

**COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS OF FORT WORTH
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, January 31, 2006
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Attendees:

| Kuchta, Mollie | Chair/Parent |
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| Barkin, Danielle | Youth experience with system |
| Barkin, Kay | Parent |
| Daryani, Sherwin | Community Solutions |
| Dilbeck, John | Parent |
| Dooley, Michelle | Parent |
| LeGrice, Lee | Lena Pope Home |
| Luebke, Susanne | Sustainability Liaison |
| Metzger, Suzanne | Parent |
| Perry, Barbara | MHMR Evaluation Team |
| Rosales, Celia | Parent |
| Rosales, Domingo | Parent |
| Spencer, Berdia | Parent |
| Steinert, Michael | FWISD |
| Thomas, Patsy | Ex officio |
| Utsey, Debra | Parent |
| Warren, Vicki | Community Solutions |
| Weaver, Brent | Community Solutions |

Guests:

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| Grantham, Felicia | Community Health Worker |
| Crystal Sonnenberg | Cook Children's Hospital - Intern |

Dinner was prepared and served for attendees at 6:00 p.m.

Mollie Kuchta, Chair, Community Solutions Advisory Board called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Cook Children's Medical Center, Conference Room located at 801 Seventh Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, followed by introductions and the icebreaker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ **Crisis Response** - in Pam Davis' absence, Molly gave a brief update on the status of the committee and mentioned that it has been on hold but there are a few items that they will be attempting to work on in the near future. A meeting will be held within the next week or two.
- ❖ **Child to Adult Transition** - Vicki Warren reported that the first meeting was held and the committee did some brainstorming as to how some of the issues were in relation to the topics and where to go from that point. Also discussed was the transition from one school environment to another school environment and how this could affect some of the students Community Solutions is currently serving. The other topic of discussion was when it would be appropriate to transition a child to adult, perhaps at age 16 but then maybe an age sooner than 16 would be more appropriate. There were some concerns as to some of the workshops being held within the community for MH clients because some of the individuals look at the settings as not being managed properly and not being welcomed into those settings, resulting in a gap of service for those individuals. Several other items were discussed, such as, vocational training; recreational training, employment transportation, the opportunities for MH homes and looking at what programs are available at the college level for individual with special needs. Another topic discussed is who else they would like to see on this committee. Some suggestions mentioned of local agencies within the community were Lena Pope Home, All Church Home, Catholic Charities, MHMR (already represented), Mariana Bond was also present. The next meeting will be held at 11:00 am, February 24, at MHMR 4th Floor Board Room and Tim Canopy, Continuing Solutions who is a UNT Professor will be presenting on the same topic of transitioning. Marianna Bond has just put on a presentation together with Mr. Canopy in the mid-cities area.
- ❖ **After-School Care for Special Needs Children** - John Dilbeck reported that the first meeting was held in December and will be meeting again before the end of February. This first meeting was more of an organizational meeting and he shared the information with the committee that he learned from the individuals who organizes the After-School FWISD program, how they are funded. One item that was learned is that a lot of the schools are not taking advantage of the program because they think that it will cost them. Title I money is available. A meeting is scheduled with the people who oversee the After-School program at FWISD, in order to observe one of the schools who have the program set up to observe how the after-school students are handled.

- ❖ **FWISD** - Michael Steinert announced that they had met in October to create a partnership with a Community Parent Advocate and FWISD and offer a quarterly parent orientation for new special education parents to offer them the contacts and resources they need to call. Since Amy Patrick changed jobs, Marianna Bond's name was mentioned and she has made a proposal and is willing to work with Michael Steiner, Cindy Walker and Vicki Warren and went over the items that need to be in the curriculum. Michael has since met with the Area Directors of the FWISD Special Education and are consolidating and combining Marianna's curriculum and deciding what FWISD believes needs to be in the curriculum, in a 90 minute session. Area Directors and Marianna will have the first run-through in February and then have the first one tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 5:30 - 7:30pm location and specifics will be emailed by Michael but will be held at a Family Resource Center. Childcare and food will be provided. This will be a pilot with Community Solutions families, and any Advisory Board Members that would be interested in attending that have been through the system that would be able to comment on their experiences. Based on how the first meeting goes, they will go in and edit the content and hope to schedule the first official meeting in May to possibly be held quarterly or more often if needed, depending on response.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cook Children's Hospital is sending Mollie to be an observer in a work taskforce Forward Restraint Seclusion and how to make the new restraint seclusion laws because of the way state law is now. If any of the parents or advisors have any concerns about restraint seclusions. The Table as it stands right now involves the Juvenile System, DAR System, TEA, THSS, TDA and various other systems, please contact Mollie in written form so she can forward to the people in Austin. The meeting will be held in Austin February 23. Senator Judith Zarririni was the author of this Bill and is very interested in mental health and has sat and had a discussion with Mollie regarding mental health.
- Wrightslaw Boot Camp, March 3 and 4, Will Rogers Memorial Center
- The GO System Training, February 4

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS REPORT

Sherwin explained the *LATEST OUTCOME DATA*
(PowerPoint Presentation handed out to all attendees)

Vicki explained the *COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS RESULTS*
(PowerPoint Presentation handed out to all attendees)

A bound copy of the two reports will be mailed to the Board Members in a few weeks.

CONCLUSION

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting

- Date: April 24, 2006
- Location: Cook Children's Hospital
- Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
- Meeting: 6:30 p.m.