

**Members Attending:**

Michael Steinert, Co-Chair — FWISD  
Whittney Hoyler – The Parenting Center  
Kathy Jo Zeigler – Lena Pope Home  
Jennifer Gilley –Tarrant Challenge  
John Haenes –Tarrant Challenge  
Patty Wright – Arlington Social Service Planners  
Sean Allen — MHMR  
Mahie Gharashi – MHMR  
Katie Tilley – All Church Home for Children  
Virginia Hoft – Santa Fe Adolescent Services  
Patsy Thomas – Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County

- **Introductions...**
  - Jennifer Green taking David Woody's place at Catholic Charities, Mike will follow-up with her to see if she would like to attend (or has a designee in mind).
- **Old business**
  - Mike updated on plans to bring a core group of interested researchers together in late January to begin developing an agenda for the Research Council (working title). Representatives from UNTHSC Department of Psychiatry, CUTSW Dept of Child Psychiatry, UTA, TWU and MHMR have agreed to participate and others will be discussed at the initial meeting.
- **Current grant awards, applications, requests for support letters**
  - Jennifer Gilley – Tarrant County received \$50,000 from the CJD/ Governor's office to support Family Drug Court
  - Kathy Jo Zeigler – Lena Pope Home received \$5,000 from Colonial Charities
  - Patsy Thomas – Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County has assumed fiduciary responsibility (from Tarrant County) for the State Mental Health Transformation Grant supporting technological innovation in our system of care. MHC has met with Camille Miller from the Texas Health Initiative and shared some concerns over what can be accomplished with the limited funding (\$25,000 annually). Follow-up is yet to come.
  - Virginia Hoft – Santa Fe Adolescent Services received \$50,000 from the Governor's office to support Brief Strategic family Therapy for 50 families beginning in January of 2008.
  - John Haenes –Tarrant Challenge will be re-applying for the next round of SAMHSA-CSAP Drug Free Communities funds
  - John Haenes –Tarrant Challenge, along with MHMR, Tarrant County, and Lena Pope, will be pursuing Family Drug Court funding through OJJDP
  - Jennifer Gilley – Reports that State of Texas block grant funding for addiction services –prevention will be up for re-bid with the RFP expected in late December.
  - Jennifer Gilley – Reports that Tarrant County will be pursuing BJA funding
  - Sean Allen — MHMR has agreed to be the lead agency in the latest SAMHSA system of care proposal to serve children 0-5 with wraparound support services. Services would be provided through contracted agencies to Tarrant, Hood, Parker, Palo Pinto and Johnson counties. There is a possibility the State may be applying for this as well. A webinar is scheduled for 12/14 at which time this will be clearer.
  - Sean Allen — MHMR, in partnership with Santa Fe Adolescent Services, is submitting a request for NIH funding to compare outcomes from family education and support programs in both agencies. The Parenting Center is interested in partnering as well for the next application cycle.
  - Patsy Thomas – Reports the HOGG Foundation may be announcing a new \$500,000 collaborative funding initiative with DSHS to support training

- Kathy Jo Zeigler – Lena Pope Home plans to pursue funding through The King Foundation to support an attendance assurance/truancy program with Keller ISD.
- Whittney Hoyer – The Parenting Center plans to pursue funding through The King Foundation for family programming
- Michael Steinert – Related discussion by Child Adolescent CRCG that The King Foundation may be a potential funding source for CRCG families. Currently the group is meeting with Patsy Thomas to explore the possibility of MHC being a fiduciary agent for such an application. The possibility of pursuing 501-C3 status for the CRCG collaborative is also being discussed.
- **Announcements**
  - Michael Steinert – Shared the news that Dr. Leslie James (Assistant Superintendent of Special Services) has been appointed to a new position, Assistant Superintendent for Policy. Chuck Hoffman has been appointed the new Assistant Superintendent of Special Services
  - Sean Allen — MHMR and Community Solutions will be re-administering the system survey (baseline administered in 2002) to assess the impact of system of care efforts over the past 5 years. Kirsten Painter will be coordinating this effort.
- **Next Meeting**

**Thursday January 10th, 2008**

**9:00am**

**MHMR North Tower – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room**