

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE
May 27, 2008

Members Present:

Amanda Reeves – Guardian ad Litem
Amanda Vernon – Rock. Co. Mental Health (MAJORS)
Becky Nance – Rock. Co. Mental Health
Betty Wray – Challenges/Connections
Charles Key – Therapeutic Community Resources
Connie Windham – SOC/LME
Ervin Best – Juvenile Justice
Gregory Hopkins – Visions Adolescence
Ivan Moore – Central Care Division
Jack Moore – Juvenile Justice
Jennerine Wallace – Life Turn
Lynn Wilkins – DSS
Tee Price – Youth Services
Toni Troxler – Rock. Co. Schools
Zara Blackwell – Life Turn

(Prior notice was given by Felissa Ferrell, Dawn Johnson, Linda McMahan, Vickie Corum, Frank Strange)

Tee called meeting to order. Each person introduced themselves. Chris will add newest members/names to the membership and email lists.

Minutes of 3/18/08 were approved with no corrections. Motion made by Jack to approve; Ivan seconded.

Parent Support Group: Becky had several copies of a Parent Support Group notice that can be given out to let parents know about the support group Terry Aiken has at Mental Health. Chris said that she had talked with Terry about redoing the notice for him to try to attract more parents. When it's finished, Chris will email it out to members to share with parents and display if they can. The support group is for parents of children all ages, they do not have to have children who are clients of Mental Health. Terry uses the "Strengthening Families" curriculum with the group.

Zara mentioned other parent support groups, one that a church has that parents have been pleased with. The church picks up the parents, which helps with attendance. Zara will get more information and email it to Chris.

Provider Association: Betty reported that it is held the 2nd Friday each month at noon at the Alamance LME. You can bring your lunch.

Subcommittees:

By-Laws: Chris had a copy of the most recent By-Laws. Felissa had made the change voted on 3/18/08 regarding Article VI and meeting every other month on the 3rd Tuesday.

Discussion then began about whether the 4th Tuesday of the month is better to meet. Chris will send out an email to all the members for feedback about meeting the 4th Tuesday of the month with “reply by this Friday” if objecting to the change and attach a copy of the By-Laws to the email.

There was no opposition by those attending today’s meeting to changing to the 4th Tuesday. We will vote on this change at the next meeting. All agreed to hold the next meeting on June 24, which will be the 4th Tuesday.

CFT/Care Review: Connie reported for this committee since this subcommittee has lost their appointed chairperson (job change). Ivan Moore and Yolanda Millner (both from Central Care Division) were added to this subcommittee today; one of them will attend for Central Care. Connie indicated that the subcommittee has not met since the last Collaborative as the committee has completed preliminary procedures/protocols. The Care Review team has met twice to review two requests for out of home placement with one approved and one diverted.

Providers (members) rotate attendance to Care Reviews. The last Care Review schedule only went through July. Chris will update the schedule and assign providers to a date for their turn at participating in Care Reviews and send the schedule by email.

Funding: Flex Funds were discussed. Six thousand dollars has been designated for child specific needs as indicated on flex fund guidelines. The request deadline was May 20 with only 1 request having been submitted. Several at the meeting mentioned they have some requests so deadline was extended to June 4th by 5 p.m. The Funding subcommittee will meet Monday, June 9th, at 3 p.m. in Tee’s office at Youth Services. It was voted on and all approved that funds will go to already approved programs if not spent.

Membership/Nominating: Has not met but will meet before June 24. Regarding new chairpersons for Tee and Ann for upcoming year, if anyone is interested they can email Chris. The subcommittee will decide on nominations if no one states interest. Tee suggested that a stakeholder be the chairperson.

Resources: Connie said that the LME had looked at the child substance abuse needs identified by this committee and released a request for funding to address those needs. Rockingham Mental Health was awarded funds. Amanda Vernon reported that they are using the funds for transportation and nominal incentives for clients, as well as training for staff. Nominal incentives can include rewards/incentives to work to get “clean” and

pass substance abuse tests. Examples of rewards include Wal-Mart gift card, treats at sessions, taking them out to lunch at a place of their choice, etc.

Resources is also looking at capacity regarding therapeutic foster care and intensive in-home services and the gap in certified substance abuse counselors/professionals.

Training: Chris shared the Provider Fair and CFT Facilitation training registration lists. There were 10 providers signed up for the Fair. Betty and Tee added their agencies to the Fair list.

There was only one space left for the CFT training with only 6 agencies having signed up. To allow for more agencies to receive the training, it was decided to see if some could limit the number of employees for the training. Those at this meeting interested in the training added their names to the list. Chris will check with Youth Haven and DSS to see if they can drop any from receiving the training. Tee suggested that we have more CFT Facilitation training in the fall.

Connie said that Alamance does SOC training on a quarterly basis and Rockingham agencies could also attend training there, if needed. Chris will get the information from the LME's website and Connie and send out the meeting dates to members.

Upcoming events:

June 4	9-4:00	Child & Family Team (CFT) Training (1 st day) at Rockingham Community College
June 19	9-4:00	Child & Family Team (CFT) Training (2nd day) (location to be named)
June 12	9-1:00	Provider Fair at Rockingham Community College

Some recent members to the Collaborative were not yet assigned to any subcommittees and looking at the subcommittee list Tee had, we added: Charles Key to Membership; Becky Nance to membership and Funding; Ivan Moore to Care Review; Amanda Vernon to Training. Amanda Reeves will let Chris know which subcommittee she would like to be on.

Provider Fair Ad Hoc: This subcommittee has completed their work.

Non-UCR: Funds to Increase Family Involvement: Connie showed the SOC handbook that agencies need to be handing out to families. She has 250 copies that she will bring to the Provider Fair to give to members.

SOC Training: All funds will be utilized for training events.

Community Collaborative Supports: Chris and Connie met before this meeting and discussed. Funds are being used and will have to be projected for month of June.

After-School Prevention: Tee said they appreciate the funding from the Collaborative to help fund the Lady Bugs program; good participation and very beneficial to youth.

Summer Enrichment Prevention: Tee said there will be a week for girls and a week for boys in June. They will also be doing a ropes course (\$20 per child), and this is a great lesson and helps build trust in others.

Girl Power – Will run through the summer and hope through the school year. There is a “Girls Circle” and the curriculum includes drug abuse and pregnancy prevention; this is open to all agencies, targets ages 10-14. Betty will get a form out about this, hopefully at the Fair.

New Business: Connie will be sending out written billing procedures. All billing through the end of May needs to be in to Connie by June 10. Connie needs the estimates for the month of June by June 15. The LME will pay based on the estimates and will settle this in July.

Discussion about the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Chris brought the MOA for signatures if there are to be no more changes. The effective date was discussed in regard to the paragraph in the MOA regarding using trained facilitators. Since CFT facilitation training is in June, it was voted on, with all in favor, to approve July 1 as the effective date. The MOA was signed by those directors in attendance.

Ervin mentioned the change in the juvenile age next year to 18, i.e., those age 18 and under will be charged as juveniles.

Connie said there have been rate increases, effective June 1st, on some enhanced services (Multi-Systemic Therapy and Intensive In-Home Services); hopefully this will help to get these services offered by more providers.

The LME is also having training on GAIN, which is a screening tool that the Division is recommending. Connie will send information on training and GAIN to Chris. The GAIN Short-Screener is a short screening tool that can be used to help identify mental health or substance abuse needs. It is not a requirement that GAIN be used.

Regarding the school system, Toni said that Day Treatment will have 4 classrooms: 2 elementary with a K-2 class and a 3-5 class; and then a middle school class and a high school class.

It was mentioned that access to psychiatrists is still a problem in our county. Dr. Headen is not coming to Eden any longer.

Amanda Vernon said that she has 2 prevention workers that can come in and do substance abuse prevention programs if anyone is interested. Audrey Howell and Amber Bevil are the workers and do a great job. Amber also has a Masters in conflict resolution.

Next meeting: June 24 at 2:00 in the Children & Family Services building of Mental Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Castle
Scribe