

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

**DATE:** 8-8-08  
**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		Rebecca Huffman, DSS		Paul Savery, DMH/DD/SAS Adolescent Substance Abuse SOC	X
Andrew Behnke, NCSU, Coop.Ext.		Johna Hughes, UNC-CH/SW	X	Alice Spain, Beacon Center (LME)	
Cyndie Bennett, DCD, DHHS		Kathryn Hunsucker, SOC Coord, Onslow-Carteret LME	X	Laura Smith, Pembroke Univ	
Candice Britt, DSS	X	Diann Irwin, DPI		Tom Smith, DSS	
Janine Britt, SE Regional LME	X	Libby Jones, Parent	X	Liz Snyder, DSS SOC, Duke Univ	
June Britt, Office of Educ. Services, DHHS	X	Catherine Joyner, DPH-CMPCT		<b>Pat Solomon, NC Families United &amp; Sandhills LME, Co Chair</b>	X
Jamal Carr, DJJDP		Narell Joyner, Meck Cares SOC State Liaison	X	Flo Stein, DMHDDSAS	
Johanna Chase, DPI		Kevin Kelley, DSS		Kurt Stephenson, AOC	
Simone Chessa, DMA		Jinx Kenan, DCD		Alexia Stith, AOC	X
Selena Childs, DPH		Carol Kyles, NCDPH		Chary Sundstrom, NC School Psych. Assn.	
Gail Cormier, NC Families United		Andrea Lewis, DCD		Linda Swann, Sandhills NAMI/NC	
Kim Crouch, DJJDP		Keith Letchworth, EAHEC		Alma Taylor, DVR	
Kelly Crowley, DMHDDSAS	X	Martha Lowrance, DOA, YA&I	X	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		<b>Guests:</b>	
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		Jenni Norman/MHA	
Terri Grant, CSFT LME Coord, Durham Ctr		Tiffany Purdy, Beacon Center (LME)		Rick Zechman/NCSS	X
Jann Harris, DHHS		Rebecca Reeve, NC Healthy Schools		Sonia Johnson/Bladen County Family Partner	
		Jack Register, NASW-NC		Kiesha Crawford/AOC	X
		Susan E. Robinson, DMHDDSAS		Heather Reynolds, DPI	X
		Jennifer Rothman, NAMI/NC		Candice Tilley, Crossroads Behavioral Health Care	X
		<b>Joel Rosch, Duke Univ CCFP Co-Chair</b>			
		Tiffany Price UNC School of SW/Child Welfare Clearinghouse			
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ITEM	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	Action by Whom and When
(1) <i>Welcome &amp; Introductions</i> Pat Solomon and Joel Rosch		
(2) <i>Review of minutes and agenda from 7/25/08</i>	The group reviewed and approved minutes.	
<i>Review of Strategic Planning Document SFY07-08</i>	<p>Narell Joyner led the group's review of PRIORITY #3 – Data decision making based on common outcomes and data sharing. Weigensberg reported that the Collaborative's evaluation work group is seeking to work with the UNC School of Social Work's Action for Children Program to combine and make accessible data on child serving systems. Joyner noted the utility of coordinating across all the local System of Care evaluations now occurring across the state. Pat Solomon noted need to include families' perspectives on what constitutes SOC success.</p> <p>Re. consumer satisfaction survey, Candice Britt noted variation across counties in DSS collection of these data. The state DSS also collects some consumer satisfaction data. Rick Zechman reported that the state DSS has also created a CFT tracking form that they have just passed out to counties in this past month.</p> <p>Heather Reynolds said that some schools ask parents and children to complete climate surveys.</p> <p>Pat Solomon requested a Collaborative meeting on how various agencies and other child-related entities collect data on consumer satisfaction. The group decided to schedule that session for October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008.</p> <p>Candice Britt noted, as an illustration of how data affect policies, that the State DSS decided to collect data from children in foster care annually and use those data to change practices.</p> <p>Kelly Crowley reported that the LME Advisory Group is looking closely at what the Legislature is calling "high needs, high cost" children, and has found a high proportion to be involved in the juvenile justice system. In response to this they have added to the PCP signature page a check box for children &lt; 21 involved in juvenile or adult justice system that that they have been involved in a Child and Family Team, the intent being to ensure that their needs are being met holistically. Joyner noted continuing concerns about what systems are in place to act on the data thereby collected.</p> <p>Candice Britt described a Family Finding Initiative that will use aggressive casework to locate relatives for children who have been in out of home care for extended periods of time. This is funded by the Duke Endowment.</p>	<p>Weigensberg will follow up with Joel Rosch and Joy Stewart on PRIORITY 3, seeking to specify dates by which the evaluation work group will report back to the full Collaborative on all of the Action Steps, and tentatively committed to update the Collaborative on November 14th.</p> <p>Gail Cormier will identify common child and family outcomes through conversations with NC Families United members during the December SOC conference.</p> <p>Joel Rosch will identify resources to post on the web site.</p> <p>Agency representatives will invite any additional individuals who are appropriate to the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to address how they are measuring consumer satisfaction. On September 12<sup>th</sup> the Collaborative will review who is coming from which organization to the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and decide if any additional individuals should be invited.</p> <p>Kelly Crowley will start reporting on a quarterly basis tracking to the Collaborative on outcomes beginning in September 26<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Tamika Williams from NCDSS will report to the Collaborative on the Family Finding Initiative at the October 10th meeting. She will speak for 30 minutes and take questions for 15 minutes.</p>

		<p>The Collaborative will review some aspect of the Strategic Plan the second Friday of every month.</p> <p>Joyner will revise the Strategic Plan, noting and eliminating goals that have been accomplished.</p>
<p><b>(4) Work Group &amp; Partner Updates</b></p> <p><i>Training – meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday 11-1 at MHA</i></p> <p><i>Healthy Youth Transitions – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 2-4 at AOC</i></p> <p><i>School Based MH –4<sup>th</sup> Friday 11-1 at MHA</i></p> <p><i>Evaluation – TBA</i></p> <p><i>Cultural Competence-TBA Assessment – TBA</i></p> <p><i>Membership – TBA</i></p> <p><i>Trauma Task Force</i></p>	<p>Kelly Crowley and Johna Hughes distributed information about a System of Care Spirit Award developed by the Collaborative’s Training and Technical Assistance Work Group to honor an individual for outstanding leadership. This information will be available online on the Collaborative’s website as a PDF as well as for online submission. The award will be announced as the closing session luncheon at the System of Care conference coming up December 2-4 2008 in Wilmington, NC.</p> <p>Johna Hughes updated the group on progress planning the System of Care conference. The deadline for presenter emails was the day of this meeting (8/8/08). Conference registration will go live on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Julia Charles, a foster care alumna, will be the opening keynote speaker. Sandra Spencer will be the closing keynote speaker. The planning group is planning on offering 20 family scholarships including registration and hotel. NC Families United will sponsor a luau dinner for the first 50 participants who elect to attend.</p> <p>The Coalition for Persons Disabled by Mental Illness is seeking nominations for their annual Heroes in the Fight award, due by August 19<sup>th</sup>. Nominations may be made either hard copy or online.</p> <p>Triangle Suicide Prevention Program is sponsoring a walk on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p>Narell Joyner wanted to recognize Diane Irwin and Joann Lamm for their committed service to the Collaborative, and offered to develop and frame certificates for each individual.</p> <p>Joyner also noted that Meck Cares has completed its second round of System of Care train the trainers, and will probably provide one more. This service is free for participants in the county and has been full since its inception. Over 700 individuals have now completed this training.</p> <p>Meck Cares is still refining its rating system for providers who have demonstrated SOC competencies, with the highest level now being SOC Excellence.</p> <p>Meck Cares is also doing performance improvement reviews based on intensive review of randomly selected case records with providers, community support worker, child, and family. This entails feedback to providers with the intent to support providers in continued improvement toward SOC methodologies.</p> <p>Meck Cares was recently recognized for the video ‘Through my Eyes.’</p> <p>Elizabeth Weigensberg updated the group on the UNC Chapel Hill School of Social Work child welfare data website, a repository of publicly available data on NC social services system performance. They have recently added more information on the nature of exits from foster care as well as a user survey. The url is <a href="http://ssw.unc.edu/cw/">http://ssw.unc.edu/cw/</a></p> <p>Kiesha Crawford reported that NC Court Programs is trying a joint</p>	<p>Subcommittees will review how their activities fit with the overall Collaborative Strategic Plan. This will enable the Collaborative to identify gaps in terms of implementing the Plan, as well as clarify when committees have completed their work and can disband. Pat Solomon also asked members to recruit additional members to committees.</p>

	<p>conference this year that will include child welfare and guardian ad litem representatives in addition to representatives of the courts.</p> <p>Jerry Wilkinson noted that The Nurse Family Partnership, which has recently been featured in NPR, is spreading to an additional 7 counties.</p> <p>The Positive Behavioral Support has just finished its Summer Institute. 700 schools, almost 30% of those in NC, have now completed training on this approach to children's behavioral management.</p> <p>Robeson County SOC is planning an educational program from 9 – 4:30 on September 18<sup>th</sup> in Lumberton, NC, to which Candice Britt will contribute through a poverty simulation. Britt asked Collaborative members to email her at <a href="mailto:Candice.britt@ncmail.net">Candice.britt@ncmail.net</a> if they could help with that simulation, which requires substantial staffing. The program will also include information on child welfare and substance abuse treatment.</p> <p>Keith Letchworth will chair the School Based Mental Health Committee, and will send updates on that to members shortly. They meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at 11:15 am beginning in September.</p> <p>Martin Pharr has been seeking participants for meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 2 pm for the Assessment Committee.</p> <p>The Youth in Transition Group is active and will be making a presentation at the Court Improvement Conference as well for drug courts.</p> <p>The Trauma Task Force will start meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at 11:15 am beginning in September.</p>	
<p>(5) Agenda Items for Next Meeting</p>	<p>August 22- Nancy Carter, SAYSO and ILR, Inc.</p> <p>October 10 – Tamika Williams, NCDSS Family Finding Initiative.</p>	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b>  <b>August 22, 2008</b>  <b>9am-11am</b></p> <p>Rick Zechman will take minutes.</p>
	<p>Any Audio Visual equipment needs should be requested well in advance. <a href="mailto:phsolomon@earthlink.net">phsolomon@earthlink.net</a></p>	<p>Pls send edits to <a href="mailto:susan.robinson@ncmail.net">susan.robinson@ncmail.net</a></p>

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