

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE
March 20, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terry Aiken	Children & Family Services, R.C. Mental Health Center
Linda McMahan	Administrative, R.C. Mental Health Center
June Hill	Administrative, R.C. Mental Health Center
Tee Price	R.C. Youth Services
Amy Tuttle	R.C. Dept. of Social Services
Ervin Best	Office of Juvenile Justice
Ann Brady	R.C. Schools
Toni Troxler	R.C. Schools
Willie Ore	Guardian Ad Litem
Celeste DePriest	Redirections
Harold Carelock	Youth Haven Services
Dawn Johnson	Youth Haven Services
Melanie Tudor	Youth Haven Services
Connie Windham	A-C-R, LME
Betty Wray	Challenges Group Home
Yolanda Millner	Challenges Group Home
Patrick Williams	Guardian Ad Litem Intern

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Linda Jackson	Administrative, R.C. Mental Health Center
Lynn Wilkins	R.C. Dept. of Social Services
Kim Mabry	R.C. Health Department
Jenny Wallace	Lifeturn Group Home
Jennette Mickle	Lifeturn Group Home
Greg Hopkins	Visions Adolescence
June Webb	Daystar
Cindi King	Parent
Dalys Jansen	Interpreter, R.C. Mental Health Center
Rusty Slate	Office of Juvenile Justice
Jack Moore	Office of Juvenile Justice
Laura King	Parent
Barbarba McKinney	Parent
Sam DerBoghossian	Parent
Felissa Ferrell	R.C. Dept. of Social Services

GUESTS:

Gary Anders	System of Care Coordinator, Alamance DSS
	Chair of Alamance Collaborative
Karen Webb	Annie Penn Focus Group – LME

The meeting was called to order by Tee Price. Ms. Price welcomed guests Gary Anders and Karen Webb.

Motion was made by Celeste and seconded by Terry to accept the minutes with corrections (see attached sheets). Motion carried.

Ann Brady advised the RC3 that Dr. Benjamin Smith, from Greensboro, who is a Positive Behavior Support trainer. He is very interested in coming and speaking to the people of Rockingham County. He was available to come today; however, the collaborative requested that he attend the next regular meeting to discuss the models of positive behavior support.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Anders presented a power point presentation concerning the Rockingham County Strategic Plan. Points are as follows:

MISSION STATEMENT “The mission of the RC3 is to provide a governance structure for the local, collaborative, community based, family driven, fully integrated System of Care.”

GOALS FOR RC3

- Ensure access to community-based, individualized, strengths and community based, family driven services, which are provided unconditionally and reflect sensitivity to and understanding of, the culture and ethnic characteristics of consumers and families.
- Develop and sustain a full partnership with families and surrogate families in developing the System of Care.
- Integrate local, public and private child-serving agencies into the System of Care.
- Through the service delivery process, compile a list of unaddressed child and family needs, system issues, and barriers to advocate to the state for system changes.
- Through partnerships with local educational facilities and community agencies provide pre-service and in-service training in the principles, values and practices of the System of Care.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promotes the sharing of resources and accountability across agencies and programs on behalf of children with significant MH/SA needs and at risk of out of home placement.
- Builds community capacity to provide effective, community-bases services to this population.

- Serves as an advisory body regarding child specific service/treatment decisions made by a Child and Family Team.
- Identifies and coordinates existing resources across child serving agencies and within the community to increase access, divert children from unnecessary out of home placements and return children placed outside the home to the community.
- Identifies training and technical assistance needs related to implementation of System of Care, including training in principles, values and practices of SOC.
- Ensures the effective functioning of Child and Family Teams.
- Makes decisions about how CTSP Non-UCR funds are to be spent; ensures funding for SOC coordination and family participation.
- Monitors aggregate expenditures of CTSP funds, paying close attention to “outlier” expenditures and array of services/supports needed.
- Determines operational logistic of the Collaborative (i.e.: who will chair the CC, meeting procedures, conflict resolution, etc.)
- Continuously assesses the need for additional resources and provides collaborative leadership toward that goal.

SYSTEM OF CARE GUIDING PRINCIPLES/VALUES

- Interagency Collaboration
- Individualized Strengths-based Care
- Cultural Competence
- Child and Family Partnership
- Accountability to results
- Community-based Services and supports

TARGET POPULATIONS:

Terry reported that Children & Family Services current has 110 receiving community support services. Intensive in-home therapy will begin soon with Holly Bowers as the lead worker. Leanne Yates will provide the licensed portion with Gwen Borcyk serving in the associate professional level. Currently awaiting authorizations before beginning this service.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP:

The group has not been able to meet the last few weeks due to other commitments.

PROVIDER ASSOCIATION:

Dawn reported they have not met since the last RC3 meeting. They will meet on Friday, April 13, 2007.

CLIENT UPDATES:

Betty reported Challenges has four girls in Level III and two girls in Level II. They also are beginning intensive in-home services as well as psychosocial, and outpatient therapy for adults and children. They are hoping to begin day treatment starting with the upcoming school year.

Dawn of Youth Haven, reported they have 21 in Day Treatment (5th-12th grades), 70 receiving community support services with 10 of those in placement, 11 in residential services. They also have diagnostic assessments as well as outpatient therapy for anyone.

Toni reported that they (Rockingham County Schools) have “lots of ‘em” in the school system. She reported she has noticed in the last few years, the children needing services are getting younger. They are also in the planning stages for the next school year.

Tee reported Youth Services has services for long term suspended students grades 6-12.

Amy of Social Services, reported that foster care numbers have risen dramatically in the past months due to substance abuse and mental episodes concerning the parents. Currently there are 130 children in foster care. They have a small number in therapeutic homes. Their primary goal is to keep the children and to place the child in the least restrictive care possible.

NON UCR – RFP’S POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT:

The recent RFP netted only two responses within the time limit. A subcommittee consisting of Connie Windham, Tee Price and Toni Troxler reviewed the RFP’s. Both had a partial listing of elements needed through Positive Behavior Supports but neither proposal had a complete definition of PBS.

If the RC3 does not approve the \$7,500.00 for PBS, the funds will be transferred back into the CTSP UCR category. Suggestions were 1. Do another RFP and advertise it with behavior; 2. Possible re-allocation to existing Non-UCR.; or 3. Use money for training purposes with Dr. Ben Smith. Training would cost \$4,500.00 for 3 days of training. The consensus of the committee was it would have been better to have the training from Dr. Smith prior to the last RFP being sent.

Harold Carelock made a motion “to utilize \$3,000.00 for training of Positive Behavior Support by Dr. Ben Smith with the remaining \$4,500 for behavioral support”. The motion was seconded by Betty Wray.

Discussion:

Amy questioned were we taking money away from children's awards by spending it for training. No – these funds are also available for training purposes, which will benefit the kids.

Toni reported the training would be held before the end of the current school year.

Dawn questioned if monies can be spent for items before 6-30 but not used until after 7/1. No must be spent and used in the current fiscal year.

Linda McMahan suggested that the motion be amended to state that any portion of these (\$7,500) non-ucr funds which cannot be utilized by June 30, 2007, be reverted to UCR to pay for service provision in the current fiscal year. The amended motion was seconded by Amy Tuttle. Motion carried.

The RFP notice will be sent Wednesday, March 21st, with a deadline to submit proposals by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 28. The review committee, consisting of Tee Price, Toni Troxler and Ervin Best will review the RFP's and submit their recommendation to the RC3 at the special-called meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 5th.

REMAINING AGENDA:

Due to time constraints, the remaining agenda items were tabled until the next meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS:

A special-called meeting to accept recommendations of the review committee regarding the RFP's will be held at 10:00 a.m. on **THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH** at the Rockingham County Mental Health Center Children & Family Services building.

The regular meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, APRIL 24TH at 2 p.m.** also at the Rockingham County Mental Health Center Children & Family Services building.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Grogan
Scribe