

MINUTES: North Carolina State Collaborative for Children and Families
CHAIRPERSONS: Pat Solomon and Joel Rosch
LOCATION: Mental Health Association, Inc, Raleigh, NC

DATE: 12-14-2007

START TIME: 9:00 am

END TIME: 12:00 pm

| Name/Affiliation | | Name/Affiliation | | Name/Affiliation | |
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| May Alexander, Durham LME, SOC | | Kevin Kelley, DSS, FC & CWS | | Lisa Salo, SOC Coord, Guilford Center | X |
| Gary Ander, Alamance DSS | X | Jinx Kenan, DCD | | Paul Savery, DMH/DD/SAS Adolescent Substance Abuse SOC | X |
| Cyndie Bennett, DCD, DHHS | | Carol Kyles, NCDPH | X | Jane Seo, DSS | |
| | | Andrea Lewis, DCD | X | Adolph Simmons, DMHDDSAS | |
| Candice Britt, DSS | X | Keith Letchworth, EAHEC | X | | |
| Janine Britt, SE Regional LME | X | Martha Lowrance, DOA, YA&I | X | Laura Smith, Pembroke Univ | |
| June Britt, Office of Educ. Services, DHHS | X | Kelly Nguyen | | Tom Smith, DSS | |
| Jamal Carr, DJJDP | | Jennifer Mahan, MHANC | X | Liz Snyder, DSS SOC, Duke Univ | X |
| Johanna Chase, DPI | X | Angela Mendell, Bladen County SOC | X | Pat Solomon, NC Families United & Sandhills LME, Co Chair | X |
| Simone Chessa, DMA | X | Gerri Mattson, DPH | | Flo Stein, DMHDDSAS | |
| Selena Childs, DPH | X | Faye McDaniel, DPI | | John Stephens, UNC-CH | |
| Gail Cormier, NC Families United | X | Trishana McKendall, DOA, YA&I | X | Alexia Stith, AOC | |
| Kim Crouch, DJJDP | | | | Chary Sundstrom, NC School Psych. Assn. | |
| Kelly Crowley, DMHDDSAS | X | Angela Mendell, Bladen County DSS | X | Linda Swann, Sandhills NAMI/NC | |
| Beverly Daniel, DSS | | Rhoda Miller, DMHDDSAS | | Alma Taylor | |
| Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I | | Tara Minter, DOA | | Christine Trottier, Carolina Legal Assistance | |
| Regina Dickens, RSD Consulting, Inc | | Ron Moore, DSS, Fatherhood | | Jane D. Young, NC DJJDP | |
| Kathy Dobbs, CFSA-NC | | Mary Neil Morris SE Regional LME | | Lee Wallace, Scotland Co., SOC | X |
| Maria Fernandez, DMHDDSAS | X | Stephanie Nantz, DOA/YA&I | | Jeffery Watson, DOA, YA&I | |
| Kirstin Frescoln, AOC | X | Michael Owen, NC Council of Community Programs | | Connie Windham, Alamance LME SOC | X |
| Alex Fonville, Five County COG SOC Coordinator | | Mike Palanza, Wilmington Health Access | | Jerry Wilkinson, DPH early intervention | X |
| Billie Guthrie, Community Backyard | | Joan Pennell, NCSU | | Berkeley Yorkery, Action for Children | |
| Terri Grant, CSFT LME Coord, Durham Ctr | | Martin Pharr, DJJDP | X | Guests: | |
| Jann Harris, DHHS | | Tiffany Price UNC School of SW/Child Welfare Clearinghouse | | Loren Solomon | X |
| Rebecca Huffman, DSS | X | Nicole Prioleau, PBH | | Jim Cook, UNC-C/Meck Cares Evaluator | X |
| Kathryn Hunsucker, SOC Coord, Onslow-Carteret LME | X | Rebecca Reeve, NC Healthy Schools | | Elizabeth Weigensberg, UNC-CH | X |
| Diann Irwin, DPI | | Susan E. Robinson, DMHDSAS | X | Kelly Graves, CYFCP UNC-G | X |
| Libby Jones, Parent | X | Jennifer Rothman, NAMI/NC | X | Johna Hughes, UNC-CH/SW | X |
| Jeanette Jordan, SERegional LME | | Joel Rosch, Duke Univ CCFP Co-Chair | X | Rebecca Wells, UNC-CH/SPH | X |
| Catherine Joyner, DPH-CMPCT | X | Nicole Prioleau, PBH | | Rebecca Kingston, UNC-CH | X |
| Narell Joyner, Meck Cares SOC State Liaison | X | | | Matthew Jones | X |
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| ITEM | DISCUSSION/FINDINGS | Action by Whom and When |
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| (1) <i>Welcome & Introductions</i> Pat | All were welcomed. Introductions completed. Sign in done. | |
| (2) <i>Review of minutes and agenda</i> | Edits had been sent via email, but a hard copy was not present at the meeting. | Edited version will be posted to web. |
| (3) MeckCares SOC Evaluation and Social Marketing Efforts – Overview and Status – Narell Joyner, MeckCares SOC Jim Cook, UNC-Charlotte, MeckCares Evaluator, Jill < Meck LME, MeckCares Social Marketing Coordinator | <p>Narell Joyner introduced Jim Cook and framed the presentation.</p> <p>Jim indicated that there are several required components of the CMHS SOC evaluation of the MeckCares grant.</p> <p>The <i>first component</i> - Jim provided a handout to review on data collection re: how families/youth perceive their child and family teams per the providers with whom as families engage. This is one piece that is being done to look at operational standards of practice and improve practice.</p> <p><i>Second evaluation component</i> - National evaluation requires face to face evaluation. The method is a family/youth interview process in their homes/convenient to family/youth. Limited time 2 data, in order to look at trends and impact of service and system. Findings seem to reflect that parents indicate child grades improve even if the</p> <p>Johanna, DPI, suggested that suspension/expulsion data is directly correlated to parent perception.</p> <p>Pat indicated that its important to acknowledge parents feeling that they are receiving help concretely, see less time struggling with homework and child getting better grades or keeping consistent grades and having more success socially and engaged with peers positively are parent perceptions of success and valid.</p> <p><i>Third evaluation component</i> is looking at the family support organization, Parent Voice. Measures of relationship of family support with child and family team, individual child/family, service and system improvement. They are in the midst of trying to tie these items together in order to</p> <p>Parent Voice has evolved in its composition and emphasis of work with parents as this grant has been implemented. Families have greater impact in helping families engage with and improve family and child functioning, esp. with those families experiencing depression. There is now a parent who serves as the school liaison for families.</p> <p>It was noted that it important to refer back to NC published data from previous SOC CMHS grant evaluations that clearly demonstrate family empowerment is a key factor in improved school success and overall outcomes for children and youth.</p> <p>Jim stated that when there was high turnover of individuals who attend the Child and Family Team meetings. There was a negative impact to the youth when this occurred. Examples of youth who spoke at the conference last week, youth who are training with parents re: child and family teams noted how essential this presence and support is to them and was to them for their recovery and success. Additional measures include:</p> <p>-Degree to how families are connected to other consistent</p> | One handout shared. |

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| | <p>support, not just the providers from agencies or therapists.</p> <p>-Degree of relationship by which families/children are safe and engaged in neighborhoods. MeckCares are working with Urban Institute in Meck county by regional neighborhoods.</p> <p>Related Discussion regarding the following occurred relevant to pending DPI and LEA response to improving status in schools.</p> <p>Importance of schools and family/youth advocates</p> <p>Johanna, DPI, stated that schools depending on funding (Title I), needs to have student support and other elements including advisory groups in place.</p> <p>DPI is in process of developing each region and school will have Assistant Teams to help schools address youth needs in schools. Psychosocial development and well-being must be considered and supported as priority for improving youth success in schools.</p> <p>Selena noted that a joint study is happening thru DPH, via a student SW intern looking at DPI LEA school personnel.</p> <p>Drop out rate for children with disabilities in NC is 48% and nationally, it is projected to be 33% and this is still less than actual graduation levels. Jennifer Mahan indicated many folks are looking at this issue, esp. for those with disabilities. The solution focus seems less targeted than helps.</p> <p>NC Families United wrote a paper that outlined the need for family support and advocacy.</p> <p>Successes of Multi-dimensional Treatment Foster Care (MDTFC) and Multi-systemic Therapy (MST)</p> <p><i>Outcomes and innovations to improve outcomes</i> - Ways in which communities are making changes based on outcomes and trying innovations thru flexible funding and collaborations. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Meck LME has put out an RFA to fund a provider to complete service array in their community. ✓ Other LMEs who are using single stream funding to do innovations. ✓ DSS working with supervisors to promote more worker stability. ✓ Requiring providers to become nationally accredited will help drive effect and improve outcomes. ✓ Agencies need to continue to engage systems across all levels to inform and change process. DSS and DMHDDSAS have begun to do this with their Quality Management and Accountability efforts. Importance of entering the data and how data is used helps. Web based data is a way to track use/access and see if this correlates to application. Ways in which data is reported practically by families and providers. | <p>NC Families United position paper on need for family support and advocacy for children in school will be redistributed.</p> <p>Suggestion for: f/up from collaborative and f/up as individuals to promote</p> <p>Obtain and distribute a paper on student assist teams – John Hopkins, Doug McGiver re: a powerful study of youth failing English, math, behavioral problems and dependent predictor of absenteeism in 6th grade.</p> <p>high schools in America = drop out factories</p> <p>Gather comments and summarize talking points (Johanna/Susan will work on this)</p> |
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| <p>Child and Family Team – revised definition – Gail Cormier report from ad hoc task group</p> <p>Partner Updates DJJDP – Martin Pharr</p> <p>AOC - Kirsten Frescoln</p> <p>DPH - Carol Kyles</p> <p>Collaborative update – Pat and Joel</p> <p>DMHDDSAS – State CFAC and MH Planning and Advisory Council – Libby Jones & Susan Robinson</p> <p>School Mental Health Project w/ Eastern AHEC – Keith Letchworth</p> <p>NC Families United and NC Consumer Organization – Libby Jones</p> <p>NC Covenant for Children – Jennifer Mahan</p> <p>MeckCares – Narell Joyner</p> | <p>Gail Cormier provided a summary of the process, work and an ad hoc task group of the Collaborative to address clarifying the definition for Child and Family Team</p> <p>Child and Family Team definition is endorsed by the Collaborative, is the following: <i>Child and Family Teams</i> are family members and their community supports that come together to <i>create, implement and update</i> a plan <i>with</i> the child, youth/student and family. The plan builds on the strengths of the child, youth and family and addresses their needs, desires and dreams.</p> <p>Martin passed around a document published by DJJDP named, <i>Having Our Say...Expressions on Bullying from the NC Youth</i>, photo and poetry collection written by children in elementary through high school age.</p> <p>Martin Pharr announced that DJJDP is holding a meeting with the community stakeholders re: funding reductions made for SFY08-09 for JCPC's. This type of meeting has not happened in a number years. Meeting to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 10-4 at the McKimmon Center at NCSU in Raleigh, NC. <i>All are invited to participate.</i> Family organizations need to be present if possible. That afternoon the State Advisory Council will also meet.</p> <p>Kirsten Frescoln stated that 26 of 30 judges were trained in implementing treatment courts last week in Chapel Hill.</p> <p>Suicide prevention grant is being written with lead thru DPH in partnership with DMHDDSAS and DPI.</p> <p>Joel and Pat announced that as members agree in October meeting, the State Collaborative provided a letter of support for the NC Healthy Schools CDC federal grant application submitted by DPI, Sherry Lehman, and DHHS/DPH, Rebecca Reeve.</p> <p>Susan Robinson and Libby Jones, State CFAC family representative member, distributed copies of and reminded folks that the state strategic plan brochure for MHDDSAS has been completed – with family input. You can find this at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/.</p> <p>Keith indicated that the School Based MH project to establish will be ending June 30, 2008 at EAHEC. Duke Endowment funding will end at that time. ECU is considering adopting the School Based MH project, Health Psychology – pediatric and adult behavioral health tracks. Kate B Reynolds foundation funds will be requested to help with this process.</p> <p>Libby mentioned that NC Consumer Organization had a leadership retreat, adopted a slogan that Matthew developed. This is a reminder that the children and youth we advocate for and work with grow up to be adult consumer advocates. We are preparing their role in this as well. Matthew stated that</p> <p>NC Covenant for Children have moved into space here at MHA offices. This will promote more collaboration among stakeholders.</p> | <p>Draft CFT definition distributed. FINAL revised 12-14-07 definition for CFT will be distributed as FINAL adopted by NC Collaborative and NC Families United. To be used widely and integrated in the CFT curriculum training.</p> <p>Copies can be requested thru DJJDP.</p> <p>Martin will send meeting notice to state collaborative. Meeting to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 10-4 at the McKimmon Center at NCSU in Raleigh, NC. <i>All are invited to participate.</i></p> <p>Keith reminded folks that on-line training is available at http://www.eahec.ecu.edu/smhp.cfm</p> |
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| | <p>Narell Joyner stated that Meck Cares is kicking off their training institute in January. A flyer was distributed, see dates on web. This training is free. www.meckcares.charmeck.org or 704-432-0986.</p> | |
| <p>Work Group Updates</p> <p>School Based MH Work Group update – Susan Robinson & Carol Kyles</p> <p>Training and Communications Work Group – Kelly Crowley & Rebecca Huffman</p> | <p>REMINDER RE: January 11th - Funding from the IDEA partnership has helped Chatham, Buncombe and New Hanover Counties to draft strategic plans to provide SBMH plans. They will present these at the second State Collaborative meeting in January. Information will be presented from a team from NC attended the national conference on SBMH. They received a lot of information on how to take the state plan to the next level; to really connect the plan to outcomes. Libby mentioned that the State Collaborative website received quite a bit of recognition from other states at that conference.</p> <p>Kelly Crowley- SOC conference for 12/3-12/4: More than 350 people attended the conferences. Keith will be doing f/up data report on those who attended the conference. Comments heard about the conference have been very very positive. Strengths of the conference included the collaboration with school based mental health, MeckCares and NC Families United.</p> | |
| <p>(4) Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Standing Meetings are held monthly on: 2nd Fridays – 4th Fridays -</p> | <p>Next Meetings: January 11 School based MH/BH Work Group and community planning site panel presentation and discussion – January 25 Strategic plan review and update - ?? Meet at AOC offices for this meeting only.</p> | <p>Next Meetings at MHA: January 11 –9-12 SBMH Work Group with Community Planning sites and DPI updates, including, PBS and RTI, other schools updates January 25 9-11 **meet at AOC offices</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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