



## **Meeting Notes**

July 13, 2021

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Via ZOOM Virtual Platform

### **Attendees:**

Juan Alderete  
Cathy Gaytan  
Gilda Gil  
Santiago Gonzalez  
Adrienne Harrell  
Margaux Sarabia Lara  
Salvador Leos  
Dr. Sarah Martin  
Alejandra Martinez  
Roger Martinez  
Enrique Mata  
Sonia Morales  
Dr. Carmen Olivas-Graham  
Ivonne Tapia  
Isidro Torres  
Kathie Valencia  
Christopher Villa

### **Representing:**

Region 19 ESC  
El Paso Child Guidance Center  
Paso del Norte Children's Development Center  
El Paso Human Services  
Texas Tech Univ. Health Science Center El Paso  
El Paso Human Services  
El Paso County Juvenile Justice Center  
Texas Tech Health Sciences Center El Paso  
Amerigroup  
County of El Paso Juvenile Probation Department  
Paso del Norte Health Foundation  
El Paso Psychiatric Center  
Socorro ISD/ El Paso Comm. College Board  
Aliviane  
NAMI El Paso  
El Paso Center for Children  
Helix Solutions

### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Ivonne Tapia convened meeting at 8:33 a.m. and called for introductions of all online participants.

### **PdN Center at MMHPI:**

Enrique Mata provided an overview of the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute and the rationale for development of a Paso del Norte Regional Center. He explained that Paso del Norte Health Foundation provided a grant of 1.5 million dollars for the Center startup and to provide technical support to the Consortium and other regional consortia. A public announcement is planned within the next few weeks.

### **Prioritizing System Assessment Results:**

Ms. Tapia commented that the 372-page final 2021 El Paso Behavioral Health System Assessment is posted at the [www.healthypasodelnorte.org](http://www.healthypasodelnorte.org) website. She explained that the

FLC will be setting up an in person strategic planning session for a task force of FLC Members. During this session the group will work to come to consensus on some key priorities for the next couple of years.

Ms. Tapia then called volunteers who would like to be involved in the strategic planning session which could be an all-day work session. FLC Members submitted their names via the Zoom Chat. Enrique Mata will contact the volunteers to set up the date for the meeting.

**Work Group Progress:**

Ms. Tapia commented that the work groups have lots of information to share. However, she hoped everyone understands that giving all groups a full opportunity to present may take more time than the meeting is scheduled for so being respectful everyone's time, the meeting will close on schedule. The following work group leads provided brief comments to update the FLC partners:

- *Foster Care*
- Drug Trafficking Prevention Task Force
- *CPAN/TCHATT*
- Community Collaborations
- *Help Me Grow*
- *Strong Families*
- *Family Advisory Committee*

**Strong Families Community Initiative Grant:**

Ms. Kathie Valencia provided an overview of the 5 Protective Factors.

**Other Business:**

Ms. Tapia thanked everyone for participating

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.



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**Through model implementation in communities and states across the country, the mission of Help Me Grow is to advance children's optimal healthy development and support early detection, referral, and linkage to community-based services, such that all children can grow and thrive to their full potential.**



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**Help Me Grow is not a stand-alone program, but rather a system model that utilizes and builds on resources already in place in order to develop and enhance a comprehensive approach to early childhood system building in any given community.**

## The cooperation of these four core components characterizes the Help Me Grow system model:



A **Centralized Access Point** integrally assists families and professionals in connecting children and their families to appropriate community-based programs and services;



**Family & Community Outreach** supports education to advance developmental promotion, and also grows awareness of the system and the services that it offers to families and community-facing providers;



**Child Health Care Provider Outreach** supports early detection and intervention, and loops the medical home into the system;



**Data Collection** supports evaluation, helps identify systemic gaps, bolsters advocacy efforts, and guides quality improvement to support continuous system enhancement.



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Successful implementation of Help Me Grow leverages community resources, maximizes existing opportunities, and advances a coalition working collaboratively toward a shared agenda through the implementation and cooperation of four Core Components:

- 🌸 Centralized Access Point*
- 🌸 Family & Community Outreach*
- 🌸 Child Health Care Provider Outreach*
- 🌸 Data Collection*



- Got selected to submitted a full proposal to the PdNHF Behavioral Health Consortia Informed Programs Grant for the implementation of the model.
- Meeting monthly with Early Matters to collaborate.
- Participate in the State Developmental Screening Workgroup meetings.
- Dissemination of materials on Act Early-Learn the Signs has begun with ECI.
- Plan on disseminating to Dr. Days and Dr. Fonseca.
- Participated in the Behavioral Health Conference with Aliviane and had a breakout session where we introduced the HMG El Paso Initiative.



## **COMMUNITY & FAMILY OUTREACH WORKGROUP**

- **Continue to participate in the Strong Families Workgroup and exploring ways to use this existing coalition to fulfill the requirements of the HMG model with this component.**



## **CENTRALIZED ACCESS POINT WORKGROUP**

- **Consulted with HMG North Texas and discussed specifics of their CAP operations that included staffing qualifications, resource directory system, data reporting capabilities and other strategies.**



## **CHILD HEALTH PROVIDER OUTREACH WORKGROUP**

- **Met with Dr. Alison Days to discuss HMG, she is on board to be a Physician Champion.**
- **Will schedule a meeting with Dr. Sarah Martin-CPAN**



## **DATA COLLECTION & ANALYSIS WORKGROUP**

- **Had a follow up meeting with Emily Hartmann, Executive Director of PHIX to discuss the Common Indicators required to collect by HMG National and answered questions.**