

Mental Health Connection Membership Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2009 at 8:30am
Tarrant County Juvenile Services

Attendees:

Sean Allen	Chief Jeff Halstead	Michael Parker
Gwen Bain	John Hamlett	Carolyn Presnall
Joan Barcellona	Stevie Hansen	Dan Reimer
Kay Barkin	Rikki Harris	Chris Riddick
André Bennett	Linda Hernandez	Jane Sanford
Judge Brent Carr	Ginny Hickman	Michael Steinert
Wayne Carson	Virginia Hoft	Greg Sumpter
Pat Cheong	Shelby Hopson	Patsy Thomas
Margaret Cohenour	Brenda Hrovat	Cynthia Thompson
Dale Edmiaston	Jennifer Johnson	Lois Trammel
Russell Elleven	Patrick LaBlanc	Anne Turner
Debbie Fillmore	Barbara Lamsens	Randy Turner
Sonja Gaines	Todd Landry	Richard Vickers
Susan Garnett	Michele Lee	Carlela Vogel
Stephanie Gillispie	Debbie Lisherm	Vicki Warren
Jennifer Gilley	Susanne Luebke	Lily Wong
Carrie Greer	Sandra Lydick	Grace White
Mary Lee Hafley	Allison Mason	Patty Wright
John Haenes	Deborah Modesette	Wayne Young
Nancy Hagan	Santos Navarrette	

Susan Garnett called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked that individuals include their agency's link to the Fort Worth Police Department as they introduced themselves. She gave a brief history of the Mental Health Connection.

Presentation by Fort Worth Police Chief Jeff Halstead

Chief Halstead stressed the importance of the work done by mental health providers and advocates and expressed his appreciation for their work in the community. He said the attendance at the meeting reflects the coordination and work that has gone into building MHC and an improved mental healthcare system over time. He has assigned Deputy Chief Ken Flynn and Deputy Chief Charlie Ramirez to attend the monthly MHC membership meetings.

Utilization and Trends Reports

Carolyn Presnall gave a brief report on the services offered by Cook Children's Medical Center.

Wayne Young of JPS Health Network provided background on JPS psychiatric services. Lily Wong reported the Psychiatric Emergency Room saw 1,147 patients last month. As

of this morning, all adolescent beds are taken. She added that the past two weeks have been extremely busy.

Sonja Gaines provided background on the crisis services provided by MHMH.

Announcements:

Carolyn Presnall announced that immediately after the MHC business meeting on Monday, May 11, Jane Avila and Jennifer Johnson of The Art Station will provide Ethics Training.

Any family members wanting to get involved with the Family Consumer Connection should email Kelly Mays at mays2123@aol.com

Virginia Hoft announced That the annual Mike Moncrief Youth Award will be presented on April 30. The award recognizes people in the community who go above and beyond to ensure that children have a safe place to live. Recipients this year are former Dallas Cowboys player Rayfield Wright, Daphne Brooks, Dennis Duncan, Sr., and our own Patsy Thomas.

Michael Steinert announced the next Research Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at TCC Trinity River Campus. Vicki Nejtek of UNT Health Science Center will present findings on “Antipsychotic Efficacy in Bipolar Disorder with Cocaine or Methamphetamine Dependence.”

April 21 is an award ceremony recognizing one student from each high school in Tarrant County for outstanding effort connecting with other people who are in need. Contact Jennifer Gilley for more information on the ceremony.

Grace White announced that Jan Finch has resigned from the Hand and Hand Program. Sean Allen is the Interim Program Director

The Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition will meet on May 8 at MHMR in the Board Room noon to 2 p.m.

Pat Cheong announced that United Way will hold an Economic Summit to on April 14 to discuss opportunities within the economic stimulus legislative for non-profits in Tarrant County. The program will be held at the United Way, 1500 N. Main Street, beginning at 8 a.m.

Michele Lee said Millwood Hospital has available beds for children if their services are needed.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Next Meeting – Monday, May 11, 8:30 a.m., Tarrant County Juvenile Services

A business meeting will be held from 8:30-9, followed by Ethics Training provided by Jane Avila and Jennifer Johnson of The Art Station. CEU's will be provided. The cost is \$10 for MHC members to cover cost of supplies. Non-members can attend for \$40, which includes a \$30 individual membership. Space is limited, and priority will be given to MHC members.