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Texas Mental Health Transformation Workgroup Meeting
June 12, 2009

A meeting of the Texas Mental Health Transformation Workgroup (TWG) was held in the Robert D. Moreton Building, Board Room (M-739), 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas on Friday, June 12, from 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm.

Transformation Workgroup (TWG) Members Present:

Dr. David Lakey, TWG Chair, Department of State Health Services
Sam Shore, TWG Co-Chair, MHT Project Director, Department of State Health Services
Jessica Olson, Office of the Governor
Tara Swayzee, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services*
Ricky Garcia, Health and Human Services Commission
Maurice Dutton, Consumer / Family Member Representatives
Mike Halligan, Consumer / Family Member Representatives
Frank Delgado, Consumer / Family Member Representatives
Jon Weizenbaum, Department of Aging and Disability Services
Joyce James, Department of Family and Protective Services
Margaret Christen, Texas Education Agency**
Steve Spencer, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission
Tracy Levins, Texas Youth Commission
Brenda Hull, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Michael Duck, A&M Health Sciences Center, TX Vet Initiative***

**replaces Nenna Ezekoye as TWG designee*

***replaces Richard Poe as TWG designee*

**** serving as TWG alternate for Dr. Kotrla*

Transformation Workgroup (TWG) Members Not Present:

Stephany Bryan, Consumer / Family Member Representatives
Dr. Kathryn Kotrla, Texas A&M College of Medicine
Debra Wanser, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
Mike Maples, DSHS
Dee Wilson, Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Theresa Cruz, Office of Rural Community Affairs
John Fuller, Texas Workforce Commission
Steve Holliday, Veterans Integrated Service Network 17
Charles Buerschinger, Texas Veterans Commission

Community Collaborative Members Present:

Coastal Bend Rural Health Partnership (CBRHP)

Martin Ornelas, Dr. Diana Bill, Barbara Giovannone

Bexar County Safety Net Community Collaborative

Gilbert Gonzales

LEAF – Llano Estacado Alliance for Families

Kay Brotherton, Jere Newton

Nacogdoches County Mental Health Collaborative

Kinnie Parker, Anne Bondeson, Jessica Rocha

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Community Collaborative Members Attending - continued:

Tarrant County Transformation Project

Patsy Thomas, Kay Barkin

Williamson County Mental Health Task Force

Kathy Grimes

* Dallas County Project Transform – not represented

Implementation Team Members present:

Ben Delgado, DSHS

Amanda Broden, DSHS

Jessica Hartos, MHT Staff, DSHS

Steve Eichner, MHT Staff, DSHS

Ellen Trevino, MHT Staff, DSHS

Dolly Klinefelter, DSHS

Stacey Stevens, UT Center for Social Work Research

Pat Wong, UT-LBJ School of Public Affairs

Camille Miller, Texas Health Institute

Susan Griffin, Texas Health Institute

Meeting Goals:

- Provide updates on key MHT projects
- Provide updates on Community Collaborative Projects
- Provide updates from the Legislative Session
- Prepare agenda for next meeting

Opening

1. Welcome and Call to Order Dr. Lakey
 - a. Introduce new TWG members – Frank Delgado, Consumer Youth and Family member, and Joyce James, DFPS
 - b. Introduced Margaret Christen, TEA
 - c. Introduced Michael Duck, serving as alternate for Dr. Kotrla

Action Item

2. Review and Approval of Minutes Dr. Lakey

Moved and seconded to accept without correction.

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Information Items

3. Consumer Voice Update Mike Halligan
Consumer activity emphasis is currently on development of Peer Certification and Peer Support services in Texas. Several coalitions have come together to make this a very strong collaborative effort through an ad-hoc group. This group is looking at training components and certification processes in other states.

4. MacArthur Juvenile Justice Grant Steve Spencer/Erin Espinosa

In Sept 2007, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission (TJPC) applied to become a Strategic Innovation Group (SIG), part of the Models for Change Mental Health Juvenile Justice Action Network (MHJJAN), established in 2007 by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and coordinated by the National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice. Texas was one of 21 states to apply and one of 4 states selected to join the existing Network. The application was the result of Transformation Workgroup efforts.

The MHJJAN targets three areas for Strategic Innovation: Workforce Development for juvenile justice personnel, Front-end Diversion to reduce inappropriate juvenile court involvement, and In-State innovations for youth returning to the community. Network states are utilizing different models within the three strategic areas and, over the next few years, will swap models and learn from each other.

Texas is focusing its strategic innovation activity on intake-based diversion, mental health training, education and workforce enhancement, and continuity of care models to support youth with mental health disorders in contact with the juvenile justice system. Demonstration sites are Travis County, Bexar County, Dallas County, and Lubbock County.

5. 2009-2010 MHT Operations Plan Sam Shore

The MHT Operations Plan presentation updates MHT efforts, activities and accomplishments in the fourth year of the grant. A power point presentation provided a visual overview of the purpose and goals of mental health infrastructure innovations; a conceptual model which captures the MHT process; a focus on the 2009-2010 MHT Direct Involvement Projects; a listing of projects nominated and accepted for MHT Evaluation; and a listing of other MHT projects, which include data collection and sharing activities, activities for returning veterans and their families, and Community Collaborative activities.

There is generally not a lot of commonality in what people think transformation should be or will be. MHT wants to be on the trajectory so MHT will be on the right track for transformation across the long term – structures that people like, will want to use, and will continue to support. All MHT projects are placed within this framework. In 2009-2010, there are six prime areas that MHT will be working within: Technology, Training, Service Integration, Consumer Action, Community Collaboratives, and Use of Evidence-Based Practices.

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6. Community Collaboratives Community Representatives
Representatives from each Community Collaborative were introduced to the TWG. Of the seven Collaboratives, only Dallas County could not be represented at the meeting. Introductions were followed by a free-time “poster session” with each Community Collaborative highlighting activities and accomplishments so far. The Collaboratives have taken minimal MHT grant funds, but used their funding to develop projects which either meet the unique needs of the community or fund project to meet community needs uniquely.

LEAF Anti-Stigma Video (5 minutes) was shown to the TWG. The video was produced by youth, youth driven and youth edited.

Discussion Items

7. Legislative Updates TWG Agencies

This agenda item was included to address State level issues which emerged or failed in the Texas 81st Regular Legislative Session. Several items initiated by the TWG became reality in this Session. A comprehensive handout of TWG Agency Legislative Updates was available to TWG members and meeting stakeholders. The document will be posted on the MHT website, www.mhtransformation.org.

8. Public Comments

No public comments

9. Agenda for September Meeting

There was discussion among TWG members regarding a future meeting which brings the Commissioners of agencies represented on the TWG together as the grant enters its final year.

TWG member request: Would like to continue to receive updates on some of the newer and more complex activities, such as veterans’ issues, the children’s resiliency and adult self directed care proof of concept studies, etc. It was noted that it would be nice to have more depth to the report, even if it were to include anecdotal stories. The mentioned projects were implemented in very short time with community buy-in. It would be helpful to discuss the measures and outcomes being tracked in these studies before the TWG membership.

TWG feedback was requested on the Community Collaborative Poster Session. This was a new strategy for connecting TWG and Collaborative members. Response from TWG members was positive and supportive of future “poster sessions” in lieu of more formal reporting.

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Announcement: The first International Crisis Intervention Training Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas on May 30 through June 3, 2010.

Formally known as the National Crisis Intervention Training Conference, this conference will bring together the latest on Crisis Training, Law Enforcement, Mental Health and Advocacy collaboration and state of the art programs which focus on serving persons with mental illness, substance abuse, developmental disabilities. Over 1,000 CIT programs across the Country have developed their own CIT programs with improving and continued success. More information on the conference will be coming over the next few months with a "call for papers" and program outline.

Adjournment: 4:14 pm

The next TWG meeting is scheduled on September 11, 2009 from 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm in the Moreton Board Room, M-739, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas.