

System of Care Advisory Team (SOCAT)

Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2009

I. Call to order

Vicki Hardy-Murrell called to order the meeting of the System of Care Advisory Team at 10 a.m. on August 13, 2009 at the Henrico CSB. A moment of silence was held in honor of Shirley Ricks.

II. Present

The following persons were present: Vicki Hardy-Murrell, Martha Kurgans, Damòn Manning, Pam Fisher, Betty Jo Zarris, Stacie Fisher, Jean Felts, Catherine Hancock, Diana Barnes, Barb Shue, Don Roe, Wayne Barry, Carolyn Arthur, Kay Frye, Becky China, Cecily Rodriguez, Leah Hamaker, Christa Pierpont and Stella Stith.

III. Updates

- DBHDS-
 - Janet Lung has a new position as the Director of Child and Family Services.
 - Organizational Cultural & Linguistic Competency training held on September 30, 2009 at the Gay Community Center of Richmond.
 - Senator Hanger SJR 318, the Joint Subcommittee to study strategies and models for substance abuse prevention and treatment that reduce the costly service demands created by substance abuse, has created three workgroups to work on these strategies. The three workgroups are:
 - Prescription workgroup
 - Prevention workgroup
 - Treatment and recovery workgroup
 - The 2009 General Assembly directed DBHDS to examine the current and future role of the Commonwealth and private sector in providing acute psychiatric services for children and adolescents. The Children's Mental Health State and Community Consensus Planning Team will be tasked with this important work in ensuring there are ample options for children and adolescents to access quality support in a safe environment. The

planning committee has divided into 3 sub committees to address three areas that have been frequently been part of the discussion:

- Role of CCCA and SWVMHI Adolescent unit which is chaired by Barb Shue.
 - Crisis and Alternative Services chaired by Janet Lung and Pam Fisher.
 - Juvenile Justice Services chaired by Steve Peed.
- 2009 Health Institute – For early childhood health in Virginia will be held on November 5-6, 2009 at the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center. Looking for recommendations for speakers and panelists for the conference. Please contact Damòn Manning.

IV. Presentations

- Cecily Rodriguez – Building Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in Your Organization.
- Leah Hamaker – Truancy and School Drop Out Prevention. ral linguistically appropriate and provide dignity and respect.

V. Upcoming Meeting

- Discuss Strategic Planning
- New chair person for SOCAT and meeting times and dates.

VI. SOCAT Meetings for 2009

- October 8, 2009
- December 10, 2009

VII. Adjournment

Vicki Hardy-Murrell adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on September 10, 2009 at the Henrico CSB at 10 a.m.