SOC State Liaison	X	Paul Savery, DMH/DD/SAS Adolescent Substance Abuse SOC	X		
		Adolph Simmons, DMHDDSAS	X	Guests: Name, Email, phone, pls	
		Terri Shelton, UNC-G		Leslie Starsonneck, Ctr for Child & Family Health	X
		Laura Smith, SE Regional LME		Robert Murphy, Ctr for Child & Family Health	X
		Tom Smith, DSS			
		Liz Snyder, Duke Univ	X		
		Pat Solomon, NC Families United Co Chair	X		
		Paul Savery, DMH/DD/SAS Adolescent Substance Abuse SOC	X		
		Adolph Simmons, DMHDDSAS	X		
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ITEM	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	Action by Whom and When
(1) <i>Welcome & Introductions</i> Pat & Joel		
(2) <i>Review of minutes and agenda</i> Pat & Joel	No changes made to the previous minutes.	
<p>(3) <i>Community Partner Presentations</i> ~ Domestic Violence initiative – “The Shelter Screening Project: identifying & Responding to the Needs of Children in Domestic Violence Shelters” - Leslie Starsonneck and Robert Murphy, MD, Center for Child and Family Health (collaborative of Duke & UNC-CH) in Durham, NC</p> <p>Funded by the Duke Endowment and Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation</p>	<p>This project came out of the DV taskforce recommendation for developing a screening process for children in DV shelters, as approximately 8,000 children per year come to state funded DV shelters. Six DV shelters were selected to participate in the pilot in Wilson, Vance, Halifax, Robeson, Guilford, and Caldwell counties. The purpose was for shelter staff to focus on children’s well being needs and psychological needs (i.e., trauma), and to help shelters become more connected to their community resources. In the pilot, children are screened sometime near their intake. Screening assessments include: 1) Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ – a brief behavioral screening), 2) Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Reaction Index and 3) Parents Evaluation of Distress Scale for children 0-3. Shelter staff was taught to administer the assessments to parents and give feedback. Training around behavior management in the shelter was provided. Staff was also trained on working with different community agencies.</p> <p>There was much discussion surrounding community partnership, databases of community resources, shelter funding issues, the need for a standardized way to collect data on outcomes, the community response to and perception of DV and the relationship between DV shelters and DSS. Gary Ander noted that Alamance County has developed a generic screening tool for DV that has items for kids. It is used by law enforcement, DSS, and DMHDDSAS.</p> <p>The project is currently in a follow-up evaluation year, after the pilot year. They are trying to figure out what is feasible to pass on to other shelters (e.g., changes to shelter practices, changes to systems that are interacting with shelter and with families). They are also providing training in the northeastern part of the state on trauma-related therapies. Discussions are occurring with AHEC to develop and provide trainings for DV shelters, and possibly to all child-serving agencies.</p> <p>Representatives Alexander, Fisher, Parmon and Glazier are the primary sponsors of House Bill 853 that would prohibit the use of corporal punishment in the public schools. The bill stems from an incident in Robeson County where a boy had to go to then ER after a paddling in school. The DA tried to file charges, but under current legislation that was not possible. The NC Association of Educators is in support of this bill, as is NCSPA, NASW, NCPTA, and many other groups and legislators. The bill is currently in committee and will be heard Wednesday, March 28 at noon. Opposition is coming from the School Board Association. The State Board of Education and the Governor have not taken a position, but the elected School Superintendent Atkinson does support of the bill.</p> <p>The majority of NC school districts (67) still have corporal punishment on the books, but they don’t utilize it. Forty-eight school districts have abolished it (most major metropolitan districts: Wake, Mecklenburg, Asheville, etc). Some rural districts are still using it (Robeson, Duplin).</p>	<p>All were invited to a policy briefing March 29 from 1-3pm, NC Mutual Building, 411 W. Chapel Hill Street, C Level, Durham.</p> <p>It was noted that citizens can provide community education regarding this bill and communicate with their legislators to voice their opinion. There was much discussion, including utilizing Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) as an alternative.</p>
(4) Corporal punishment legislation update - Al Deitch		

<p>(5) Juvenile jurisdiction to increase the age to 18 - bills in both the House and Senate - Al Deitch</p>	<p>No state has done this without a two year study bill to assess costs, etc. Judges have said they will oppose this unless the age of school dropout is raised as well; similar articles have been in the newspapers as well. Joel mentioned that he would try and organize an educational presentation on both of these issues.</p>	
<p>(4) Committees Updates Evaluation – Adolph Assessment – Martin</p> <p>School Based Mental Health - Susan/Carol ~ Shared Agenda seed grant/community planning ~ strategic plan implementation ~ EAHEC Center for Excellence</p> <p>Substance Abuse – Paul</p> <p>Training and Technical Assistance – Kelly ~ Child & Family Team Blended Curricula – Rebecca ~ web page ~ 2007 SOC conference</p> <p>Cultural Competencies & Practices - Lana</p> <p>Transitioning Youth - Lana</p>	<p>The Evaluation committee will meet next month. The Assessment Committee will meet today at 2pm at the Disaster Recovery Center on Tillery Place in Raleigh.</p> <p>The School Based Mental Health Committee will meet on today following the State Collaborative meeting. Community planning applications will be reviewed for awards.</p> <p>The Substance Abuse Committee will meet on March 30, 2007. Plans to offer training to the Child and Family Support Team staff, school health staff, families and community partners (i.e. DSS, DJJ, AOC) in identifying SA issues early. The HBO documentary on addiction and recovery is now available for free download or on DVD at cost from HBO. It is also on HBO demand. Contact: Alcohol & Drug Council of NC at 919-493-0003.</p> <p>The Training and Community Collaborative Committee will meet on 4-13-07 at 11:30 in the Albemarle Building. The standing meeting for this group will be after the State Collaborative meeting on the 2nd Friday of the month. Rebecca Huffman reported that the LME SOC Coordinators and a parent partner will receive the Child and Family Team Blended Curricula Mar 29/30 and April 9/10. There are plans for other groups to receive the training as well.</p> <p>Looked at the website at the last meeting; Kelly contacted Preation to make initial changes. The website will then go live – the collaborative will be asked to look at it and make suggestions. There was discussion around who will be able to access the website to make changes or updates for committees, agencies, initiatives, related links, etc.</p> <p>The SOC Conference will be in Winston-Salem on December 3 and 4, 2007. Please note that the dates changed.</p> <p>The Transitions committee will meet next on 4-11-07 in Durham. http://www.doa.state.nc.us/yaio/youthintrans/youthintransition.htm</p>	<p>The committee agreed to come up with some draft guidelines for review at a future meeting and then to implement.</p>

<p>(5) <i>Community Partners Updates</i> DPI – Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) DPI - Homeless DPI- Healthy Schools DSS –SOC, IV-B, CFSR MHDDSAS – Plan, SOC Integrated Youth Substance Abuse Treatment/MH/SOC Grant Public Health Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Mecklenburg SOC NC Girls Alliance Child & Family Support Teams (CFST) School Readiness/Shared Indicators Domestic Violence (DV) Citizen-Soldier Support Program Fatherhood Initiative Others</p>	<p>DMHDDSAS – Ging Fernandez summarized grant focus and asked for a letter of support for a federal grant to help with next steps in implementing the division’s web based NCTOPPS outcomes tool.</p> <p>Alliance for Girls – Meeting on next Friday 3/30 9:30-4 (Interact conference room) there will be a facilitated strategic planning meeting. Anyone interested in helping this group find their feet please feel free to attend or contact Stephanie.</p> <p>DSS- CFSR - Candice thanked those participating (Lana, Diane, Joel, Pat, and Kelly) in the CFSR stakeholder interview process. There will be a debriefing on Friday afternoon with an accompanying press release.</p> <p>Week of May 7 – Older foster care children will be pages in the Senate and House. Foster care adoption day at the legislature is in the works.</p> <p>May 8th – National Child Mental Health Awareness Day CMHS web has resources free for use and community education.</p> <p>Martin – March 30 there is an n SOC training in Charlotte co-sponsored by the juvenile court judges and with DMHDDSAS & DMA.</p> <p>Rebecca – A presentation on the cross-agency CFT curriculum was accepted to the 12th Annual Conference on Advancing School Child Mental Health.</p> <p>Debra – Appeals process (for children and families not receiving homeless services) is complete. She is just waiting on a letter to go out with it, along with a copy of the statute.</p> <p>There is a website (NC WISE OWL) that has numerous materials and resources for families regarding CFTs. They are trying to get all the parent groups at the state level together to meet. They are also doing an on-line curriculum so that all teachers in schools can have the training and know what to expect when they attend a CFT.</p>	<p>All agreed; a letter will be provided.</p> <p>A debriefing for the strategic planning session will be held at the next meeting on April 13. The facilitators will be coming back on May 11 for a follow-up session.</p>
<p>(6) <i>Agenda Items for Next Meeting</i> 2nd Fridays – 4th Fridays -</p>	<p>Please send agenda items to Pat at phsolomon@earthlink.net by March 16th, 2007. Thank you</p>	<p>Next Meetings: March 23 – AOC Training Warehouse</p>
	<p>Any Audio Visual equipment needs should be requested well in advance. phsolomon@earthlink.net</p>	<p>Pls send edits to susan.robinson@ncmail.net</p>

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