

North Carolina Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families

June 24, 2011 9:00 am to 11:00 am Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: National Center for Child Traumatic Stress Training Room

North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company Building

411 West Chapel Hill Street, Suite 200

Durham, NC 27701 <http://www.nccollaborative.org>

Name/Affiliation		Name/Affiliation		Name/Affiliation	
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Daniel, Garson-Angert, DPH		Kathryn Hunsucker, SOC Coord, Onslow-Carteret LME		Joe Simmons, NC DPI EC	x
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Kimberly Blackshear, Ntl Ctr Child Traum. Strss	x	Hope Jones DMHDDSA		Alicia Spain, Beacon Center(LME)	
Andrew Behnke, NCSU, Coop.Ext.		Libby Jones, NC Families United, Parent, Co-Chair	x	Kurt Stephenson, AOC	
Jonathan Best, NCMHCD	x	Linda Jones Alamance DSS			
Teka Dempson, BECOMING	x	Trishana Jones, DOA, YA&I		Leslie Staroneck, Ctr/Child & Family Health	
Emily Jackson, DSS		Catherine Joyner, DPH-CMPCT		Chary Sundstrom, NC School Psych. Assn.	
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Angel Dowden, NC DPI Special Projects		Stephanie Nantz, DOA/YA&I		Pam Gooden SE Regional LME	
Dean Duncan, UNC-CH Sch SW		Mark O'Donnell, DMHDDAS	x	Katie Biggerstaff, NCCAP	
Jeff Eads, CenterPoint		Martin Pharr, DJJDP (Judy Stevens)		Doris N. Mack SOC/FSF	
Linda Evans, Moore County Schools		Tiffany Price, UNC SW		Margaret Powell SOC	
Maria Fernandez, DMHDDAS		Deborah Prickett, 21 st Century Comm. Learning		Freddie Harris, SOC-WCDSS	
Alex Fonville, Five County COG SOC Coordinator	x	Tiffany Purdy, Beacon Center (LME)		Mary Jo Van Horne, GAL 5 County Collaborative	
Kirstin Frescoln AOC		Kay Paksoy, NASW-NC		Katie Cunningham- Forsyth County Collaborative	
Terri Grant, CSFT LME Coord.,Durham Ctr		Heather Reynolds, NC DPI / PBIS	x	Cheryl Drew- FD/NCFU- Forsyth County Collaborative	
Kelly Graves, CYFCP UNC-G		Frank Rider, FFCMH		Janie Shivar- Center of Excellence	
Iris Green, DRNC		Susan E. Robinson, DMHDDAS		Brandon Fields- The Oucham center	
Cynthia Daniels Hall, NAMI	x	Joel Rosch, Duke Univ CCFP	x	Guiomarz Navarro- NCFU Centerpoint	
Ann Hancock,LME		Jennifer Rothman, NAMI-NC			
Melissa Hill, NASW-NC		Lisa Salo, SOC Coord, Guilford Center			
Judy Holland, Ntl Ctr for Child Traum. Stress		Paul Savery, DMH/DD/SAS			
				List updated 3-4-11	

June 10, 2011	
1. Welcome & Introductions	
2. Approval of minutes from 5-27-2011 meeting	Please pass requested meeting minute edits to Courtney Cormier at Courtney.e.cormier@gmail.com
3a. Discussion Topics/ Presentations	<p>The presenters shared how they have sustained their system of care collaborative serving counties- Franklin, Vance, Grandville, Halifax, Warren—with a population of over 241,000 and spans a 2-hour commute from end to end. Challenges facing this population are unemployment (3 of the 5 counties have a higher unemployment rate than the state average), teen pregnancy (has the 3rd highest teen pregnancy rate in the state), and substance abuse. Speakers described how they went from at one point sometimes having 4 or 5 people at meetings 67 at their most recent meeting.</p> <p>The speakers noted several things as crucial to the success of the collaborative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The involvement of state-level agencies. Although representing a threat beforehand, their help was extremely advantageous for guiding the collaborative and support.
3b. Participant and Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving meeting location from the Mental Health Building to a central location on neutral territory. • Contracting, as opposed to employing, the System of Care coordinator. • The creation and distribution of a binder/notebook upon first attendance outlining the goals and missions of the collaborative as well as containing other resources. Note that this is constantly expanded as new handouts are distributed at meetings. • Having 5 members from each county as voting members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For each county, voting members are made up of the following: 1 family representative, 1 JCPC, 1 Private Provider, 1 child serving public agency (i.e. school, public health, Department of Social Services), and one general Member of the Community. ○ They require that family members are present to have a quorum. • Bringing in speakers—some examples include HIV/AIDS awareness, domestic violence, youth violence, substance abuse, crisis intervention, gang awareness, holiday stress, teen pregnancy. • Creating subcommittees focusing on differing issues. Each committee has a voting member. • Distributing information at public events—such as plays. • Setting up tables at each meeting for the distribution of materials and resources
3c. Agenda Items for Future Meetings	<p>The speakers then noted the following as challenges for the collaborative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Averaging 48 people in attendance last year, with 150 different people attending at least one meeting, the seating arrangement is a big challenge. • Decreased budget from \$125,000 to \$0.

- Being creative about providing what people wanted in order to get people in attendance.
- Travel- as stated before, the collaborative covers an area that takes approx. 2 hours to drive end to end.
- Increasing prevention efforts
- Lack of funds for training for families and youths.
- The loss of files and records due to providers closing their doors
- Lack of flex funds for families needing goods.
- Lack of funds for alternative programs for suspended youth and afterschool programs—no funds at schools for these.
- The amount of time needed to be spent at child-family support meetings.

Some goals of the collaborative include the following

- Providing advocacy and support to children and families
- Attending meetings with parents when they need additional support, such as court hearings, IEP planning sessions, school meetings, etc.
- Improving school performance on EOGs and EOCs.
- Keeping resource centers up and running
- Keeping leadership initiative and African American male programs going
- Hosting 2 2-week camps in the summer for children.

Other things noted by the speakers:

The funding committee was awarded \$30,000 from LME to get out to the community on the 3rd Monday in the month of May. They sent a request out for proposals and received 14 applications. Grants were awarded for psych testing kits, trauma focus training, anti bullying, training in 7 Challenges.

Trainings- Autism in youths and adults, Trauma and brain development, applied violence. All 3 cost \$2000. Trainers get certificates with contact hours from AHEC.

People are concerned about the merger between PBH- 15 counties with headquarters located in Salisbury using a different model of management-- and how it will affect collaborative outcomes. They are collaborating with communities that have good family systems in effect, and they worry that family involvement will not be deemed important.

Question was asked “what positive ways can we make this change?”

Start with a letter with an action plan explaining family driven care. Perhaps the training about family driven care could be provided to increase awareness.

Need to get family partners into agencies.

Presenters noted wanting to stay 5 counties- it is all that they can handle and they need to keep the SOC coordinator. Questions and concerns of commitment posed by the collaborative include:

- System of care is a philosophy- people don’t always get it-
- With the merger, will the participation on a local level be lost?

- Can we get people to own it?
- more mass mailings, too much information
- Can not underestimate the value of outside representatives.
- There are no LME voting officers.

Other updates:

Teka Dempson and Brandon Fields described the successful kickoff of **BECOMING** (Building Every Chance of Making it Now and Grown-up). They are looking at what partnerships look like and how engagements should operate to help families move towards success. How do we support the mental health needs of 16-21 years olds as they make their decisions in their life while encouraging them for success? Brandon noted the goals of building self sufficiency and bridging the gap between resources and youth.

7/22: CHIPRA Connect project (Marla C. Satterfield); Alamance County Youth Advisory Council (Ric Bruton); Preparing to revisit strategic priorities – how the landscape has changed

8/12: Revisit current strategic priorities

8/26: DMHDDSAS on children with sight/hearing impairments (Brad Trotter and Deidre); PBIS report (Heather Reynolds)

9/9: Revisit current strategic priorities

9/23: Data sharing session (could include NCTOPPS); maybe MRS evaluation

10/28: possible: Multiple Response System evaluation (Nicole Lawrence & Holly McNeill)

Work Group & Partner Updates

▪ **Training and T/A,**

Martha Lowrance & Mark O'Donnell

2nd Friday after NC Collaborative mtg. @ Duke

▪ **School-Based Behavioral Health**

Keith Letchworth & Susan Robinson

4th Friday after NC Collaborative mtg. @ Duke

▪ **Youth in Transition**

Lana Dial & Trishana Jones

2nd Wednesday from 2 - 4 PM @ NC Judicial Center