

AGENDA: North Carolina State Collaborative for Children and Families**CHAIRPERSONS:** Pat Solomon and Joel Rosch**LOCATION:** Mental Health Association, Inc., Raleigh, NC**DATE:** 10-10-08**START TIME:** 9:00 am**END TIME:** 11:00 a.m.

Name/Affiliation		Name/Affiliation		Name/Affiliation	
May Alexander, Durham LME, SOC		Melissa Hill, NASW-NC		Tiffany Price UNC School of SW/Child Welfare Clearinghouse	
Gary Ander, Alamance DSS	X	Johna Hughes, UNC-CH/SW		Lisa Salo, SOC Coord, Guilford Center	
Andrew Behnke, NCSU, Coop.Ext.		Kathryn Hunsucker, SOC Coord, Onslow-Carteret LME	X	Paul Savery, DMH/DD/SAS Adolescent Substance Abuse SOC	X
Cyndie Bennett, DCD, DHHS		Diann Irwin, DPI		Joe Simmons, DPI	X
Candice Britt, DSS	X	Sonia Johnson, Bladen County Family Partner		Laura Smith, Pembroke Univ	
Janine Britt, SE Regional LME	X	Libby Jones, Parent	X	Liz Snyder, DSS SOC, Duke Univ	
June Britt, Office of Educ. Services, DHHS		Catherine Joyner, DPH-CMPCT		Pat Solomon, NC Families United & Sandhills LME,Co Chair	X
Jamal Carr, DJJDP		Narell Joyner, Meck Cares SOC State Liaison	X	Alicia Spain, Beacon Center(LME)	
Nancy Carter, SAYSO, ILR, Inc.		Jinx Kenan, DCD		Flo Stein, DMHDDSAS	
Johanna Chase,DPI		Elizabeth Kurzer, Dept. of Commerce		Kurt Stephenson, AOC	
Simone Chessa, DMA		Carol Kyles, NCDPH		Alexia Stith, AOC	X
Selena Childs, DPH		Andrea Lewis, DCD	X	Chary Sundstrom, NC School Psych. Assn.	
Brendon Comer, Orange County Partnership for Young Children	X	Keith Letchworth, EAHEC		Linda Swann, Sandhills NAMI/NC	
Jackie Copeland, Crossroads LME		Martha Lowrance, DOA, YA&I	X	Alma Taylor, DVR	
Gail Cormier, NC Families United	X	Kelly Nguyen, Powerful Youth		Christine Trotter, Carolina Legal Assistance	
Kiesha Crawford, AOC/NC-CIP	X	Jennifer Mahan, MHANC		Jane D. Young, NC DJJDP	
Kelly Crowley, DMHDDSAS	X	Angela Mendell, Bladen County SOC		Jeffery Watson, DOA, YA&I	
Karen DeBord, NCSU, Coop.Ext		Gerri Mattson, DPH		Elizabeth Weigensberg, UNC-CH	X
Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I		Erin McLaughlin, MHA, Inc		Rebecca Wells, UNC-CH/SPH	X
Lana Dial, AOC/NC-CIP		Faye McDaniel, DPI		Connie Windham, Alamance LME SOC	
Regina Dickens, RSD Consulting, Inc		Trishana McKendall, DOA, YA&I		Jerry Wilkinson, DPH early intervention	X
Kathy Dobbs, CFSA-NC		Rhoda Miller, DMHDDSAS		Berkeley Yorkery, Action for Children	
Maria Fernandez, DMHDDSAS		Tara Minter, DOA		Rick Zechman, DSS	X
Kirstin Frescoln, AOC		Ronald Moore, DSS	X	Guests:	
Alex Fonville, Five County COG SOC Coordinator		Mary Neil Morris SE Regional LME		Leslie Kellenberger, Omni Visions	X
Kelly Graves, CYFCP UNC-G		Stephanie Nantz, DOA/YA&I		Ronda D. Jones, MSW, PLCSW, Lumbee Tribe	X
Billie Guthrie, Community Backyard		Martin Pharr, DJJDP			
Terri Grant, CSFT LME Coord,Durham Ctr		Tiffany Purdy, Beacon Center (LME)			
Jann Harris, DHHS		Rebecca Reeve, NC Healthy Schools			
Jackie Copeland, Crossroads LME		Jack Register, NASW-NC			
		Susan E. Robinson, DMHDSAS	X		
		Jennifer Rothman, NAMI/NC			
		Joel Rosch, Duke Univ CCFP Co-Chair			
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ITEM	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	Action by Whom and When
(1) <i>Welcome & Introductions</i>	Meeting started at 9:14 AM and was lead by Pat Solomon. There was a brief discussion about changing the site of the monthly Collaborative meetings due to our noise level. Pat asked about using the North Carolina Judicial Center. Kiesha Crawford agreed to check with the Scheduling Coordinator and report back to the group.	
(2) <i>Review of minutes and agenda from 9/26/08</i>	No changes made. Any corrections can be sent to Susan Robinson via email; please CC Pat Solomon and Joel Rosch.	
(3) <i>Discussion Topics</i> "Good News" Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rich Zechman announced that DSS received a 12 month no cost extension on their SOC grant. • Gary Ander announced that Alamance Co. received a SOC grant (total amount \$9M). • Paul Savery mentioned that the pilot sites (DJJDP population) for the PORT project have been chosen. There will be a behavioral health emphasis and MAJORS will phase out as more sites are brought on. This will be a "one-stop shopping" experience for court counselors. In order to stabilize the provider base, they are negotiating with providers in the western part of the state and hopefully there will be 2 new sites by the first of the new year. The Project Management Team is housed at UNCG and Terri Shelton is the lead. Existing programs will be instructed to implement evidence-based practices by July 2009 and adopt the GAIN assessment tool. The funds for this project are all state funds; MAJORS money that was unexpended and has now been reallocated. \$25K for each site. • Post adoption training continuing education opportunity available for families; 1000 people expected and child care will be provided. <p><i>Family Finding Presentation Talking Points</i></p> <p>I. The Division's Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attending various conferences with focuses on youth permanence and the engagement of youth in the process. ○ Thinking beyond our contemporary boundaries ○ Conversation with Duke Endowment about partnerships ○ Discussion with Kevin Campbell about design ○ Presentation to Urban County Director's Group in September 2007 ○ Proposal submitted to Duke in December 2007. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Consultant ▪ On-Site County Coordinators ▪ Training with Kevin Campbell ▪ Contract with U.S. Search.com ▪ Evaluation by Child Trends <p>II. Participating County Departments of Social Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Duke Endowment response received February 2008 ○ The Duke Endowment will fund Family Finding in 6 counties (\$451,000) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Buncombe ▪ Catawba ▪ Gaston ▪ Mecklenburg 	

Division of Social Services * *
 >Tamika Williams re: Family Finding Initiative
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<p>Click the link for info on new legislation (handout provided at the meeting) http://ncsconline.org/D_Gov/IssueBriefs/IssueBrief-FCSIA-Sep-08.pdf</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Hanover ▪ Wake ○ County Plans were completed for our 6 ○ Each county has participated in Evaluation calls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youth between 10-17 without permanent placement resources and who have permanency goals other than reunification ▪ Randomization ○ Counties are hiring on-site coordinators ○ Division has made recommendation ○ Have secured application and program codes for DSS-1571 ○ First training with Kevin Campbell is set for October 13-14, 2008 ○ First release of \$225,500 received from The Duke Endowment ● Our Mission, Vision and Goal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Well-being through support and safety & permanency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CFSR promotes placement with relatives ○ Promotes safety & security for all ○ Respects the individual’s family, kin and friend as experts ● Connection to Other Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identifying and engaging relative care options, including paternal relatives <p><i>Questions asked:</i></p> <p>Q: Will part of this initiative be to train families so they can become licensed homes?</p> <p>A: The goal of the initiative is the lead to increased placements, but if there is no placement then the child(ren) have found adults with which to foster relationships.</p> <p>Q: How is the random selection done?</p> <p>A: The child will be assigned to a control group or to certain services; counties can continue using current procedures and each caseload will depend on the numbers in each county. Each county will start with 5-7 cases; counties can look at all of their cases and then prioritize the group to be served and then randomly assign. With this project counties should be serving 35 families per year.</p> <p>Q: Are the counties working with biological families or people the children have identified as family?</p> <p>A: Both</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Candice Britt referenced and distributed the new legislation (Fostering Connections) and thinks that it is worthwhile to review. Candice agreed to share NC’s future goals at an upcoming meeting. She said that NC is asking for state funds to support guardianship payments and that now Title IV-E funds can be used so the question is what will NC do? ● Narrell Joyner commented that CFTs can be “family finders” if convened correctly. Searching and realizing that there is family out there is a natural process. Child Welfare Workers who participated in a similar project in New Jersey Project this as another referral and stopped there. ● Candice commented that due to this Family Finding Initiative and the Program Improvement Plan there will be more documentation of the efforts done to find families. Also, all of the current procedures will continue; this new initiative is a means of improving practices. ● Candice wants to receive feedback on the CFT Chapter she will send out. The chapter now gets to more than did the CFT occur, at what time, on what date. Now they want to know was the family really involved, how much preparation was done 	
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<p>>Phyllis Fulton, Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) Coordinator Contact her at Phyllis.Fulton@ncmail.net</p> <p>Click the link for the handout given at the meeting entitled <i>State Responses to CCPT End of Year Report</i> http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/ccpt/docs/9-09-08%20State%20Response.pdf</p> <p>Rebecca Wells, UNC-CH/SPH Contact her at rswells@email.unc.edu</p>	<p>before the meeting, etc.</p> <p><i>CCPT Presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every county have a CCPT and the mission of that team is to bridge the gap between citizens off the street and families with children in care. • It is a multi-disciplinary team and they look at the gaps and deficiencies in services for children and review active cases in their community. Once gaps are identified, the information goes to the County Commissioners then to the feds in the EOY report. • In 1991, NC General Statues mandated that certain members serve on the team. NC started doing this work 6-7 years before the feds required it. <p><i>Comments:</i> Kelly Crowley echoed Phyllis’ comments and added that the local culture is what stifles groups sometimes. If people try to create one meeting that can serve all of the needs of the community that would be the best practice, but there is a misconception that there are legislative restrictions on how the groups operate.</p> <p><i>Questions asked:</i> Q: Are CCPT members required to do CFT Training? A: No. We use the Family Resource Centers to train on how to be an effective team member (comment was made that the cross-agency curriculum could be helpful). Q: Are you recruiting a certain target group to be members? A: NCGS allows for 5 additional appointees by the County Commissioners along with the mandated members (courts, law enforcement, etc.). Federal guidelines say to look for members with experience. Some perks for members like mileage reimbursement. There is also a \$750 incentive given to teams that demonstrate that they have a successful process with holding forums where citizens convene to discuss child welfare issues.</p> <p><i>Child and Family Support Team Evaluation presentation</i> Beth Gilford and Rebecca Wells are working on the evaluation process and wanted the input of the Collaborative on what they have so far. If you can provide information, please contact Rebecca (see handout given at the meeting).</p>	
<p>(4) Work Group & Partner Updates</p> <p>Training – meet 2nd Friday 11-1 at MHA Healthy Youth Transitions – 2nd Wed 2-4 at AOC School Based MH –4th Friday 11-1 at MHA Evaluation – TBA Cultural Competence-TBA Assessment – TBA Membership – TBA Trauma Task Force</p>	<p>Training Work Group-Conference budget may be impacting the reality of having the conference this year. Kelly Crowley is working to make our case to the powers that be at DMHDDSAS. The Training Workgroup is meeting today and will keep the Collaborative informed as more information is made available.</p>	

<p>(5) Agenda Items for Next Meeting</p>	<p>Oct. 24th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Candice Britt, DSS with other DSS representatives - Data sharing for customer satisfaction data, customer survey data - Update from Assessment Work Group <p>Nov. 14th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joy Stewart & Beth Weigensberg, UNC-CH/SSW - Update on Evaluation Workgroup and role with Action for Children - Elizabeth Kurzer, Commerce & Beth Weigensberg, UNC-CH/SSW – WIA youth workforce programs & Work First demonstration grant promising strategies for employment - Update from Cultural Competence Work Group <p>Dec 12th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Danya Perry, Communities in Schools, Gang Prevention 	<p>Next Meeting: October 24, 2008 9am-11am</p>
	<p>Any Audio Visual equipment needs should be requested well in advance. p.solomon@earthlink.net</p>	<p>Pls send edits to susan.robinson@ncmail.net</p>

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