

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

DATE: 9-26-08
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	
Gary Ander, Alamance DSS	X	Johna Hughes, UNC-CH/SW		Lisa Salo, SOC Coord, Guilford Center	
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Cyndie Bennett, DCD, DHHS		Diann Irwin, DPI		Joe Simmons, DPI	
Candice Britt, DSS	X	Sonia Johnson, Bladen County Family Partner	X	Laura Smith, Pembroke Univ	
Janine Britt, SE Regional LME		Libby Jones, Parent		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	
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Nancy Carter, SAYSO, ILR, Inc.		Jinx Kenan, DCD		Flo Stein, DMHDDSAS	
Johanna Chase, DPI		Elizabeth Kurzer, Dept. of Commerce		Kurt Stephenson, AOC	
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Selena Childs, DPH		Andrea Lewis, DCD	X	Chary Sundstrom, NC School Psych. Assn.	
Brendon Comer, Gateway College		Keith Letchworth, ECU		Linda Swann, Sandhills NAMI/NC	
Jackie Copeland, Crossroads LME		Martha Lowrance, DOA, YA&I	X	Alma Taylor, DVR	
Gail Cormier, NC Families United	X	Kelly Nguyen, Powerful Youth		Christine Trottier, Carolina Legal Assistance	
Kiesha Crawford, AOC	X	Jennifer Mahan, MHANC		Jane D. Young, NC DJJDP	
Kelly Crowley, DMHDDSAS	X	Angela Mendell, Bladen County SOC	X	Jeffery Watson, DOA, YA&I	
Karen DeBord, NCSU, Coop.Ext.		Gerri Mattson, DPH		Elizabeth Weigensberg, UNC-CH/SSW	
Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I	X	Erin McLaughlin, MHA, Inc	X	Rebecca Wells, UNC-CH/SPH	X
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		Rhoda Miller, DMHDDSAS		Berkeley Yorkery, Action for Children	
Maria Fernandez, DMHDDSAS		Tara Minter, DOA		Rick Zechman, DSS	X
Kirstin Frescoln, AOC		Ronald Moore, DSS		Guests:	
Alex Fonville, Five County COG SOC Coordinator		Mary Neil Morris SE Regional LME		Erin Balkind	
Kelly Graves, CYFCP UNC-G		Stephanie Nantz, DOA/YA&I		Frederick Douglas, NCFU	
Billie Guthrie, Community Backyard		Martin Pharr, DJJDP		Sonja Frison	
Terri Grant, CSFT LME Coord, Durham Ctr		Tiffany Purdy, Beacon Center (LME)		Mary Lloyd, Family Partner Cor.	
Jann Harris, DHHS		Rebecca Reeve, NC Healthy Schools		Shari Miller, RTI	
Jackie Copeland, Crossroads LME		Jack Register, NASW-NC		Rhoda K. Miller, DMH/DD/SAS	
		Susan E. Robinson, DMHDDSAS	X	Claretta Witherspoon, UNCG	
		Jennifer Rothman, NAMI/NC			
		Joel Rosch, Duke Univ CCFP Co-Chair	X		
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ITEM	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	Action by Whom and When
(1) <i>Welcome & Introductions</i> Joel Rosch	Joel Rosch welcomed participants and everyone introduced him or herself.	
(2) <i>Work Group & Partner Updates</i> <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>Alamance County DSS and their partner collaborative have just secured a 6 year Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant to build multi-sector capacity to meet the mental health needs of children ages 0-5 in child welfare. This is the first time SAMHSA has made such an award through a department of social services (typically these go through mental health departments). Adele Spitz Roth and Martha Kauffman were the lead authors for this grant. Duke’s Center for Child and Family Policy will evaluate it.</p> <p>The Department of Public Health and Department of Mental Health have just secured a 3 year SAMHSA grant for youth suicide prevention. Activities will include building and extending upon gatekeeper training to reach a broader range of people who can help prevent youth suicides. This will occur largely in cooperation with school based mental health clinics.</p>	
(3) <i>Review of minutes and agenda from 9/12/08</i>	Approved without changes	
(4) <i>Discussion Topics</i>	<p>Gail Cormier, of NC Families United (NCFU), circulated a definition of Family Partner. The group discussed the definition and endorsed it, as well as made the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding “child and family” to the first reference to the system in which the individual has had experience (in the middle of the first paragraph); • In the same sentence, perhaps changing “family attendees” to something like “the authors of this document,” to clarify to whom this refers; • Noting that the paragraph outlining who the Family Partners are is the definition; • Noting that the list of activities that immediately follows is the job description; • Adding a statement something like “Optimally, this will be a paid, full time position”; • Inserting a statement noting that the intent is to allow families the opportunity to choose the people who will best meet their needs; • Perhaps prefacing the statement with a statement that clarification of this role is intended to improve outcomes for children and families. 	

	<p>Themes in the conversation included the needs for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating the distinct value of Family Partners; • Remaining grounded in their original child and family focused, intent, even as they seek legitimacy in health and social service systems; • Providing ongoing training to Family Partners about how to navigate complex and dynamic health and social service systems; • Empirically demonstrating that Family Partners improve child and family outcomes; • Seeking whenever possible to have Family Partners paid by and report to neutral entities rather than individual local agencies to reduced conflicts of interest. <p>There was also a recommendation that a statement on Family Partner ethics be developed at some point in the future to support clarity about norms.</p> <p>Kelly Crowley reported some highlights on Local Management Entity (LME) System of Care (SOC) coordination. This is a role that was funded as of 2006 by the NC State Legislature. Crowley has been collecting data from the 30 such coordinators along each of the 6 core SOC principles. Recent progress includes 13 LMEs hiring a Family Partner or contracting for Family Support Services and 354 SOC trainings provided across the State.</p>	
<p>(5) Agenda Items for Next Meeting</p>	<p>Oct. 10th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Candice Britt, DSS – Community child protection teams Rebecca Wells, UNC-CH/SPH –CFST Initiative <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>Jan 19th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children’s Research Center validation study of NC DSS’s structured decision making tool 	<p>Next Meeting: October 10, 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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