

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

DATE: 7-25-08
START TIME: 9:00 am
END TIME: 11:00 a.m.

Name/Affiliation		Name/Affiliation		Name/Affiliation	
May Alexander, Durham LME, SOC		Johna Hughes, UNC-CH/SW	X	Laura Smith, Pembroke Univ	
Gary Ander, Alamance DSS	X	Kathryn Hunsucker, SOC Coord, Onslow-Carteret LME	X	Tom Smith, DSS	
Andrew Behnke, NCSU, Coop.Ext.		Diann Irwin, DPI	X	Liz Snyder, DSS SOC, Duke Univ	
Cyndie Bennett, DCD, DHHS		Libby Jones, Parent	X	Pat Solomon, NC Families United & Sandhills LME, Co Chair	X
Candice Britt, DSS	X	Catherine Joyner, DPH-CMPCT		Flo Stein, DMHDDSAS	
Janine Britt, SE Regional LME	X	Narell Joyner, Meck Cares SOC State Liaison	X	Kurt Stephenson, AOC	X
June Britt, Office of Educ. Services, DHHS		Kevin Kelley, DSS		Alexia Stith, AOC	
Jamal Carr, DJJDP		Jinx Kenan, DCD		Chary Sundstrom, NC School Psych. Assn.	
Johanna Chase, DPI		Carol Kyles, NCDPH		Linda Swann, Sandhills NAMI/NC	
Simone Chessa, DMA		Andrea Lewis, DCD	X	Alma Taylor, DVR	
Selena Childs, DPH		Keith Letchworth, EAHEC	X	Christine Trottier, Carolina Legal Assistance	
Gail Cormier, NC Families United		Martha Lowrance, DOA, YA&I		Jane D. Young, NC DJJDP	
Kim Crouch, DJJDP		Kelly Nguyen, Powerful Youth		Jeffery Watson, DOA, YA&I	
Kelly Crowley, DMHDDSAS	X	Jennifer Mahan, MHANC		Elizabeth Weigensberg, UNC-CH	X
Beverly Daniel, DSS		Angela Mendell, Bladen County SOC		Rebecca Wells, UNC-CH/SPH	X
Karen DeBord, NCSU, Coop.Ext		Gerri Mattson, DPH		Connie Windham, Alamance LME SOC	
Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I		Erin McLaughlin, MHA, Inc	X	Jerry Wilkinson, DPH early intervention	X
Lana Dial, AOC/CIP		Faye McDaniel, DPI		Berkeley Yorkery, Action for Children	
Regina Dickens, RSD Consulting, Inc		Trishana Jones, DOA, YA&I		Guests:	
Kathy Dobbs, CFSA-NC		Rhoda Miller, DMHDDSAS		Brendon Comer/Gateway College	X
Maria Fernandez, DMHDDSAS		Tara Minter, DOA		Elizabeth Kurzer/Dept. of Commerce	X
Kirstin Frescoln, AOC		Mary Neil Morris SE Regional LME	X	Danielle McConaga	X
Alex Fonville, Five County COG SOC Coordinator		Stephanie Nantz, DOA/YA&I		Rick Zechman, NCDSS	X
Kelly Graves, CYFCP UNC-G		Tiffany Purdy, Beacon Center (LME)		JoAnn Lamm, DSS	X
Billie Guthrie, Community Backyard		Rebecca Reeve, NC Healthy Schools		Kiesha Crawford, AOC	X
Terri Grant, CSFT LME Coord, Durham Ctr		Jack Register, NASW-NC		Rita Bland	X
Jann Harris, DHHS		Susan E. Robinson, DMHDDSAS		Joe Simmons, DPI	X
Melissa Hill, NASW-NC		Jennifer Rothman, NAMI/NC		Jackie Copeland, Crossroads LME	X
Rebecca Huffman, DSS		Joel Rosch, Duke Univ CCFP Co-Chair	X	Ann Stalnaker, Hickory Schools	X
		Tiffany Price UNC School of SW/Child Welfare Clearinghouse		Beth Brandes, Catawba DSS	X
		Lisa Salo, SOC Coord, Guilford Center		Leslie Kellenberger, OmniVisions	X
		Paul Savery, DMH/DD/SAS Adolescent Substance Abuse SOC		Nancy Carter, ILR, Inc.	X
		Alice Spain, Beacon Center (LME)		Sara Mims, DSS	X
Submit member list edits to		susan.robinson@ncmail.net		List updated 8-7-08	

ITEM	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	Action by Whom and When
<p>(1) <i>Welcome & Introductions</i> Pat Solomon and Joel Rosch</p>		
<p>(2) <i>Review of minutes and agenda from 7/11/08</i></p>	<p>Minutes were reviewed and no changes made.</p>	
<p>(3) <i>Breakthrough Series Collaborative</i> <i>Guests:</i> <i>Beth Brandes, Asst. Director, Catawba County DSS</i> <i>Ann Stalaker, Hickory Schools</i> <i>Sarah Shumate, Catawba DSS</i> <i>Paul Holden, Catawba Co. Schools</i></p> <p><i>Video: Endless Dreams, Casey Foundation</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Candice Britt from DSS introduced Beth Brandes, Asst. Director at Catawba Co. DSS.</p> <p>The Casey Foundation has funded a Breakthrough Series Collaborative (BCS) which is a partnership between youth, birth parents, data specialist, foster care worker and superintendent to improve educational continuity and school stability for kids in foster care. There are 226 kids in foster care in Catawba County in 3 school districts. Catawba Co. is one of 9 sites funded nationally as part of the BSC. The project uses a methodology to test change: Plan, Do, Study, Act.</p> <p>BSC in Catawba Co:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established foster care designees in every school • Shared data between foster care and school system • Negotiated transportation so students could remain in school of origin • Captured information regarding student achievement in court reports • Involved birth parents and youth in analyzing system needs <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 92% students in foster care during May 2008 had no school change • 85% students demonstrated individual progress in at least one academic area of need • 40% stakeholders have attended a training on school stability as a means of educational outcomes • Established policy for information change • New format for court reports that captures educational status. <p>Presenters played a portion of the video. -students regress academically 4-6 months with every school change -sleep problems occur frequently</p> <p>Presenters fielded many questions from the group. We learned that the project does not currently address out-of-county residence but the project is working to expand. CFTs now happen within 5 days of an allegation instead of after placement. Project has a plan to blend funds to create a DSS Educational Liaison for kids in care.</p> <p>We watched a slide show of a local Catawba Co. youth, Amber, who has benefitted from this project.</p> <p>Nancy Carter reported that in 1998 SAYSO kids had a 47% graduation rate and now they have a 68% graduation rate.</p>	
<p>(4) <i>Work Group & Partner Updates</i></p> <p><i>Training – meet 2nd Friday 11-1 at MHA</i> <i>Healthy Youth Transitions – 2nd Wed 2-4 at AOC</i> <i>School Based MH – 4th Friday</i></p>	<p>Training and TA Work Group SOC Conference Update: Collaborative members who have recruited presenters need to submit the presenter's name and email address to Johna Hughes at hughesjl@email.unc.edu no later than August 8th. The presenter will then receive an email with a link to fill out their information online.</p>	

<p><i>11-1 at MHA Evaluation – TBA Cultural Competence-TBA Assessment – TBA Membership – TBA Trauma Task Force</i></p>	<p>Information shared by Elizabeth Kurzer, Dept. of Commerce</p> <p>1 – the federal partnership for the Shared Youth Vision. Brochure is attached. http://www.doleta.gov/RYP/</p> <p>Ready by 21: READY BY 21™ calls on states and communities to change the odds for children and youth by changing the way they do business. Working in partnership with national organizations representing the business, government, education and nonprofit sectors, the Forum for Youth Investment provides frameworks, coaching and tools to help leaders think differently, act differently and act together. The READY BY 21™ Big Picture Approach helps leaders – from young people to parents, program directors to policy makers – bring precision to their passion, ensuring that all young people are ready by 21 – ready for college, work and life.</p> <p>http://forumforyouthinvestment.net/readyby21</p>	
<p>(5) Agenda Items for Next Meeting</p>	<p>August 22, 2008- Nancy Carter from SAYSO/ILR, Inc. will present.</p>	<p>Next Meeting: August 8, 2008 9am-11am</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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