

Mental Health Connection Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 11, 2010 at 8:30am
Tarrant County Juvenile Services

Attendees:

Sean Allen	Shelby Hopson	Barbara Reid
Joan Barcellona	Brenda Hrovat	Chris Riddick
Kay Barkin	Jennifer Johnson	Jane Sanford
Andre Bennett	Barbara Lamsens	Mary Anne Smith
Ernest Brownlee	Todd Landry	Jamie Souders
Wayne Carson	Patrick LeBlanc	Michael Steinert
Pat Cheong	Lee LeGrice	Shymika Stephenson
Kristen Connor	Susanne Luebke	Tamra Walker
Dale Edmiaston	Steve McLaurin	Patsy Thomas
Lisa Farmer	Michelle Morgan	Cynthia Thompson
Jennifer Farnum	Santos Navarrette	Richard Vickers
Susan Garnett	Stephanie Norton	Vicki Warren
Jennifer Gilley	Melissa Opheim	Grace White
Cassie Gordon	Michael Parker	Bill Whitman
Michele Gortney	Alan Podawiltz	Lily Wong
Allyson Harrell	Sherry Pratt	Wayne Young
Virginia Hoft	Carolyn Presnall	Lena Zettler

Susan Garnett called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. She thanked The Women's Center for allowing Mental Health Connection to hold its monthly meetings in the Center during 2010.

Carolyn Presnall, co-chair of the Membership Committee, led the group in introductions.

Reports

Trinity Springs

Wayne Young gave a presentation on the progress Trinity Springs has made in the past 20 years since it opened. He gave a brief history and updates on The Psychiatric Emergency Center, the Crisis Stabilization Unit, The Adult Step-Down Unit, the Adult Inpatient Unit, the Adolescent Inpatient Unit and the Outpatient Clinic. He also reported that Trinity Springs is conducting Quality Improvement initiatives, including one that is determining how to reduce the use of restraints and seclusion. The organization identified and began implementing an evidence-based program, and restraints and seclusions were reduced by 50%. When restraints or seclusion was necessary, the time spent in that situation has been reduced by 45%. He also said a goal of Trinity Springs is to get all inpatients into a behavioral health professional with seven days of discharge. Today, 97 to 98% of all patients have follow-up in the seven-day timeframe. Trinity Springs also conducted a study of the Inpatient Psychiatric Services to create benchmark against other facilities. The study showed that Trinity Springs did better than the national averages all the way across the board, including restraints and seclusion. Recently, Trinity Springs

added a weekend Social Worker in the Emergency Room for quicker triage. JPS Health System is in the process of creating a Medical/Psychiatric Unit. Susan asked Wayne if Mental Health Connection could publish his PowerPoint on the Web site, and Wayne said yes.

Mental Health Connection at 10

Patsy Thomas presented a just-published visual timeline of Mental Health Connection's accomplishments over the past 10 years. She pointed out the diversity of work done and the willingness of people to get outside boxes and work together to find solutions for community problems. She encouraged everyone to report in-kind hours, including their time spent on Mental Health Connection activities and any meeting room space. She also reported there are more Trauma Intake Brochures available. Susan thanked everyone who has ever been involved with Mental Health Connection, saying she often hears from others about the remarkable work Mental Health Connection has done.

Community Solutions Outcomes

Sean Allen presented charts and graphs showing the results for families who received Wraparound through Community Solutions. He noted that Wraparound was very effective in reducing children's impairment, and the gains were sustained over time resulting in permanent increases in their ability to function. He also pointed out there was a measurable negative effect of employee turnover. The charts he presented will be posted on the Mental Health Connection Web site.

Utilization Review

Carolyn Presnall reported there are currently six inpatient beds taken with several blocked beds. Ten are currently in the PHP.

Lily Wong reported the Trinity Springs Adolescent Unit was full over Thanksgiving, with all 16 beds occupied. The number of adolescents went down over Christmas and New Year, but the adult inpatient population went up. In December, there were 1,398 visits to the Psychiatric Emergency Center, with 227 adult admissions and 63 adolescent admissions.

Tamra Walker reported that DataLink users made 75 referrals in December, resulting in just over 500 referrals for the year. She announced that Pam Beach would present a Privacy Training on January 27, providing updates on the Rescue & Recovery Act, which included changes for HIPAA. The training will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Women's Center. The cost is \$15, which includes lunch and materials. She said Pam would also hold an Executive Session from 2 to 4 p.m. on January 26, providing highlights of the changes.

Announcements

Wayne Carson reported that All Church Home for Children has changed its name and is now ACH Family Services. He explained the organization is no longer primarily residential, and the new name more clearly reflects current programs.

Pat Cheong invited everyone to attend an Economic Summit being presented Thursday, January 14, from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the 3rd floor of The Mercado.

Lee LeGrice announced the Suicide Prevention Coalition will meet on January 22 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Mental Health Association.

Carolyn Presnall reported the February Mental Health Connection meeting will feature Cindy Bethany from Fort Worth ISD, who will discuss the district's critical incidence plan. In addition, Larry Tubb of Cook Children's Medical Center will report on the CCHAPS, a community-wide survey on medical and mental health issues.

Special Presentation

Susan Garnett presented a plaque to Jennifer Farnum recognizing and thanking Tarrant County Juvenile Services for hosting the Mental Health Connection meetings for 10 years

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 8, 8:30 a.m., at The Women's Center.

Adjournment

With no announcements or further business, Susan Garnett adjourned the meeting at 9:45.