

North Carolina Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families

July 22, 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>

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Angel Dowden, NC DPI Special Projects		Stephanie Nantz, DOA/YA&I		Dorothy Smith; NAMI	
Dean Duncan, UNC-CH Sch SW		Mark O'Donnell, DMHDSAS		Brenden Hargett; Guilford DSS	
Jeff Eads, CenterPoint		Martin Pharr, DJJDP (Judy Stevens)		Tiera Yancey, ACHD	
Linda Evans, Moore County Schools		Tiffany Price, UNC SW		Jasmine Miles SCYAC	
Maria Fernandez, DMHDSAS		Deborah Prickett, 21 st Century Comm. Learning		Jessica Harris ACYAC	
Alex Fonville, Five County COG SOC Coordinator		Tiffany Purdy, Beacon Center (LME)		Fredrick Douglas, NCFU	
Kirstin Frescoln AOC		Kay Paksoy, NASW-NC		Kathy Dobbs, NCDSS	
Terri Grant, CSFT LME Coord,,Durham Ctr		Heather Reynolds, NC DPI / PBIS	X	Kendra Gnell NCDSS	
Kelly Graves, CYFCP UNC-G		Frank Rider, FFCMH	X	John Stephens UNC-CH School of Gov't	
Iris Green, DRNC		Susan E. Robinson, DMHDSAS		Maria Dover NC Center of Excellence	
Cynthia Daniels Hall, NAMI		Joel Rosch, Duke Univ CCFP	X		
Ann Hancock, LME		Jennifer Rothman, NAMI-NC	X		
Melissa Hill, NASW-NC		Lisa Salo, SOC Coord, Guilford Center			
Judy Holland, Ntl Ctr for Child Traum. Stress		Paul Savery, DMH/DD/SAS	X		
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July 22, 2011	
1. Welcome & Introductions	
2. Approval of minutes from 7-8-2011 meeting	Not applicable as no minutes yet available
3a. Discussion Topics/ Presentations	<p>Jasmine Miles and Jessica Harris of the Alamance County Youth Advisory Council (ACYAC) outlined some of their recent activities. ACYAC is a youth-driven voluntary organization that works to reduce underage drinking. They chose alcohol because it had affected everyone who met initially. Their major emphases are awareness and family as well as state alcohol control. They started in 2007 and have drawn participants from after school programs and churches, among other sources. In 2009 they received two awards for their training and accomplishments to date. They talk to youth and health clinics, legislators, county commissioners, parents, and young adults, as well as the Burlington Housing Authority and after-school programs, and also have a MySpace page. ACYAC has been training athletes to speak to elementary school children about alcohol. They have a booth at the Elon Day Out, which they use as a chance to talk about alcohol use and ask families to sign pledge cards with their commitment to talk to their children and either lock up or track alcohol consumption. They have recently trained with the Youth Empowerment Solutions (YES) to increase their public health impact. Michael Eissen is the Underage Drinking Coordinator at the Division of Mental Health. He can help other chapters get started. Ms. Harris would also be happy to share insights with others interested in starting local chapters (jblue115@yahoo.com).</p> <p>Goals of the Alamance County Youth Advisory Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol purchase survey follow ups- or “sting operations” with educational follow-ups to businesses that failed • 4 media hits: newspaper appearances, PSA, January newspaper, senator and 2 representatives were in attendance. • They hosted 6 “Lock it up” awareness gatherings, and had 100 pledge cards signed • National nights out to raise awareness at Elon and Macintosh • Contacted legislators to raise alcohol tax, reach out to and advocate. <p>There are also other groups throughout the state working on the same initiatives. YES- youth empowerment society is one example. A common goal of the groups are working with as many people as possible and holding trainings for alcohol and substance abuse.</p>

Brenden Hargett, Clinical Coordinator for **Guilford County Department of Social Services (DSS)**, spoke about how they have been improving **mental health care** for the children they serve. In 2007, they partnered with the Annie E. Casey Foundation to implement data-driven improvements for children in out-of-home care. Key performance goals are reducing the numbers of children in out-of-home placements, their numbers of placements, and their duration of time away from their families of origin, as well as reducing the disproportional rates at which African American children are in out of home placements. When they are out of home, Guilford DSS has been working to make kinship arrangements whenever appropriate and reducing the frequency of placements in group homes.

Improving mental health care has been part of this initiative. This has included reducing initial stressors such as separation from siblings as well as exacerbating system dynamics such as inconsistencies across social workers and unprepared foster parents, and accurately diagnosing and appropriately addressing mental health needs. Concerns have included a tendency to prescribe antipsychotic medications to manage behavior without always addressing underlying issues. In response, Guilford DSS has been training foster parents about trauma and monitoring and controlling use of psychotropic medication for children in foster care. As part of building their own capacity to improve services, Guilford DSS has hired their own licensed clinicians. Using those staff, in 2009 Guilford implemented a Portal of Entry System, including a mental health assessment within the first 72 hours of removal from the home, including the PTSDRI. All adolescents 13 or over are screened for substance use, using the Global Assessment of Individual Need (GAIN).

By 2009, 86% of children in care had less than 2 moves.

Heather Reynolds suggested providing Positive Behavior Intervention and Support training to foster parents, which would enhance continuity in behavioral support across systems.

Damie Jackson-Diopp suggested having LINKS meetings in the community, given the negative connotations of agency facilities for many youth who have been involved with DSS. She also asked who could connect youth to transition-aged support systems. Brenden Hargett noted that social workers would be the best individuals to make this connection.

The Autism Society has been getting calls requesting training to help foster parents support children with these diagnoses. Jennifer Mahan noted that many of the symptoms Brenden Hargett listed could also indicate undiagnosed autism.

A meeting participant noted from her personal experience in foster care how important these initiative are, and thanked Brenden for his work on this.

Mental health clinicians still tend to under-identify and address substance use. Cross-training is critical to enhancing clinicians' ability to help youth address their behavioral health holistically.

3b. Participant and Partner Updates

3c. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Kimberly Blackshear recommended the Center for Child and Family Health's Resource Parent Curriculum to help foster and other resource parents better parent children who have experienced trauma. The State of Maryland is training schools with this tool. They are currently adapting this for biological parents. Initial feedback indicates that this new video and accompanying manual are a powerful combination, and they have received a grant to provide this training around NC. Others are also encouraged to contact (George) Tripp Ake for more information (George.ake@duke.edu, 919-419-3474, ext 247).

Joe Simmons has just received an award from Crisis Prevention International (CPI) for his extensive track record in training.

Dorothy Smith noted continuing NAMI training for veterans and police and security and their families.

8/12: **CHIPRA Connect** (NC Center for Excellence in Integrated Care - <http://www.icarenc.org/>). This is a federal grant to help pediatric and family practice offices provide better care to children with special health needs, including mental health, oral health, and obesity.

And, if time allows – beginning annual review of Collaborative strategic priorities

8/26: NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services
services for the **blind, deaf, and hard of hearing**

Continued annual review of Collaborative 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