



Meeting Notes

January 21, 2020

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Paso del Norte Health Foundation

Meeting Room C

221 N. Kansas, 19th Floor

Attendees:

Tracy Almanzan
Angie Bailon
Diana Barajas
Sharon Butterworth
MariaJose Calixtro
Bianca DeLeon
Cathy Gaytan
Juanita Galaviz
Yolanda Gutierrez
Georgina Martinez
Enrique Mata
Benjamin Miranda
Nicole Morales
Carmen Olivas-Graham
Kathy Revtyak
Richard Salcido
Beth Senger
Alejandra Valdez
Kathy Valencia
Joseph Villescasc

Representing:

65th District Court
Clint ISD
El Paso- Home Safe
PdNHF/ Community Advocate
Veronica Escobar's Office
PdNHF
El Paso Child Guidance Center
PdNHF
65th District Court
Child Protective Services
Paso del Norte Health Foundation
Endeavors
Canutillo ISD
Socorro ISD/ El Paso Comm. College Board
El Paso Child Guidance Center
Family Service of El Paso
El Paso Child Center for Children
NAMI El Paso
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Welcome, Introductions

Cathy Gaytan convened meeting at 8:37 a.m. and called for introductions. Ms. Gaytan proceeded to give an overview and history of the FLC.

2020 Update to the Behavioral Health System Assessment (BHSA)

- Enrique Mata provided an update on the 2020 BHSA. The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) was invited to submit a plan for a 2020 assessment to include some evaluation of the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium.
- The last assessment was conducted in 2013 with findings disseminated in 2014 and Leadership Councils created in 2015.
- The 2013 report can be found at www.healthypasodelnorte.com.

- Timeline:
 - RFP was released in November 2019
 - Proposal to be submitted in February 2020
 - Target grant term is from April to December 2020
- The intent is for the assessment to be collaboratively funded and a community owned.

THC - Felony Task Force

Mr. Mata provided an overview of the THC-Felony Task Force's development. The goal was to inform the parents and public officials on the increase in felony charges to youth and young adults due to use of THC oil in vaping products.

- The Health Foundation on behalf of the THC Felony Task Force contracted with Culture Span Marketing to produce messages and communication tools to educate the public including:
 - Youth
 - Parents
 - Public officials and school administrators
- These handouts and social media materials are posted to the www.healthypasodelnorte.com website.

Dr. Olivas-Graham shared her the experience that SISD schools have had with this growing problem among the student and lack of knowledge by parents. She recommended that this information be primarily shared with school nurses, being that they have direct access to the parents and students using the THC. Mr. Mata encouraged all FLC members to visit the website and support this effort.

Mr. Mata commented that the THC Task Force is a successful example of FLC collaboration where a task can be brought forward, assigned to a group and brought to a successful result in a short period of time. He explained that it will be important as the FLC moves forward to look carefully at projects and timelines to achieve results. For example, work groups might have longer term, more complicated projects vs a task force (short term, less complicated) work. He called for the FLC members to support closing the THC Felony Task force within the FLC recognizing the success. He added that the Health Foundation is exploring next steps in vaping prevention under the Smoke Free Paso del Norte Initiative.

Ms. Bianca DeLeon provided a brief overview of the work underway to provide trainings and disseminate information to schools and organizations in the surrounding communities. She invited the THC Task Force participants to participate in the information sharing.

Update on Empower Change

Mr. Mata provided a quick update on the grant to UTEP for Empower Change. The minutes from past meetings can be found on the Empower Change website at: <https://www.utep.edu/empower-change/leadership/index.html> .

FLC Role, and Structure & Center for Children Goals

Ms. Gaytan addressed the role and structure of the FLC. Ms. Beth Senger provided an overview of the Strong Families project, a five-year grant to help prevent child abuse in 5 El Paso zip codes (01,03,04,05,24). The grant was awarded to the El Paso Center for Children. Included in the

grant goals is support for the Family Leadership Council members to engage in strategic planning, evaluation, and improve consistency in meeting attendance for the prevention of child abuse.

Dr. Olivas-Graham commented that the flexibility of the FLC allows for progress in addressing community needs, but much more work needs to be done. She recommended the group also look at policies and practices that School Districts follow and identify ways to improve them.

It was suggested that a Policy task force may be needed within the FLC structure. Mr. Wendt commented that creating a policy and procedures task force could be an overwhelming time investment for FLC members.

Ms. Calixtro reminded everyone that the office of Congresswoman Escobar would be available to provide information on Federal Grants available to the community.

FLC Work Group Updates

- *Outpatient Continuum of Care Workgroup*
 - The Outpatient Continuum of Care Workgroup will be addressing Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN) implementation.
 - The Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHAT) project will also be addressed.

Drs. Peter Thompson and Sarah Martin will lead the team at Texas Tech for both projects.

- *Mental Health in Schools Workgroup*

Updates on efforts under this work group included:

 - SISD and Project Vida are learning through their project ways to remove barriers and simplify processes for onsite access to behavioral healthcare in the school setting. Texas Tech is also providing support to SISD
 - The El Paso Area Directors of Guidance (EPIDOG) will play a more active role.
 - Next meeting of the Mental Health in Schools Workgroup is scheduled for February 10, 2020 at EPISD - Morehead Middles School.

- *Strong Families Workgroup*
 - As of November 6th, Strong Families Parent Cafés are being offered in specific communities.
 - There have been 3 Provider Café meetings since November 2019.

- *Community Collaborations (CC) Workgroup*
 - Ms. Kathy Revtyak commented that the workgroup identified new strategies.
 - Five Fast Track tours were scheduled to visit local agencies.
 - The Community Collaborations (CC) workgroup meetings are now held the second Thursday of every other month. The 2020 schedule was set. Notices will be circulated to the FLC members for the Fast Track tours and the CC Workgroup meetings.
 - CC is working to learn about other collaboratives. For example (ROSC)

- *Foster Care Workgroup*

- Ms. Georgina Martinez mentioned that the Child Placing Agencies (CPA) are working on strategic planning and a needs assessment.
- The Department of Family and Protective Services State Office will be opening the new IMPACT software next week.
- Efforts continue to keep siblings together or at least maintain frequent visits until can be placed together.
- Currently 79% of children are being placed within their county. However, 52 children are currently placed out of the region and need to be reassigned locally.
- There has been an increase in the number of children from outside the region that are being placed in our area.
- Residential Treatment Centers (RTC) currently house 21 children El Paso County.

Other Business

- The group recognized and thanked Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez and her team for their efforts to maintain 100% adoption in El Paso.
- Dr. Olivas-Graham mentioned that a new facility in Clint will open soon to provide children services to over 700 children in the county.

Adjourn

Ms. Cathy Gaytan adjourned meeting at 10:20a.m.

The next meeting of The Family Leadership Council is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 10th at Paso del Norte Health Foundation. For more information, contact Juanita Galaviz at jgalaviz@pdnhf.org or (915)218-2618