

Agenda

Family Committee Meeting

March 11, 2008

Present: Kathy Tisdale, Sharon Carter, Sue Fairfield, Michelle LaPointe, Alice Preble, John Beeler, Regina Merrick, Daniel Merrick, Virginia Jewell, Jennifer Thompson, Linda Golding, Arabella Perez

Item:

Discussion:

Time:

<p>1) Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductions</li><li>• Welcome</li></ul>	<p>Kathy passed around an attendance sheet and agenda. The meeting was co-facilitated by Kathy Tisdale and Virginia Jewell. Introductions occurred. There were two new families represented at today's meeting.</p>	
<p>➤ 2) Review of Agenda items from Last Meeting</p>	<p>The group agreed to review the minutes of the last meeting (2/12/08) as a way to reorient what has been done, and what needs to be done. Kathy reviewed the goals for next year. She also provided a letter that she and Virginia worked on to provide to new families regarding the family committee and feedback was given. Virginia will email the updated letter to Arabella. A THRIVE logo will then be added to the letter.</p> <p>We discussed the addition of a ½ hour greet and socialize time to the meeting. John suggested that this ½ occur before the meeting rather than at the end. He said it would give time to look over the agenda and materials before the meeting. The committee voted and agreed this was a good idea and the meeting will be now from 9:30am-11:30am with the first ½ social time and meet and greet.</p> <p>Virginia and Kathy talked about how they would like to re-evaluate the co-chairs of this committee by July 2008. John was able to get one new family he contacted to attend today's meeting.</p> <p>John shared with the committee that he has not yet had time to review and change the Family Partner Brochure</p>	

	<p>since the last meeting. Linda shared that as part of social marketing she has met with a printing company regarding all THRIVE brochures. She will receive and proof the brochures and bring one to the April meeting for review.</p> <p>The Family Partner role was supposed to be clarified by Alice at this meeting. However, Arabella suggested that because it will need a bit of time to present this that this be tabled for the April meeting. The committee agreed.</p> <p>Sharon gave an update on the time dollar bank as well as how the orientation for this went. Pictures were passed around from the orientation.</p>	
<p>3) Today's business</p>	<p>1. Today there was discussion about the What Families Want Conference. Virginia updated on last year's conference. She shared that GEAR will be the lead agency for the 2008 conference. Kathy shared with the committee a survey that has been developed for families to assist in addressing the needs of families as they relate to this conference.</p> <p>There was discussion about this year changing the title to What Families and Youth want Conference (a suggestion from Carol Tiernan). This was accepted and the change will be implemented for the 2008 conference. The keynote speaker for the conference will be Barbara Huff. The Family Partners will send information to the families served through THRIVE regarding the conference.</p> <p>There was a discussion about having Carol T. speak with Youth Coordinator, Brie M. about developing a separate survey for youth, or modifying the family survey to fit that need. Arabella will</p>	

discuss this with Brie. Kathy would like these surveys back to GEAR by May. There was a question also about sending the surveys out to those families who attended last year as well. Kathy provided a handout regarding Great Gatherings. There was discussion about utilizing this company to organize this year's conference. Kathy will contact Sue MacPherson at Great Gatherings regarding an updated proposal with cost and will present it at the next meeting.

2. Today Arabella provided the policy of family committee to all present members as well as the Support for Participation Policy. She discussed the history of committees and how they have been developed. She shared that every committee has at least one family/youth and one professional person co-facilitate the committee meetings. She explained that the exception to this is the family committee. She also explained that the family committee has been in a state of transition. She offered to answer any questions if there were any. Sharon discussed how families have been recruited slowly for this committee. Arabella explained that a policy and orientation should be provided to any new family members on the committee.

3. Linda updated on May 8<sup>th</sup> as Children's Mental Health Day. She said that this year she is again distributing the book "A Terrible Thing Happened" and that this year it will be to all elementary school libraries in the 3 county area, with the permission of the school superintendents. She also

	<p>discussed items she will be providing for 10 public libraries in the same area. She went on to explain last year GEAR provided 500 green ribbons and this year they will provide 1000. She discussed doing a piece at City Hall if the Hall of Flags piece will not happen this year. She said she will look into the city hall piece.</p> <p>4. Committee updates were given. Evaluation: 35 families are presently enrolled in evaluation, not including new ones. There have been 76 active referrals and 9 closed referrals. Virginia talked about a questionnaire reviewed in Tampa recently to look at the principals of systems of care and improvement over time. Evaluation: Linda discussed how she is getting ready for 3 upcoming conferences that THRIVE will be present for. She discussed the first as the Wrap Around Symposium in April where some staff from THRIVE will be introducing AMP (Achieve My Plan for youth). The second is a table and tri-fold that will be present at the LDA conference. The third being the Parenting Matters Conference coming up on 3/29/08 where THRIVE will also have a display present. She also explained that she has been re-doing and re-thinking the brochures and they will go to the printer this week. Interagency: Kathy said they have been working on Future Search. She said at the last meeting Penobscot Partners came and did a presentation of their collaborative structure.</p>	
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	<p>Evidence Based Practice:  Arabella reported this group has just started meeting again and identifying their goals.</p> <p>Multicultural: This group hasn't met for several months. They will not meet again until April. They are looking at Traditional Healing to occur (mental and physical)</p> <p>Youth: Jenny updated on the work being done on the resource guide as well as the youth magazine.</p> <p>5. The Family Partner role presentation has been tabled until the April meeting.</p> <p>6. Website: Linda needs help from the family committee to have a meeting to sit down and figure out what is needed or wanted on family page. She asked for people to help in way of a work group for this issue. This work group will consist of Linda, Michelle, Jen, Alice, Daniel and Regina and will meet on 3/25/08 from 10-11am.</p> <p>7. Time Dollar Update: Sharon discussed how this is time for time and no money is given. She said she invited 12 people to sit on her board. She said 6 came as the weather was bad. She said the next meeting will be 3/26/08 in the evening. She said they are doing a 10 week practice run with those involved thus far.</p>	
<p>4. Agenda for the April 8, 2008 meeting-9:30am-11:30am  ➤</p>	<p>1. Family Partner Role (Alice, Michelle, John)  2. Child Parent Psychotherapy (Arabella/Judith)  3. Update on Great Gatherings (Kathy)</p>	

	4. Re-evaluate Family Partner brochure (Linda/all) 5. Update on May 8 <sup>th</sup> (Linda) 6. Review Thrive Family & Youth Involvement Policy (Brie/Alice)	
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Members agreed that the meeting followed the principles of our system of care.

Parking Lot Items: Issues to be addressed at a later time if not at the next meeting.

Each committee may want to start with a brief review of System of Care Committee principles:

- Each voice is valid and respected
- Members are respectful of one another
- Each person's reality is unique and valuable
- Expertise comes from many sources
- Process is the foundation for decision-making
- Meetings are focused and productive with a shared vision
- Transparency builds trust
- Trust builds relationships
- Leadership encourages collaborative strategies
- Participation is meaningful