

Members Attending:

Michael Steinert, Co-Chair — FWISD
Sudeepa Bhattacharya – Cook Children’s Medical Center
Jan Finch – The Parenting Center
Kathy Jo Zeigler – Lena Pope Home
Jennifer Gilley –Tarrant Challenge
Kathy Dolan – Tarrant County Public Health
Lisa Benton – Community Solutions
Connie Winkle – The Women’s Center
Sean Allen — MHMR
Mahie Gharaihi – MHMR
Katie Tilley – All Church Home for Children
Virginia Hoft – Santa Fe Adolescent Services

• ***Introductions...***

- We discussed Lisa Benton following up with Patty Wright (Arlington United Way) to see if she plans to attend. Lisa will get her e-mail address to Michael Steinert to add to the distribution list.

• ***Old business***

- Lisa Benton provided an update regarding MHC efforts to develop a supportive, collaborative ‘research council’ (working title). Lisa is working with Mike to draft a vision statement as well as potential incentives for Universities and other institutions participating in this partnership. Once completed, we will meet with Patsy Thomas, Wayne Carson and Lee LeGrice to discuss roll out timeline and integration of this initiative with current evidence-based practice efforts.

• ***Current grant awards, applications, requests for support letters***

- Kathy Dolan – Tarrant County Public Health has received funding to provide a part time Nurse Practitioner at the AIDS Outreach Center to better integrate medical and social services at one location.
- Virginia Hoft – Santa Fe Adolescent Services will be contracting with Tarrant County to provide Brief Strategic Family Therapy (BSFT) services to families involved with the juvenile justice system.

She reports SFAS will be getting some Safe and Drug Free funding through the Governor’s office for BSFT available to others in the community. In addition, they have been awarded some OJJDP funding through the Governor’s office to provide skills training to students at the Juvenile Justice Alternative Educational Placement center (using ‘Lions Quest’ curriculum).

- Jan Finch - The Parenting Center did not receive OJJDP funding to continue the Selecting Success Program, so it has been discontinued. Jan also expressed interest in a forthcoming RFP from the State funding the Nurse/Family Partnership. Kathy Dolan will follow up as to whether this is something County Public Health is interested in or already pursuing.
- Sean Allen – MHMR did not receive funding for services to women with co-occurring trauma and substance abuse diagnosis.
- Kathy Jo Zeigler shared that Lena Pope and TCU were unsuccessful in their application for Childhood Trauma funds.
- Lisa Benton reported that Community Solutions and MHC efforts to secure \$2 million from TDPRS for wrap services to children and families at risk for CPS involvement have been unsuccessful. TDPRS plans to funnel that money into the existing CPS response system.

Lisa also will follow up on the suggestion that Community Solutions or the MHC should consider applying for the “100 Best Communities For Young People” recognition award offered through America’s Promise Alliance and United Way of America. <www.americaspromise.org/100Best>

- **Announcements**

- Michael Steinert – Shared the good news that the FWISD FRC’s will be co-locating a full time HHSC Medicaid eligibility worker and asked that the group share this with their respective agency staff. Several trainings will be scheduled to aid direct care workers in helping families’ complete application for Medicaid and/or CHIP. Completed applications may be submitted to the FRC Northside (2011 Prospect, 76106).

- **Next Meeting**

Thursday November 8th, 2007

9:00am

MHMR north tower – 3rd floor conference room