

**Children and Youth Behavioral Health Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 12, 2017**

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

The Children and Youth Behavioral Health Subcommittee meeting commenced at 10:11 a.m. with Barbara Granger providing a welcome to the members. Table 1 shows attendance for the meeting.

Table 1: The CYBHS Subcommittee member attendance.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
John Huffine (alternate; HHSC - Medicaid)	X		Lori Robinson (TJJD)		X
Suling Homsy (HHSC - Medicaid)		X	Amy Saflekos (TCOOMI)	X	
Christianna Hale (Alternate; HHSC- Behavioral Health Services)	X		Suzanne Alley (HHSC- Behavioral Health Services)	X	
Marisol Acosta (HHSC- Behavioral Health Services)		X	Molly Lopez (Higher Education-TIEMH-UT Austin)		X
Lauren Bledsoe (DFPS)	X		Monica Rodriguez (Community Representative Tropical Texas)		X
Kelley Logans-Ali (Alternate; DFPS)		X	Ron Kimbell (Community Representative Heart of Texas)		X
Barbara Kaatz (TEA)	X		Telawna Kirbie (alternate; Community Representative Heart of Texas)		X
Merily Hodge-Keller (Community Partner Mental Health America of Texas)		X	Susana Rivera (NCTSN)		X
Barbara Granger (Family Representative)	X		Ivonne Tapia (Alternate; NCTSN)		X
Ayo Gathing (BHAC Representative)		X	Tina Lincoln (Alternate; Juvenile Justice)	X	
Nakia Scott (BHAC Representative)	X		Lidya Osadchey (BHAC Representative)		X

Yes: Indicates attended the meeting

No: Indicates did not attend the meeting

Also in attendance: Lillian Stengart, Carmen Bliss, Donna Fagan, Kamala Joy, Leela Rice, Valencia Gensollen, Shanna Wheeler, Nina Jo Muse, David McClung, Penny Larkin, Jameson Cardenas, Glenn Dembowski, Tracy Levins, Debbie Cohen, Laura Stevens, Verlyn Johnson, Beth Smith, Carolina Gonzalez, Diane Ewing, Kay Brotherton, Linda Ramos-Perez, Nancy Stanley, Rochelle Schutte, Sammie Artho

Agenda Item 2: Family/Youth Experience

Shanna Wheeler shared her experience as a parent interacting with various child-serving systems, including child welfare, mental health, court, hospital, and education.

Agenda Item 3: Children and Youth Behavioral Health Subcommittee (CYBHS) Business

The group reviewed minutes from the last CYBHS meeting. Tina Lincoln made a motion to accept the minutes. Barbara Kaatz seconded the motion. Through a vote of the members, minutes were approved as written.

Debbie Cohen presented a survey to voting members and alternates and asked that they please complete the survey. The survey will aid in the final evaluation of the Texas SOC grant initiative. The survey can be completed on paper or online.

Barbara Granger discussed membership vacancies, including the family representative, youth representatives, and a representative of the Texas System of Care grant. The Texas Family Voice Network brought forward their nominee, Valencia Gensollen, to serve as the family representative. Valencia was approved following a vote of the members. David McClung, representing ACCEPT, brought forward their nominees, Mitch Cochran and Nigel Cunningham-Williams, as the youth representatives. Members voted and approved each nominee. Christianna Hale made a motion for a representative of Texas System of Care and the Office of Mental Health Coordination, Lillian Stengart, to be a member of the group; Suzanne Alley seconded. Members voted and the motion was approved to add Lillian Stengart as a voting member.

Agenda Item 4: YES Waiver Service Array

Carmen Bliss provided an update on YES Waiver, including the number of children served in the previous year, the number being served in the current year, the inclusion of children in foster care, and the renewal process. She indicated that high level changes in the renewal application included changing the administrative authority from DSHS to HHSC; using a sampling methodology for performance measures; updating Medicaid eligibility group information; updating the status of the HCB Settings Waiver Transition Plan. The document is due in December; notification is expected to occur by April 2018. YES waiver is also conducting activities designed to improve the quality of wraparound services provided and increasing the qualified provider network.

The following items were discussed following the presentation:

- There was a question about funding for alternative therapies through YES Waiver (e.g., equine therapy, music therapy, art therapy). Carmen

responded that requests for alternative therapies can be approved when the therapist meets qualifications for the alternative therapy or the service meets qualifications for adaptive aids.

- A comment was made raising the concern about the program not being able to work with children during hospitalizations.
- A request was made that a mechanism be identified to ensure community members and stakeholders are made aware of public hearings.
- A comment was made about waitlist times and funding for rural counties.

Agenda Item 5: Alliance for Adolescent Recovery and Treatment in Texas (AART-Tx) Update

Tracy Levins provided an update on AART-TX, including an overview of the Youth and Family Engagement Plan, the Provider Collaborative Plan, and the process for engaging the Provider Collaborative. The full plan documents can be retrieved through the TIEMH website (<http://sites.utexas.edu/mental-health-institute/adolescent-substance-use-treatment-strategic-planning/>). Texas has been notified that they have received the implementation grant, which is a follow-up for the planning grant. Tracy led the group in a brainstorming session about how to engage providers to provide evidence-based treatment, how to engage and reach young people, and how to engage and reach family members.

Agenda Item 6: Children's Mental Health Awareness Recap

Jameson Cardenas provided a recap of Children's Mental Health Awareness activities, including the Flight to Freedom from stigma butterfly release event, the Awareness Day Capitol event, local displays from winners of the art contest, and various community activities.

Agenda Item 7: ARTIFY Recap

David McClung provided a recap of ARTIFY event. ARTIFY was a two-day youth leadership summit held in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex in June. A variety of partners collaborated to host the event, which included 80 youth and 40 adult allies. Youth participated in presentations, activities, and small group discussions focused on using the arts to amplify your voice around social change.

Agenda Item 8: Texas System of Care (TxSOC) New Project

Lillian Stengart provided an update on Texas System of Care:

- Texas System of Care hosted a face-to-face meeting of Texas System of Care communities in June. It was an opportunity for community leaders to share ideas and learn from each other.
- Texas System of Care facilitated a meeting with state agency leaders, family leaders, and youth leaders with Dr. Gary Blau of SAMHSA. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss key priorities nationally and in

Texas, and how the System of Care work can contribute to system change.

- Texas System of Care hosted a 3-day conference in Austin with approximately 200 attendees. Thank you to everyone who helped with planning and staffing at the conference.
- SAMHSA has approved a no-cost extension to wrap up projects.
- HHSC was awarded a new four-year System of Care grant. The grant will include expansion to two new communities, counties in East Texas (Burke Center catchment) and Collin county, and will focus on expansion and sustainability of System of Care. Lillian led a brainstorming session about what Burke and Life Path should know about SOC, advice about starting a SOC governance body, and advice about engaging youth and family members.

Agenda Item 9: Legislative Updates and Collaboration Opportunities

Barbara Kaatz provided an update on legislation impacting TEA, including reimbursement for telehealth services, a required MOU among agencies coordinating services for persons needing multiagency services, assistance for children in foster care applying to higher education, and allowing foster parents to serve as educational decision makers.

Other legislative updates were that TCOOMI maintained funding; the Office of Mental Health Coordination is working on the Parity bill; Juvenile Justice now has the ability to continue to provide services to justice involved youth after they have been discharged; children under 12 years old who are justice involved will be served by CRCGs; juvenile probation offices can license their own substance abuse facilities; and the Texas System of Care was reinstated.

Diane Ewing with Texans Care for Children provided resources for the following legislative updates: Post-partum depression screening during children's well checks, banned suspensions for Pre-K to second grade, and implementing positive behavior interventions in schools.

Agenda Item 10: Texas Children Recovery from Trauma Update (TCRFT)

Christianna Hale provided an update on TCRFT. Marisol Acosta is the interim manager after Dr. Angela Hobbs-Lopez resigned from HHSC Children's Mental Health Services. IDD Trauma Informed Care Initiative has begun trainings, which were announced through a broadcast message.

Agenda Item 11: Project Updates

Barbara Granger provided an update on Texas Family Voice Network (TXFVN), including collaboration with Texas Parent 2 Parent on conference

(through a mental health track) and members served as speakers/presenters at the conference.

Laura Stevens provided an update on the Supported Employment for Transition-Age Youth Pilot, including next steps.

Agenda Item 12: Public Comments

Comment from Tina Lincoln regarding importance of having representation and participation from juvenile justice probation departments on the CYBHS.

Agenda Item 13: Next Steps

No next steps discussed.

Agenda Item 14: Announcements

Next Meeting- October 11, 2017, 10:00am

13th Annual Strengthening Youth and Families Conference
October 30 - November 2, 2017
Sheraton, Georgetown, TX

Meeting ended at 2:47pm