Children’s Sub-Committee
December 16, 2008
Draft Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

LC1: Lisa Trujillo (LC1/BHPC)
LC2: Harriet Friedman, Phone; Anna Nelson (LC2/OSAH); Phone
LC3: Susie Kimball, Video; Donna Garcia, Phone
LC4: Barbara Gurule, Phone; Mary Sue Blackhurst (LC4/BHPC)
LC6: Alice Jones; Lisa Thayer Sharp; Kathleen Hunt; Susan Wilger; Lisa Murillo (all by phone)
LC7: Wendy Sayer, phone; Gail Falconer (LC7/BHPC)
LC9: Frankie Scofield (LC9/BHPC)
LC11: Pam Valencia; Karen Raeburn; Nicole Garcia; Debbie Adams; Erin Hourihan (all by phone)
CYFD: Marisol Adams; Craig Sparks; Soledad P. Martinez; Jeff Tinstman; Brenda Manus, phone; Erica Padilla Purchasing Collaborative, phone
HSD/Collaborative: Karen Meador
CAT Team: Sam Baca; Tami Spellbring, phone
Contractor: Michael Coop
BHPC: Chris Wendel
Infant and EC Mental Health: Deborah Harris
PED: Jessica Aufrichtig

Minutes
Frankie Scofield moved and Jeff Tinstman seconded a motion to approve the minutes and the motion passed.

Agenda
Mary Sue Blackhurst moved and Jeff Tinstman seconded a motion to approve the agenda and the motion passed with the addition of a presentation and discussion by Michael Coop on Strategic Priorities.

CYFD Reorganization
Marisol Atkins presented on the re-organization. Four divisions in CYFD have now become Five:
- Early Childhood Services
- Youth and Family Services, (including 18-21 Transition)
- Protective Services
- Juvenile Justice Services
- Program Support

The position of CYFD Behavioral Health Director has been moved back to the Office of the Secretary. With the economic crunch, CYFD is not filling the position. Deputy Secretary Atkins is filling this position in an acting capacity. One participant commented favorable on the
reorganization. Another asked whether this will help break down the silos within the department. Marisol explained that culture change takes time and that we are, at best, lined up to go in the right direction and break down those silos. One example is the regional care coordination involving protective services, juvenile justice and the statewide entity troubleshooting those cases at 3 levels of review. Marisol is available to discuss this more extensively at a future meeting.

**Early Childhood/ Infant Mental Health**

Soledad Martinez presented on the need to “pay attention to the babies” (and their caregivers). Soledad presented a Power Point explaining why we need services, how we have home visiting (but not especially for high need situations).

Deb Harris described the summits, explaining that most LCs did not have an explicit emphasis on infant mental health. She also explained that while assessments are required, they do not necessarily include behavioral health. We need to provide services to prevent crises of all sorts. We need specialized training for service providers, foster parents, biological parents and others. She also mentioned a Court project addressing every youth in PS between 0-3 (federal funding).

Optimally, we want services no matter where the child comes into public systems; there is currently not enough connection between early childhood and infant mental health.

Karen Meador noted that this is connected to adverse childhood events; Ron Voorhees did some epidemiological studies on these in New Mexico.

Michael Coop asked about ECAN and ECSS initiatives out of DOH. Alice Jones said that the NM Public Health Association presented on this last week in Albuquerque. At this event, developmental screening was also presented. There is also an Association of Infant Mental Health. The group concurred that the standing work group should be formed.

**Success in Schools Committee**

Anna Nelson presented on the work of the Success in Schools Committee and requested that this committee be recognized as a standing work group to the CSC. Anna described that the Committee was asked to develop standards for school behavioral health, a difficult task because it would require buy-in from districts across the state. Instead they are developing guidelines. Anna will send these guidelines to the CSC for review and comment. They will also work on assisting the CSC on Systems of Care development across the state, as well as on evaluation of activities connected to the overall transition into schools and the loss of services.

Jeff Tinstman asked about the School Behavioral Health Advisory Council and the relationship to this Committee. It was noted that there is a need for these councils to be involved in LCs.

The Success in School Committee would report to the CSC at least quarterly. Susan Wilger commented that school involvement is a high priority for LCs; there is a need for a direct line.

Chris Wendel noted that the Success in Schools Committee needs the CSC endorsement as this is on the BHPC agenda for tomorrow. The motion to bring the committee as a standing work group passed unanimously. Gail Falconer moved and Mary Sue Blackhurst seconded a motion that the CSC endorse the Success in Schools Committee and the motion passed unanimously by voting members in attendance. Gail Falconer moved and Mary Sue Blackhurst seconded a motion that the CSC adopt the Success in Schools Committee as a standing work group and the motion passed unanimously by voting members in attendance.
BH Strategic Priorities

Jeff Tinstman asked that the Early Childhood/Infant Mental Health priority be elaborated. Soledad commented that we do not have community resources nor do we have people sufficiently trained in this. Per Soledad, we probably need at least 1 consultant per region. Deb Harris noted that there needs to be coordination; these services are more fragmented than any other. There needs to be support for competency-based efforts and endorsements for infant mental health specialists. Gail noted that we need to track children through developmental stages and transitions from infancy on. The group discussed ways to collapse priorities. Marisol presented her approach to organizing the priorities and this was adopted by the group. These priorities will now direct the work of the CSC and include:

- Prevention, Health Promotion and Wellness
- Early Childhood and Infant Mental Health
- Success in School
- Rebalancing the Children’s Service System
- Adolescents in Transition

Youth Report

There will be a Youth Jam meeting on Saturday at APS (on Cutler and Louisiana) at 10 a.m. Anyone who wants to be involved is welcome to attend. They are working on getting the Pavilion donated for Youth Jam. They also are talking about getting Juvenile Justice youth involved. Overall, they need 72 youth. The group is now called Youth Jam and they are using Facebook and My Space.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CSC is Tuesday January 20, 2009 from 2:00 to 5:00.