



**Children and Youth Behavioral Subcommittee to  
The Behavioral Health Advisory Committee  
April 13, 2016  
Draft Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

Marisol	Acosta	Department of State Health Services, Texas Children Recovering From Trauma
Candace	Aylor	Texas Family Voice Network
Emily	Bartlett	Youth Representative
Carolina	Gonzalez	Aliviane
Barbara	Granger	Via Hope/Texas System of Care
Cristina	Guerrero	Department of Family and Protective Services
Angela	Hobbs-Lopez	Department of State Health Services, Child and Adolescent Services
Merily	Hodge-Keller	Mental Health America of Texas
Calvin	Holloway	Department of State Health Services, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division
Suling	Homsy	Health and Human Services Commission
Molly	Lopez	Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health
David	McClung	Texas System of Care
Allen	Pittman	Health and Human Services Commission, Medicaid
Lori	Robinson	Texas Juvenile Justice Department
Yvonne	Tapia	Aliviane
Evelyn	Zaragoza	System of Care Youth Representative

**Staff Attending:**

Sherri Hammack, Texas System of Care Initiative, HHSC  
Texas System of Care (TxSOC) Team Members, Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health, University of Texas at Austin (TIEMH)

- I. Welcome and Member Introductions  
Participants introduced themselves.
  
- II. A Family System of Care Experience  
Barbara Granger introduced Stormy Holifield, a mother, who shared her family's successful experience with SOC. The group expressed its appreciation of Stormy for sharing her experiences and discussed strengthening and supporting family voice.
  
- III. Approval of Minutes (Action)  
Minutes were approved
  
- IV. Updates- Project Specific

A. Texas Children Recovering from Trauma, Marisol Acosta

Marisol discussed the application for new funding as a Category III NCTSN site. Goals include transforming obstacles for resilient children, expansion of current efforts, increase service delivery to children of military children, expand number of direct care sites, focus on addressing complex trauma, and adding new evidence-based programs. Texas Children Recovery From Trauma members participated and presented in the all network conference. Marisol provided an update on direct care targets and TIC organizational transformation, and presented the findings from the organizational assessment. She also presented the results of collaboration with TX SOC, including TIC organizational toolkit and pending deliverables (including the trauma summit).

B. YES, Jennifer Martinez

Jennifer provided an update on expansion efforts (i.e., inclusion of youth in foster care, expanded exclusion criteria), enrollment numbers, and website functionality. There will be a shifted focus to quality, and they will partner with TIEMH to conduct satisfaction surveys. There was discussion of preventing out of home placement and about juvenile justice institutions not qualifying for services through YES waiver.

C. Texas Family Voice Network, Barbara Granger

TxFVN is currently collaborating with Texas Parent2Parent on mental health models and is collecting family surveys. Stormy Holifield has joined the leadership team. There is now a dedicated email address: [txfamilyvoicenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:txfamilyvoicenetwork@gmail.com).

D. ACCEPT, David McClung

David reported on ACCEPT's in person meeting which occurred in February. They are currently working on getting licenses for curriculum from Youth Move Oregon. David will be coming on full time to work with youth engagement at TIEMH and DSHS, Title V projects.

E. TXSOC, Debbie Cohen

Debbie presented on findings from survey to find out about collaborations around the state. She explained the implications of the survey.

F. Memoranda of Understanding, Tracy Levins

A workgroup has been formed to address MOUs, and a timeline for presenting MOUs to agencies has been created. The workgroup plans to continue individual meetings with participating agencies, provide a draft of the MOU during the summer and begin circulating for signatures in the early fall.

G. Community Update, Robert Shaw

Robert provided information about the upcoming community meeting which will be held on May 14, 2016. Data are being collected in certain counties to show system of care outcomes. The TXSOC team held a meeting with the Dallas County SOC to assist with strategic planning.

H. CYBHS, Marisol Acosta

Membership- A new youth engagement voting member (Emily) was nominated and approved.  
Leadership- Discussed voting system and process.

V. Community Perspective- Midland County, Forest Hanna and Robert Shaw  
Forest introduced himself as the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for Midland County. He explained that he learned about SOC and Wraparound while working in TYC. Midland County SOC is currently working on hiring an executive director. They have encountered challenges related to funding, too many initiatives, and not enough collaboration. Forest discussed the use of trauma-informed care in juvenile justice; training is the first step, but integration has been somewhat of a challenge.

VI. Announcements

A. Trauma Summit, Marisol Acosta

The Summit will be held August 17-18; more details will be forthcoming. Current initiatives include creating a planning subcommittee, requesting support from SAMHSA, asking for members, and calling for presentations.

B. Children's Mental Health Awareness Month, Tori Yu

Tori provided an overview of statewide events, including proclamations and resolutions. There are some Children's Mental Health Awareness Month events listed on the TXSOC website.

VII. State Youth Treatment Strategic Planning- Tracy Levins

Tracy provided an overview and explanation of the state youth treatment planning grant, and explained the goal of improving service delivery for young people with substance abuse or co-occurring disorders. The group was asked to spend some time identifying what they would do to improve service delivery for these youth. Results of the discussion included the following: engaging the entire community in providing support for youth in treatment/recovery; having a hub/place for youth to go to make relationships, learn, and build confidence; providing school-based alternatives; engaging youth in the approach; providing peer support; engaging parents; educating the workforce on brain development; encouraging institutes of higher education to teach more on substance use disorders and treatment (making them requirements not just electives); and having extracurricular activity involvement.

VIII. Public Comment

A family partner from the Harris Center, who serves as the chair person for family partner council for Via Hope, discussed the importance of family partners being included in peer support as a billable service. She further discussed services they can provide that could be included in billing, as well as a certification process.

IX. Next Steps

- A. There is a need for a methodology for floating recommendations up the pipeline.
- B. Setting future agenda items and using meetings to build recommendations.
- C. Naming the subcommittee.

X. Announcements

- A. Merily- Tentative save the date for first week in august for Texas Suicide Prevention Symposium.
- B. Candace Aylor- Conducting a presentation with her daughter on family trauma at the Texas Parent to Parent Conference in June.
- C. Tracy Levins- In June there will be a conference on trauma-informed care. Registration is now open. The Institute is hosting the *Shifting Cultures through Trauma Informed Care*

*Conference* and the related Building Bridges Initiative with the Texas Network of Youth Services, DFPS, DSHS, and Hogg Foundation. Registration is ongoing on the TX SOC website.