



Meeting Notes

March 10, 2020

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

Paso del Norte Health Foundation

221 N. Kansas, 19th Floor

Attendees:

Tracy Almanzan
Diana Barajas
Cathy Gaytan
Cindy Hernandez
Jeanette James
Gilda Lopez
Dr. Sarah Martin
Georgina Martinez
Enrique Mata
Sonia Morales
Carmen Olivas-Graham
Jennifer Phelps
Kathy Revtyak
Victoria Roberts
Ashley Sandoval
Ivonne Tapia
Richard Salcido
Alejandra Valdez
Kathie Valencia
Joseph Villescascas
Mike Wendt

Representing:

Independent Attorney and 65th District Court Rep.
Home Safe
El Paso Child Guidance Center
Emergence Health Network
Cohen Veterans Network at Endeavors
Paso del Norte Children's Development Center
Texas Tech Health Sciences Center of El Paso
Texas Department of Family & Protective Services
Paso del Norte Health Foundation
El Paso Psychiatric Center
Socorro ISD/ El Paso Comm. College Board
El Paso Center for Children
El Paso Child Guidance Center
El Paso Center for Children
Emergence Health Network
Aliviane
Family Service of El Paso
NAMI El Paso
El Paso Center for Children
NAMI El Paso
Mental Health Advocate

Welcome, Introductions

Ms. Ivonne Tapia convened meeting at 8:34 a.m. and called for brief introductions.

Updates from the Consortium Executive Committee Meeting

Ivonne Tapia and Cathy Gaytan summarized the discussion that occurred at the Consortium Executive Committee Meeting on February 6th. Highlights. They commented that Zulema Carrillo, Superintendent, El Paso Psychiatric Center, Phuong Cardoza, CEO, El Paso Behavioral Health System, and Diana Schultz, CEO Rio Vista Behavioral Health shared their perspectives on the status of child and adolescent inpatient care and what they see as potential for change.

A key point in that discussion was the concerns with how information is going to and from the hospitals. Concerns about the difference between a simple referral and linking and following up to ensure families are connecting with services. Ms. Ashley Sandoval commented that one

challenge is that in most cases an inpatient must follow up with a psychiatrist and it can be hard to set up and keep an appointment with the limited number of child psychiatrists. Ms. Gilda Lopez-Gil commented that lately there have been situations where children are sent home, especially with the IDD population, without linking with the needed follow up services. Ms. Sonia Morales commented that it appears there is an increase in people with IDD challenges being charged with a crime.

Ms. Jeanette James added that two areas to work on are reimbursement for discharge planning and Case management. Discharge planners at times have a high number of discharges and there are not enough providers for children, or the available providers do not have the appropriate training to follow up with and address the children's needs. Reimbursement for case management time or additional time for discharge planners to follow up after the patient leaves the hospital setting.

The group then discussed the lack of certified behavior analysts (BCBA). New opportunities are developing for this area of service. Medicaid is going to approve reimbursement of ABS therapy from a BCBA. Registered behavior technicians are also needed.

The group discussed continuing to work on expanding peer support networks, BCBA availability and connection pathways like the development of CPAN.

Community Conversations with Children's Equity Project:

Cathy Gaytan informed the group about the Center of Excellence for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation's Children's Equity Project Community Conversations. These conversations are intended to inform the development of resources, guidance documents and other training materials to better equip early childhood mental health consultants and other community partners

to work with Latino communities with a diverse array of needs She commented that:

- The community conversations will occur on Monday, March 30 at the El Paso Child Guidance Center
- There will be 2: one for community leaders and one for direct service providers, and then a debrief session afterwards
 - 11:30-1 pm: Direct service
 - 1:30-3 pm: Community leaders
 - 3-4 pm: Debrief session
- Goal for the sessions is 7-15 individuals participating in each session
- Their team want so have a 2-way conversation about strengths and gaps in the area of early childhood mental health and/or those particularly seeing immigrant children and/or Latinx children and families with mixed immigration status
- EPCGC will be sending out the invitations to direct service providers
- PdNHF will assist with compiling a list of community leaders to invite
 - A handout is included with these notes
 - For participation, the name of the leader, their organization, and their email and phone number are needed
 - Please submit this information by end of day Monday, March 9 so that invitations can be sent before spring break to give people plenty of time to get it on their calendars

Reports from workgroups

Georgina Martinez spoke on behalf of the Foster Care work Group. She commented that there is an influx of children coming in for care with IDD behavioral needs in the last 30 days. Most of the kids have had to leave the area. Foster care is still a factor with complex cases where the foster parents are not well supported.

Ms. Alejandra Valdez reported for the School Based Mental Health Group. She commented that the next meeting is planned to be held at the Ysleta District offices. Invites to follow.

Ms. Kathy Revtyak summarized the February visit to Emergence Health Network. Seven participants showed for the tour. The group discussed attendance for the Fast Track Tours Ms. Revtyak commented that schedules are being finalized and two hospitals are already in the works to be scheduled.

Kathie Valencia reported for the Strong Families work group. She commented that the Strong Families Parent Cafe presentations had 197 participants in the first four sessions and now there are 9 new cohorts. Beth Senger commented that Strong Families is developing a website.

9:29 – 9:49 Other Business

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Update on the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute RFP – Enrique Mata shared a proposal sketch of deliverables with the group and requested that anyone who has additions or questions to please contact him. A group will be convened to review the full proposal and provide final recommendations. Any organization that wants to contribute can do so in the form of monetary contributions or commitments of time, reports, and other data. Collaboration from all Consortium members will be vital for a quality report to be developed.

10:05 – Adjourn

Ms. Tapia adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

The next meeting of The Family Leadership Council is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 12th at Paso del Norte Health Foundation. For more information, contact Enrique Mata at emata@pdnhf.org or 915-253-0287.