North Carolina Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families

January 28, 2011 9:00 am to 11:00 am Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: National Center for Child Traumatic Stress Training Room

North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company Building

411 West Chapel Hill Street, Suite 200

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		Joel Rosch, Duke Univ CCFP	х		1
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Judy Holland, Ntl Ctr for Child Traum. Stress	х	Paul Savery, DMH/DD/SAS	Х		
				List updated 12-10-10	

January 28, 2011			
1. Welcome & Introductions			
2. Approval of minutes from	Please pass requested Meeting Minute edits to Erin McLaughlin at gwugraduate@yahoo.com		
1-14-2011 meeting			
3a. Discussion Topics/ Presentations	SAYSO- Strong Able Youth Speaking Out- presented on their state-wide activities over the course of last year. This presentation does not include the numerous speaking engagements/workshops that youth are invited to present.		
	Link-Up events: help youth address issues they face as members of the "out of home placement" community, learn how to cope with the numerous changes that occur in foster care, learn about independent living		
	SaySo Saturday: This past event had 200 participants. There were numerous workshops addressing learning opportunities designed especially for youth who have experienced out of home placements. Then the youth broke up into their regional groups to meet and vote for their next year's representative.		
	It's My Transition: Works with youth 15-18 years old and teaches the 7 Links Outcomes. Youth learn how to work with adults, find housing, employment, maintain their health, dress appropriately for different events, etc		
	NC Foster/Adopt Association Mtg: SaySo did a presentation to foster parents, explaining how foster parents can help youth transition		
	Page Week: This is an opportunity for SaySo youth to participate in state legislation by working as Pages at the State Legislature and Governor's Office. It's a 1 week program where youth live with a host family and get paid for their working time. Youth learn how to valuable their voice is, have an opportunity to speak with legislators about their perspective on life. Youth have said they feel empowered by this opportunity.		
	SaySo Survivor: A 3 day wilderness adventure where youth learn to work as a team and focus on resiliencies.		
	BOD Orientation: Provides new board members with an opportunity to overcome their fears, learning from experience board members and allow everyone's strengths to shine through so that they can be leveraged over the course of the year as board members.		
	National Independent Living Association Mtg: Was held in DC and Sayso members who presented at the meeting also toured DC, and the Capitol		
	Make a Difference Day: This is the national campaign supported by the Newman Foundation. It is a youth mentoring day, Phi Beta Sigma members were the speakers, and the "Give a Child a Smile with a Suitcase" campaign		

Families United's Youth MOVE-North Carolina spoke second about their projects for the year.

NCFU's 2010 Youth Leadership Series was held from May through July with topics including: Don't Freeze Up, Let's Talk about Drama, Stand Up for Yourself and Others, Positive Relationships and Don't Judge on Sexuality, WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan), Getting Paid, and Graduation

The following are a list of events the youth either presented or co/trained:

- Strong Able Youth Speaking Out, Saturday Conference
- Mental Health Consumers Organization Annual Conference
- NAMI NC 26th Annual Conference
- Meck. Disability Action Comm.
- NC Division on Career Development and Transition Annual Spring Conference
- Additional events can be found on the attached presentation

Individual Youth then provided presentations on their specific work:

Tim Rosenberg presented on his work with the Center for Family Comm. Engagement. He redesigned their brochure on facilitating Child and Family Team Meetings.

Jonathan assisted in a CIT Training workshop where he provided information about how to effectively help and work with people with mental illness.

Both Princess Black and Nina Wood, participants of transition mentoring services (RENEW service model) presented on their successes and challenges of the past year.

Youth were then asked the question, "What do we, adults, need to do for you?"

- For those of us, in out of home placements, help our parents too...when you are taking away the kids.
- Don't ignore kids' needs
- Listen and put yourself in our shoes, don't tell us how we are feeling
- For youth who are homeless, we just need a place where we can go and just be...not school, not therapy...a safe place to just go when we don't have school
- Educate teachers and others about mental illness

Jennifer Mahan with Autism Society NC spoke about a concern with legislation affecting community colleges. In last year's session, legislators passed a law that allowed community college to ban admission to their school if they felt threatened by a student during the application process. This rule however was not written specific or clearly enough. At the moment the rule allows for each community college to write their own rule and is far to vague in who can be banned admissions to the school.

The rule is currently with the Rules Review Commission. Jennifer is asking organizations to write letters in protest. The letters should request the rule

3b. Collaborative Partner Updates

be re-written to be fair, clear, and be specific in addressing the issue as it was originally intended. Letters should be sent to the Rules Review Commission.

Below is the contact information for the Rules Review Commission:

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Upcoming Meetings

2/11: Business meeting – reviewing third current strategic priority – using data to inform decisions about practices and programs

2/25: Community Child Protection Teams; Citizen Review Panels, and quick summary of activities to prevent sex trafficking

3/11: Business meeting - revisiting who is addressing needs of youth in transition who have not been in foster care; possible discussion of work on trauma-informed care

3/25: Family partners

3c. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Work Group & Partner Updates

■ Training and T/A,
Martha Lowrance, Johna Hughes & Mark O'Donnell

2nd Friday after NC Collaborative mtg. @ Duke

• School-Based Behavioral Health Keith Letchworth & Susan Robinson 4th Friday after NC Collaborative mtg. @ Duke

Youth in TransitionLana Dial & Trishana Jones

2nd Wednesday from 2 - 4 PM @ NC Judicial Center



Strong Able Youth Speaking Out





MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of SaySo 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.

2010-2011 Board of Directors



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Link Up January 2010









Halifax County

SaySo Saturday March 2010









Guilford Technical Community College
Jamestown

It's My Transition March 2010









Forsyth County

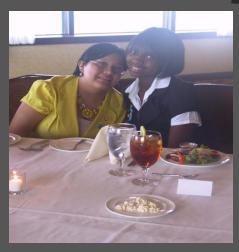
It's My Transition April 2010

Cleveland County

NCFAPA
North Carolina Foster and
Adoptive Association
April 2010

Charlotte, NC

Page Week May 2010









Raleigh: NC General Assembly

SaySo Survivor May 2010









Camp Chestnut Ridge
Alamance County

BOD Orientation June 2010









Pinehurst, NC

It's My Transition July 2010









Iredell County

Link Up August 2010









Union County

NILA Conference Sept 2010









Washington D.C

Make A Difference Day Oct 2010









Durham County

It's My Transition Nov 2010









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Supporting Youth...

- Youth Leadership Series
- Youth M.O.V.E. National
- Transition Mentoring







North Carolina Families United 2010 Youth Leadership Series

Topics:

- Don't Freeze Up
- Let's Talk about Drama
- Stand up for yourself and others
- Positive Relationships & Don't Judge on sexuality
- W.R.A.P
- Getting Paid
- Graduation!

Youth M.O.V.E.

November 30, 2010







North Carolina Families United Youth Activities

Presented / Co-Trained at:

- Strong Able Youth Speak Out (SAYSO)
 Saturday Conference, Greensboro, NC
- Mental Health Consumer's Organization Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC
- NAMI North Carolina's 26th Annual Conference (Our Voices Our Lives), Raleigh, NC
- Mecklenburg Disability Action Committee (MDAC)
 Employment First Transition Group, Charlotte, NC
- North Carolina Division on Career
 Development and Transition Annual Spring Conference,
 Raleigh, NC



2010 Activities (cont)

Presented/Co-trained at:

 Co-Trained on Futures Ready Curriculum & Information Sessions: Alamance, Cleveland,

Durham, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Surry, and Wake.

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Child and Family Team Training Video
 Participated on Local and
 State Collaborative Meetings and
 Advisory Councils

Center for Family and Community Engagement

- The Family Agency Collaborative Training Team
- NAMI's Crisis Intervention Team Training Program



The Successes & Challenges of Young Adults in Transition

>>> Nina Wood

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