



# Transformation Working Group

Director's Report  
November 3, 2008



- Federal Site visit
  - September 23, 2008
    - Reviewed work of the Community Collaboratives
    - Presented TWG workgroup reports
  - September 24, 2008
    - Reviewed state-level initiatives – POC, CMBHS
    - Met with CYF representatives
  - Commended the work of the Community Collaboratives and State-level projects
  - Offered TA, ie housing, integrated care

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# Texas Mental Health Transformation

- Comprehensive MH Plan Update
  - Posted at [www.mhtransformation.org](http://www.mhtransformation.org)
  - Thematic areas for 2009
    - Consumer, Youth and Family Infrastructure
    - Prevention and Early Intervention
    - Evidence-Based Behavioral Health Services
    - Workforce Development and Expansion
    - Technology for Behavioral Health Transformation
    - Behavioral Health Community Collaboratives



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- Financing Consultation proposed:
  - to make recommendations regarding transforming the existing state level mental health financing system to a more integrated approach that produces improved outcomes for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances (whose service needs and costs are shared among multiple agencies) and for infants and children (to prevent further penetration into any systems).



- Designate staff to work on this project
  - at least one subject matter program agency staff member with a working knowledge of children’s mental health and practice (recommended by the TWG member),
  - at least one fiscal agency staff member knowledgeable in the sources and uses of agency’s dollars related to children’s mental health and practices (recommended by the agency Chief Fiscal Officer).
  - TWG legislative liaisons,
  - TWG Governor’s Office liaison,
  - TWG Family Representative(s).
- MHT funds will be used to support the work including any necessary consultation



- Returning Veterans and their families
  - Workgroup members:
    - Governor's Office, TWG representation, family member representation, HHSC, DSHS, Texas Military Forces, Texas Veterans Commission, Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Council of Community MHMR Centers, Texas Association of Community Health Centers
  - Two meetings: September 18 and October 2, 2008
  - Workgroup reviewed needs, services and gaps
    - Invisible wounds of war – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury
    - Impacted family members have very limited access to benefits



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- Gaps in Services for Veterans
  - Gaps between Need and Use
  - Quality of Care Gaps
  - Access Gaps
  - Gaps in Coordination and Communication



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- Recommendations
  - Support Texas Military Forces and Texas Veterans Commission requests for dedicated eligibility workers and case management staff
  - Facilitate access to eligibility information by laypersons
  - Provide training to peers and other connectors
  - Provide evidence-based treatment training to practitioners
- Next Steps
  - Outline of components and funding by November 3, 2008.
  - Need for ongoing analysis and study of the issues.