



GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING 4/12/07

MINUTES

Members Attending:

Michael Steinert, Co-Chair
Debbie Fillmore-Keen, Co-Chair
Susanne Luebke
Laverne Knezek
Kathy Dolan
Katie Tilley
Jennifer Gilley
Chandler Kurth
Pat Cheong
Virginia Hoft
Maria Scannapieco
David Woody

- ***Introductions...new members...prospective members***

Welcomed Katie Tilley back representing Cook Children's

- ***Approval of minutes 3/8/07***

Minutes from 3/8/07 were reviewed and approved

- ***Old business***

Debbie updated the group on the Mental Health Transformation funding (started 4/1/07 earlier than expected...bridge money to be provided from now until September 2007 when full year cycle and funding begins).

Action plan for getting the calendar up and running and building in capacity for member agencies to post RFP announcements.

- ***Current Grant Awards to Share***

Susanne mentioned that there is some possibility the HOGG Foundation would consider funding sustainability efforts and the establishment of learning communities.

Debbie reported the County has received funding for project wrap; services addressing medical and mental health issues...to be provided by case managers working in the courtroom.

Katie encouraged others in the group to look into the CW-33 fund (television network whose parent company is McCormick Tribune Foundation)...providing funding for programs that directly impact kids. Cook is utilizing this money to help their efforts to address morbid obesity among children.

- ***Current grant applications***

LaVerne reports MHMR is looking into an NIMH stigma grant and might be interested in partnering with a research institution/university in this effort...also reports they are pursuing a possible \$100,000 1 yr. funding supplement for the Community Solutions project....also applying for a SAMHSA substance abuse service capacity expansion grant

Susanne discussed Lena Pope is working on a collaborative proposal with TCU for the Child Traumatic Stress Initiative. Discussion about the proposal made it clear that the educational resources possible through this funding could benefit the entire community of service agencies.

Jennifer and Tarrant Challenge are planning to partner with the County and Juvenile Services to pursue an opportunity through Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (*Reclaiming Futures*)...would provide supportive substance abuse service for youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

Virginia and Santa Fe are proposing some supportive programs with JJAEP and/or the Family Resource Centers utilizing their recently released Safe and Drug Free Schools \$ from the C.O.G. They do not know the amount yet.

The group discussed Avon Foundation grant opportunities related to domestic violence populations.

Maria reported they have submitted a concept paper to WT Grant Foundation for funding of methamphetamine programming for CPS clients...that they are working with Rep. Paula Hightower Pierson to direct funds for a mentoring program for youth aging out of the CPS system...and that they are waiting for allocated funding to be released by the Children's Bureau.

- ***Requests for support letters and advocacy***

Lena Pope requesting support letter and advocacy for:
Child Traumatic Stress Initiative

MHMR requesting letter and advocacy for:
Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Targeted Areas of Need

- ***Upcoming Grant Opportunities***

A recent list of federal Grant opportunities was shared with the group as well as Avon Foundation information.

- ***Announcements***

Maria shared that Kirsten Painter (UTA) has accepted a faculty position at Texas Women's University beginning this summer.

- ***Next Meeting***

Thursday May 10th

9:00am

MHMR North tower- 3rd floor conference room