

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

DATE: 8-22-08
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		Lisa Salo, SOC Coord, Guilford Center	
Gary Ander, Alamance DSS	X	Rebecca Huffman, DSS		Paul Savery, DMH/DD/SAS Adolescent Substance Abuse SOC	X
Andrew Behnke, NCSU, Coop.Ext.		Johna Hughes, UNC-CH/SW		Alice Spain, Beacon Center (LME)	
Cyndie Bennett, DCD, DHHS		Kathryn Hunsucker, SOC Coord, Onslow-Carteret LME		Laura Smith, Pembroke Univ	
Candice Britt, DSS	X	Diann Irwin, DPI		Tom Smith, DSS	
Janine Britt, SE Regional LME		Libby Jones, Parent	X	Liz Snyder, DSS SOC, Duke Univ	
June Britt, Office of Educ. Services, DHHS	X	Catherine Joyner, DPH-CMPCT		Pat Solomon, NC Families United & Sandhills LME, Co Chair	
Jamal Carr, DJJDP		Narell Joyner, Meck Cares SOC State Liaison	X	Flo Stein, DMHDDSAS	
Johanna Chase, DPI	X	Kevin Kelley, DSS		Kurt Stephenson, AOC	
Simone Chessa, DMA		Jinx Kenan, DCD		Alexia Stith, AOC	
Selena Childs, DPH		Carol Kyles, NCDPH		Chary Sundstrom, NC School Psych. Assn.	
Gail Cormier, NC Families United	X	Andrea Lewis, DCD	X	Linda Swann, Sandhills NAMI/NC	
Kim Crouch, DJJDP		Keith Letchworth, EAHEC	X	Alma Taylor, DVR	
Kelly Crowley, DMHDDSAS		Martha Lowrance, DOA, YA&I		Christine Trottier, Carolina Legal Assistance	
Beverly Daniel, DSS		Kelly Nguyen, Powerful Youth		Jane D. Young, NC DJJDP	
Karen DeBord, NCSU, Coop.Ext		Jennifer Mahan, MHANC		Jeffery Watson, DOA, YA&I	
Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I		Angela Mendell, Bladen County SOC		Elizabeth Weigensberg, UNC-CH	X
Lana Dial, AOC/CIP		Gerri Mattson, DPH		Rebecca Wells, UNC-CH/SPH	X
Regina Dickens, RSD Consulting, Inc		Erin McLaughlin, MHA, Inc	X	Connie Windham, Alamance LME SOC	
Kathy Dobbs, CFSA-NC		Faye McDaniel, DPI		Jerry Wilkinson, DPH early intervention	X
Maria Fernandez, DMHDDSAS		Trishana McKendall, DOA, YA&I		Berkeley Yorkery, Action for Children	
Kirstin Frescoln, AOC		Rhoda Miller, DMHDDSAS		Guests:	
Alex Fonville, Five County COG SOC Coordinator		Tara Minter, DOA		Brendon Comer/Gateway College	
Kelly Graves, CYFCP UNC-G		Mary Neil Morris SE Regional LME	X	Elizabeth Kurzer/Dept. of Commerce	
Billie Guthrie, Community Backyard		Stephanie Nantz, DOA/YA&I		Nancy Carter, SAYSO	
Terri Grant, CSFT LME Coord, Durham Ctr		Tiffany Purdy, Beacon Center (LME)		Rick Zechman/NCDSS	
Jann Harris, DHHS		Rebecca Reeve, NC Healthy Schools		Jackie Copeland, Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare LME	
		Jack Register, NASW-NC		Martin Pharr, DJJDP	
		Susan E. Robinson, DMHDDSAS			
		Jennifer Rothman, NAMI/NC	X		
		Joel Rosch, Duke Univ CCFP Co-Chair	X		
		Tiffany Price UNC School of SW/Child Welfare Clearinghouse			
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ITEM	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	Action by Whom and When
(1) <i>Welcome & Introductions</i> Joel Rosch		
(2) <i>Review of minutes and agenda from 8/8/08</i>	No changes made.	
<p>Nancy Carter, SAYSO and ILR, Inc.</p> <p>Handouts: “Beating the Odds” “Youth & Adult Partnerships” “On Your Way” Brochure</p>	<p>The Executive Director from Strong Able Youth Speaking Out (SAYSO) and Associate Director of Independent Living Resources, Nancy Carter, provided a Power Point presentation on “Youth and Adult Partnerships.” Ms. Carter stressed the importance of partnering with a local involvement of youth in planning with local county departments of social services, law enforcement, schools, etc... Attached is the presentation and handouts.</p> <p>SAYSO is a statewide association of youth aged 14 to 24 who are or have been in the out-of-home care system that is based in North Carolina. This includes all types of substitute care, including foster care, group homes, and mental health placements. Their mission is to work to improve the substitute care system by educating the community, speaking out about needed changes, and providing support to youth who are or have been in substitute care. They have over 500 members.</p> <p>www.saysoinc.org www.ilrinc.com</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 11-1 at MHA</i> <i>Evaluation – TBA</i> <i>Cultural Competence-TBA</i> <i>Assessment – TBA</i> <i>Membership – TBA</i> <i>Trauma Task Force</i></p>	<p>Keith Letchworth stressed the importance of having regular representation on the School Based Mental Health Committee. Also, he provided a training resource brochure produced by Area Health Education Center (AHEC). The School Mental Health Training Series can be accessed online at www.aheconnect.com/smhp The School Mental Health Special Collection (digital library) can be accessed at http://library.ncahec.net/schoolmentalhealth.cfm</p> <p>Elizabeth Kurzer, Dept. of Commerce, provided a brochure on the NC Workforce Development Partnership Conference 10/22-10/24/08 in Greensboro. Also, she advised that she will forward out information on the NC Collaborative email list regarding a meeting on “shared youth vision” taking place in Fayetteville 9/25/08.</p> <p>Candice Britt, NCDSS, asked for any volunteers to assist in developing a vision for the LINKS 5 year plan. Regional meetings will be taking place in the near future. Narell Joyner from Meck Cares did volunteer.</p>	
Future Agenda Items	<p>Narell Joyner, Meck Cares, and Candice Britt, NCDSS, asked to discuss how each member of the collaborative is involving youth in their agencies?</p> <p>Beth Weigensberg, UNC-CH/SSW advised that she would like to share some promising practices from the Work First Demonstration Grant (NCDSS) evaluation she is completing.</p> <p>Several members expressed they would like to receive information and have a discussion on evidence based gang intervention/prevention. Also, members expressed an interest in knowing what resources are available in providing funding to service this area of need.</p> <p>What continuing education units will be available at the SOC conference? Specifically, the GALs have asked if Continuing Legal Education units will be available.</p>	<p>Joel Rosch</p> <p>Conference Committee</p>

		Next Meeting: September 12, 2008 9am-11am
	Any Audio Visual equipment needs should be requested well in advance. phsolomon@earthlink.net	Pls send edits to susan.robinson@ncmail.net

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