

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

DATE: 9-12-08
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		Tiffany Price UNC School of SW/Child Welfare Clearinghouse	X
Gary Ander, Alamance DSS		Johna Hughes, UNC-CH/SW	X	Lisa Salo, SOC Coord, Guilford Center	X
Andrew Behnke, NCSU, Coop.Ext.		Kathryn Hunsucker, SOC Coord, Onslow-Carteret LME	X	Paul Savery, DMH/DD/SAS Adolescent Substance Abuse SOC	
Cyndie Bennett, DCD, DHHS		Diann Irwin, DPI		Joe Simmons, DPI	X
Candice Britt, DSS	X	Sonia Johnson, Bladen County Family Partner	X	Laura Smith, Pembroke Univ	
Janine Britt, SE Regional LME	X	Libby Jones, Parent		Liz Snyder, DSS SOC, Duke Univ	
June Britt, Office of Educ. Services, DHHS		Catherine Joyner, DPH-CMPCT		Pat Solomon, NC Families United & Sandhills LME, Co Chair	
Jamal Carr, DJJDP		Narell Joyner, Meck Cares SOC State Liaison	X	Alicia Spain, Beacon Center(LME)	
Nancy Carter, SAYSO, ILR, Inc.	X	Jinx Kenan, DCD		Flo Stein, DMHDDSAS	
Johanna Chase, DPI		Elizabeth Kurzer, Dept. of Commerce		Kurt Stephenson, AOC	
Simone Chessa, DMA		Carol Kyles, NCDPH		Alexia Stith, AOC	
Selena Childs, DPH		Andrea Lewis, DCD		Chary Sundstrom, NC School Psych. Assn.	
Brendon Comer, Gateway College		Keith Letchworth, EAHEC	X	Linda Swann, Sandhills NAMI/NC	
Jackie Copeland, Crossroads LME	X	Martha Lowrance, DOA, YA&I		Alma Taylor, DVR	
Gail Cormier, NC Families United	X	Kelly Nguyen, Powerful Youth		Christine Trottier, Carolina Legal Assistance	
Keisha Crawford, AOC		Jennifer Mahan, MHANC		Jane D. Young, NC DJJDP	
Kelly Crowley, DMHDDSAS		Angela Mendell, Bladen County SOC	X	Jeffery Watson, DOA, YA&I	
Karen DeBord, NCSU, Coop.Ext		Gerri Mattson, DPH		Elizabeth Weigensberg, UNC-CH	X
Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I	X	Erin McLaughlin, MHA, Inc	X	Rebecca Wells, UNC-CH/SPH	
Lana Dial, AOC/CIP		Faye McDaniel, DPI		Connie Windham, Alamance LME SOC	
Regina Dickens, RSD Consulting, Inc		Trishana McKendall, DOA, YA&I		Jerry Wilkinson, DPH early intervention	X
Kathy Dobbs, CFSA-NC	X	Rhoda Miller, DMHDDSAS		Berkeley Yorkery, Action for Children	
Maria Fernandez, DMHDDSAS		Tara Minter, DOA		Rick Zechman, DSS	X
Kirstin Frescoln, AOC		Ronald Moore, DSS	X	Guests:	
Alex Fonville, Five County COG SOC Coordinator		Mary Neil Morris SE Regional LME		Dean Duncan, UNC-CH/SSW	X
Kelly Graves, CYFCP UNC-G		Stephanie Nantz, DOA/YA&I			
Billie Guthrie, Community Backyard		Martin Pharr, DJJDP	X		
Terri Grant, CSFT LME Coord, Durham Ctr		Tiffany Purdy, Beacon Center (LME)			
Jann Harris, DHHS		Rebecca Reeve, NC Healthy Schools			
Jackie Copeland, Crossroads LME		Jack Register, NASW-NC			
		Susan E. Robinson, DMHDDSAS			
		Jennifer Rothman, NAMI/NC	X		
		Joel Rosch, Duke Univ CCFP Co-Chair			
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ITEM	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	Action by Whom and When
(1) <i>Welcome & Introductions</i> Kelly Crowley	Pat and Joel had schedule conflicts, so Kelly facilitated the meeting.	
(2) <i>Review of minutes and agenda from 8/22/08</i>	There were 2 corrections for professional affiliations mentioned in the minutes. Under "Workgroup and partner updates" Keith Letchworth's affiliation is with ECU. Under "Future agenda items" Beth Weigensberg's affiliation is with UNC-CH/SSW.	
(3) <i>Discussion Topics</i>	<p>Kelly Crowley pointed out Jennifer Mahan's email about respecting the work environment when holding meetings at the Mental Health Association. Please close the conference room door for meetings and hold conversations and phone calls outside the building, so you do not disturb those working in their offices.</p> <p>Gail Cormier (NC Families United) proposed that we discuss the definition of "family partners" at the next meeting on Sept 26th. NC Families United has been involved in working with SOC coordinators and family partners from across the state to develop a new definition of "family partners." She briefly described that family partners are those who had children in the system and work at the level of the SOC coordinator to help families prepare for child and family teams. They also help to recruit other family partners, peer mentor and advocates. She will send out the family partner definition to the Collaborative list serve for review prior to the next meeting. The Collaborative will have to discuss and decide if it would want to endorse a definition.</p> <p>Candice Britt (DSS) discussed the supervisory practices initiative at DSS. County DSS supervisors meet to develop best practices for supervisor practices in attempt to try to address staff turnover with strong staff supervision. With the help of the NRC for organizational improvement they developed a strategic plan and are now beginning implementation. There are 3 adjunct workgroups that have developed 5 "nuggets" – (1) scheduled time with staff twice a month, (2) consistent use of same review tool to review 2 case records per month, (3) supervisor should be prepared with an agenda and structure for supervisions, (4) social worker should be prepared with agenda and thoughts for supervision time, and (5) (unknown at time of meeting but will report later). DSS is still identifying which counties will be involved in the pilots. Seventeen counties are involved in the workgroup. They use SOC principal values as framework – family-centered practice. They emphasized the role of the supervisory academy for DSS and on-line learning. County supervisors and program managers developed this plan to move toward best practice. Counties determine how to implement strategies/nuggets. The effort is attempting to take best of what's working and move forward. Improved supervisory practice is part of the PIP to promote continuous quality improvement.</p> <p>Lana Dial (AOC) suggested we pull together a list of all Collaborative members' contact information, including affiliation, address, phone number, and email. The membership committee should work on getting contact information of everyone.</p> <p>Because some people are attending meetings and sign-in but are not recorded on the minutes as attending, Narell Joyner (Meck Cares) suggested matching the sign-in sheet and attendee list by sending around the full sheet of names and people can check off the box next to their name.</p>	<p>Gail will send out family partner definition over the list serve, which should be reviewed for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>Memberships committee will work in developing a list of full contact information for all Collaborative members.</p>

	<p>Johanna Chase (DPI) updated the Collaborative on changes in DPI regarding their re-visioning and re-imagining. There is increased support for health education and mental health in upper management with a task force on mental health to look at how it impacts the school systems. She expects this to have significant impact in public schools. There is a concern with connecting parents that need to be engaged in school community, and with the need for school systems to connect with local partners. It is believed that children will be successful in direct instruction if they have collaborative support of local partners to give parents and children what they need to engage in school. As DPI restructuring takes place there is a need to support children and families to engage in school. Informed the Collaborative that there is opportunity to provide local support to schools to reach out to providers and SOC – want schools to reach out to local SOC coordinators and SOC coordinators to reach out to schools. For more information www.ncpublicschools.org and look for blue ribbon commission report.</p>	
<p>(4) Work Group & Partner Updates</p> <p><i>Training – meet 2nd Friday 11-1 at MHA</i></p> <p><i>Healthy Youth Transitions – 2nd Wed 2-4 at AOC</i></p> <p><i>School Based MH –4th Friday 11-1 at MHA</i></p> <p><i>Evaluation – TBA</i></p> <p><i>Cultural Competence-TBA</i></p> <p><i>Assessment – TBA</i></p> <p><i>Membership – TBA</i></p> <p><i>Trauma Task Force</i></p>	<p>Lana Dial (AOC) led a discussion about involvement and issues for the Cultural Competence workgroup. She requested suggestions for workgroup topics yet she only received one response. Candice Britt (DSS) sent out Lana’s request to others at DSS and they are develop coordinated response. Candice emphasized that cultural competence is an important part of the PIP, so DSS is invested in this topic. Lana will send out the list of workgroup members to the Collaborative list serve. Several important cultural competence issues were suggested, including increase incidence of Hispanic and Native American drinking and driving accidents and preventing tobacco use among Native Americans. It was suggested that there should be an effort to bring to the table those organizations within the state that focus specifically on cultural competency to try to connect them with other discussions, such as ESL coordinators at DPI and school nurse consultants.</p> <p>The Collaborative needs to determine how workgroups relate to Strategic Plan – if there is a workgroup, what is their focus? What form is the workgroup - action item group, auxiliary group, only consult as issues arise to help problem-solving? Suggestions for how cultural competence workgroup can work on strategic plan – Focus on how to roll out CFTs in culturally competent manner, how policies are written in culturally competent manner, and give professionals/service providers tools for how to assess own culturally competence. Need to identify most critical short and long term needs for culturally competency group. Lana offered to coordinate a meeting of the workgroup to discuss working goals and focus and how to relate their efforts to the strategic plan and report back to Collaborative at a November 14th meeting.</p> <p>Johna Hughes (UNC-CH/ SSW) provided an update on the SOC conference. Registration open is now open. They will be adding session descriptions to conference website as they come in from presenters. Please send interested exhibitors to Johna since they need to get the work about and solicit exhibitors. The Spirit Award nomination form is on the website. Please submit award nominations by the Oct 15th deadline.</p> <p>Keith Letchworth (ECU) provided an update on the school-based MH committee. They are sending a team to a national SBMH conference in Phoenix and will be presenting the strategic planning process in NC. He suggested audio-taping the next Collaborative meeting since he will have to miss it due to the conference. He suggested using a digital recorder and then upload the file on the website.</p>	<p>Lana Dial will send out the list of Cultural Competence workgroup members to the list serve. Lana will also try to coordinate a meeting with the workgroup to discuss working goals and how they can contribute to the strategic plan before the Nov 14th meeting, when she will report back to the Collaborative.</p> <p>Gail Cormier will bring in her digital recorder to try and record the next meeting.</p>

	<p>Keith Letchworth (ECU) noted that there is a need for greater education for policy makers on mental health needs of children in school. He said a policy paper will be out by December that was developed by the workgroup with NC Psychology Assoc & School MH project.</p> <p>Nancy Carter (SAYSO) announced a new SAYSO “road show” where SAYSO representatives will provide a presentation and forum of how to work with youth. The hosting organization would only need to cover costs for how to get them to the location. Contact Nancy or visit www.saysoinc.org to request the road show forum.</p> <p>DSS Fatherhood Initiative coordinator provided an update on the NC Fatherhood Task Force. They help state, community, families, and promote public awareness. They developed a white paper to give to the gubernatorial candidates and work with DSS to develop plan for every county to talk about the Fatherhood Initiative. New website: www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/fatherhood</p> <p>Martin Pharr (DJJDP) updated the group about efforts trying to promote the Children’s Cabinet. They are focusing on gubernatorial candidates to help them embrace the notion of Children’s Cabinet and to convince the new governor to appoint a subcommittee of the cabinet with the charge of bringing child serving agencies together to develop plan for how to achieve joint outcomes and promote communication. Martin suggested that the NC Collaborative should be an advisory body to the Children’s Cabinet. On the legislative side, the study commission embraced some of same things supported by Collaborative, so there are parallel efforts seeking legislative and governor support.</p>	
(5) Agenda Items for Next Meeting	<p>Sept. 26th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kelly Crowley, DMH/DD/SAS – LME System of Care coordinators - Gail Cormier, NC Families United – family partner definition <p>Oct. 10th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Candice Britt, DSS – Community child protection teams <p>Oct. 24th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Candice Britt, DSS with other DSS representatives - Data sharing for customer satisfaction data, customer survey data <p>Nov. 14th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joy Stewart & Beth Weigensberg, UNC-CH/SSW - Update on Evaluation Workgroup and role with Action for Children - Elizabeth Kurzer, Commerce & Beth Weigensberg, UNC-CH/SSW – WIA youth workforce programs & Work First demonstration grant promising strategies for employment 	<p>Next Meeting: September 26, 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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