

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the
STATEWIDE COORDINATING COUNCIL (SCC)
April 10, 2014

I. Meeting Opening

- The meeting was called to order by Sheila Jordan at 5:35 pm.
- Sheila conducted roll call.
 - Members, in-person: Region 2: Roselyn Davis, Parent. Region 5: LaVonya Malveaux, Professional. Youth: Ernestine Baskin (Region 2).
 - Members (via teleconference): Region 1: Karen Davis, Professional; Christina Scott, Parent. Region 9: Sonja Miller, Parent.
 - Members Absent: Region 2: Emily Boudreaux, Kathy Edmonston, Lyn Hassenboehler; Region 3: Mary Corban, Liz Gary, Sue Ellen Stewart. Region 5: Karen Hebert. Region 6: Susan Benoit.
 - Guests: Steve Kaufman (The Advocacy Center), Judy McCleary (Provider Representative), and Mary Ann Donovan-Mason (Magellan).
 - OBH Staff: Sheila Jordan (Parent), Connie Goodson.
- Sheila reviewed the agenda.

II. Review of January Minutes

Sheila reported that the December minutes were sent to the committee members via e-mail. Attending committee members moved to approve the January minutes, with the following edits: Karen Hebert is listed as Region 4, but should be Region 5. With approval of the members, the January minutes will be posted to the CSoc website.

III. New Member Introductions

Each of the 4 new members introduced themselves, sharing their experiences with the behavioral health and other child-serving systems. They are: Roselyn Davis (Parent, Region 2); Ernestine Baskin-McWilliams (Youth, Region 2); Christina Scott (Parent, Region 1); and Sonja Miller (Parent, Region 9). Each new member expressed their excitement about being able to contribute to improving services for children and families, based on their own experiences.

IV. Coordinated System of Care Update

Current Enrollment

Sheila shared the CSoc Data for SCC dated April 9. It reported CSoc enrollment as 1076, an increase of 30 members since January 17. Of the 1076 enrolled members, 621 children/families were reportedly receiving FSO services. The decrease in families reported as receiving FSO services was due to reconciliation of active enrollments between the FSO and wraparound agencies.

Update on FSO Services

The FSO was unable to attend this meeting due to traveling/events related to CSoC expansion. Sheila reported that the FSO was continuing to grow its staff, in addition to doing outreach in the non-implementing regions, in anticipation of full CSoC implementation.

Update on FSO Work group Activities

Sheila reported that the Workgroup remains “on hold” until such time as OBH and the person who conducted the feasibility study are able to: 1) gather sufficient information about how these services are provided across the country, and 2) make reasonable recommendations on a way forward, based on the information obtained through the workgroup, from Ekhaya and Magellan, and in review of other models.

V. SCC Priorities

Member Action Steps for Next Meeting

Sheila presented the members with the first SCC member task – gathering lists of regional resources that might be available to support CSoC (and non-CSoC) members, and that might be potential CSoC referral points. The goal is that each regional list will consist of 15 regional organizations, and that eventual SCC members will educate and engage the organization around CSoC, and support the identification of family and youth for engagement in the local Community Team and other CSoC-related groups. There was member discussion about partnering to do the task (when a region has more than one SCC member), and exploring organizations or resources that might already have such “data banks” available (Child and Youth Planning Boards, Human Service District directories, United Way listings, NAMI, and other children/youth-focused coalitions). All of these ideas, it was agreed, were worthy of exploration. In addition to SCC members, Steve Kaufman of the Advocacy Center was actively engaged in this discussion.

VI. Update on CSoC Statewide Implementation

Connie Goodson provided the update on statewide implementation. She informed the SCC that the regional assessments had been distributed and returned from the oncoming regions. This assessment was to assist in helping identify strengths and opportunities for growth/additional support in each region. The 4 non-implementing regions (Covington, Thibodaux, Lafayette and Lake Charles) are currently making their final selections of regional wraparound agencies. Connie advised that those regional recommendations are due to OBH on April 11. Connie expressed that the contract amendment for CSoC expansion has been submitted to the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS), and that the 90 day time period for response was expected to end in late May. She advised that CMS has the option of submitting additional questions, which could “stop the clock” on the anticipated timeline.

In response to questions about the wraparound agency selection process, Connie advised that:

- 1) regional wraparound agency decisions would be reviewed by a team at OBH, and ultimately by the CSoC State Governance Board, to confirm that all necessary information is in place;
- 2) that if there are questions, those could be posed back to a Community Team, but that it is OBH’s goal that the Community Team decide on its regional wraparound agency;
- 3) that the current FSO model will be in place until such time that the workgroup and OBH make a determination that the model needs to be different, she does not have information to report further on that, at this point;
- 4) that even though it is reported that 3 of the 4 regions chose existing wraparound agencies (those currently serving in implementing regions, she would prefer to respect the process, and not make any announcements, since all of the packets have not been received by OBH at this time.

VII. Other Items for Discussion

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Sonja Miller shared that it might sometimes be challenging getting parents to “buy-in” to participating in parent/family committees, because of challenges with confidentiality and disclosure. Connie shared that, in her experience, parents are interested in working with parents and hearing from parents in a “peer” relationship. Those meetings were voluntary to attend and participate in, so confidentiality was not an issue (people chose to share as much or as little as they preferred). It was mentioned that the Region 9 wraparound agency is exploring having a monthly parent meeting. Roselyn mentioned she would appreciate the opportunity meet parents and hear their stories, because testimony has high value to parents and families. Connie shared that the best people to get involved in CSoC-related committees are those who have been through wraparound. They then become great resources to the SCC in terms of helping to identify service gaps.

Ernestine, Roselyn and Sonja all expressed interested in getting connected with families, and the challenges that come with this. LaVonya shared that St. Jude has an alumni parent pairing model that would be work exploring for possible ideas.

VIII. Public Comment/Question:

There was no additional public comment.

IX. Meeting Closing

Next SCC Meeting is July 10th, 5:30pm
Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.