



Meeting Notes

July 11, 2023

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

Paso del Norte Health Foundation

221 N. Kansas, 19th Floor

El Paso, Texas 79901

Meeting Room C

Attendees:

Sharon Butterworth
Jorge Contreras
Cathy Gaytan
Adrienne Harrel
Josue Lachica
Ronsoni Long
Ismael Lopez
Violeta Lopez-Unzueta
Jillian Longway
Laura Marquez
Enrique Mata
Dr. Sarah Martin
Rosie Medina
Sonia Morales
Claudia Munoz
Dr. Carmen Olivas-Graham
Ashley Sandoval
Lisa Saucedo
Nicole Schiff
Veronica Shafer
Ivonne Tapia
Isidro Torres
Kathie Valencia
Al Velarde
Valerie Watters
Claudia Woods

Representing:

Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute
Family Service of El Paso
El Paso Child Guidance Center
TTUHSC El Paso CPAN/TCHATT
Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute
Strong Families Family Advisory Council
Endeavors Cohen Clinic
United Way of El Paso
TTUHSC El Paso CPAN/TCHATT
Paso del Norte Children's Development Center
Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute
TTUHSC El Paso CPAN/TCHATT
County of El Paso Chief of Juvenile Probation
El Paso Psychiatric Center
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Socorro ISD/ El Paso Comm. College Board
Emergence Health Network
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
Paso del Norte Center of Hope
Paso del Norte Health Information Exchange
Aliviane Inc./Chair Family Leadership Council
NAMI El Paso
El Paso Center for Children
PdN Childrens Development Center
Nurse Family Partnership/University Medical Center
Emergence Health Network

Welcome and Introductions.

Ivonne Tapia convened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. and called for introductions.

Heart Galleries of Texas Presentation

Ms. Kori Gough presented a brief history of the Heart Galleries of Texas. PowerPoint slides are included with these meeting notes.

Work Group Redevelopment

Josue Lachica provided a brief presentation/discussion on the next steps for the work group. PowerPoint slides are included with these meeting notes. Ivonne Tapia and Cathy Gaytan provided a brief history of the FLC and how the community worked to get to the current point. Josue advised that he would set up Work Group target meeting dates as follows:

Primary Care - August 1st, 9:00 – 10:00am, Crisis Care - August 8th, 9:00 – 10:00am, Specialty Care - August 15th, 9:00 – 10:00am, Recovery Care - August 22th, 9:00 – 10:00am, Emotional Well-being- August 29th, 9:00 – 10:00am, and Grants & Workforce - September 5th, 9:00 – 10:00am.

Note: Strong Families Meets the last Thursday of every month 1-2:30 pm.

Unidos Celebrating Mental Health Resiliency in El Paso Hispanic Communities

Ms. Diane Arms provided a virtual presentation on the Unidos organization's upcoming event to memorialize the August 3rd tragedy in El Paso. She explained that the event is a closed session for victims to be held on August 3rd from 8:30am – 1:30pm They will have round tables discussions on resiliency after the Walmart Shooting. Then on August 4th, the organization, in collaboration with Aliviane and El Paso Child Guidance Center, will host a conference from 8:30am – 4:30pm at the Radisson Hotel El Paso Airport

For more information Ms. Arms provided her email to contact her directly:

darms@councilonrecovery.org

Strong Families - Community Change Initiative

Ms. Kathie Valencia provided a brief progress report presentation on the Strong Families Community Change Initiative. PowerPoint slides are included with these meeting notes.

Help Me Grow – Laura Marquez provided an update on the Help Me Grow Program and the three grants now funding a full-fledged effort led by the Team at the Paso del Norte children's Development Center. She responded to questions from the group.

Other Business

- Isidro Torres reported that NAMI/EHN will be going before both El Paso County Commissioners and City Council for a resolution and proclamation. All are welcome:
 - Commissioners Court - August 28th – 9:30
 - Mayors Proclamation - August 29th - 9:30

- Nicole Schiff reported that July 30th is observed as International Trafficking Day. She added that the PdN Center of Hope is offering training for staff on Human Trafficking prevention and the CSEY (pronounced see-say) program.
- Al Velarde reported that Paso del Norte Children's Development Center will be expanding to a new center focused on early learning and ABA therapy. The Center's address is 1410 Bob Hope, 79936.
- The PdN Children's Development Center is hosting their 75th anniversary lunch and fundraising event. A flyer will be included with these notes.

Adjourn

Ms. Tapia thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting at 10:03 am.



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Special guest speakers, Team Agar



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from Johnny Agar*

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75TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023 • 11:30 AM

STARLIGHT EVENT CENTER

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Celebrate over seven decades of making a difference in the lives of children with special needs! Enjoy delicious food, learn about our impact over the last 75 years, and hear from speakers, Team Agar – an inspiring father-son-duo with more than 200 races under their belts, including a full Ironman.

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Early Childhood
Development

Strong Families Work Group
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Child Abuse Prevention

CPAN/TCHATT
Collaborative Care Model

Family Leadership Council Progress Update

Work Group Progress Highlights:

- Crisis Care: Meetings with PHIX Executive Director and EHN MCOT Team Members to begin a work group
- Recovery Care: Meeting with Punto de Partida, Aliviane, PdN Health Foundation, Action for Healthy Kids on gaps in addiction treatment options for youth.
- Specialty Care: Meeting with TTUHSC El Paso, Emergence Health Network, Paso del Norte Childrens Development Center on gaps in specialty care.

Family Leadership Council Progress Update

Work Group Progress Highlights:

- Emotional Well-being: Ivonne Tapia and Cathy Gaytan presented at the Region 19 PBIS Event to help school district teams connect with area mental health providers.
- Help Me Grow: Working to engage pediatric practices to champion mental health integration. Cross cutting area with Integration leadership council.
- Strong Families: Continuing Strong Families Cafes and other efforts in conjunction with the Consortium.
- Foster Care: Presence at the Texas Alliance of Family Services Event to share concerns on the future of Child Protective Services.



Strong Families

Community Change Initiative Grant

July 2023

Strong Families Grant Update

September 2018 - 2023

- Parent Cafés – 286
- Parent Café Participants – 2,371
- Family Advisory Council – has finalized its structure and is ready to bring in parents to serve as the community voice.
- Grantee Meeting in May 2023, Strong Families presented
- Strong Families Community Sustainability –
 - HOPES Supplemental – Parent Cafés, Family Advisory Council, Partners using Parent Cafés
 - FAYS Grant - Parent Cafés, Family Advisory Council
 - OJJDP – Border Youth Resiliency Project – Parent Cafés through Big Brothers Big Sisters

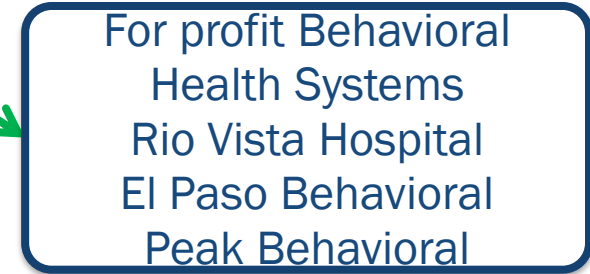
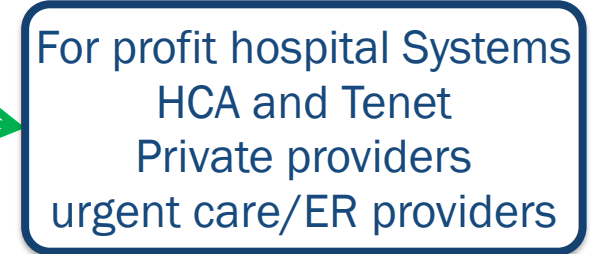
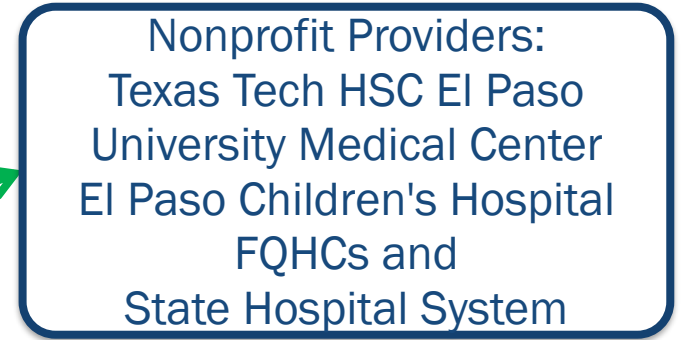
- Living the Protective Factor – Training for Trainers – the final step is to provide the following Living Protective Factors Workshop to the community.
 - July 19th and July 26 – online workshop - Register on Eventbrite
- Strong Families has engaged **38** community partners throughout the grant cycle.



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Promoting Collaborative Care (*Evidence Based*)

March 1st and April 27th :

The Meadows Institute presented Collaborative Care Educational Event aimed at primary care providers CEUs Offered – More to come

- Primary Care Provider
- Patient
- +
 - Behavioral Health Care Manager
 - Psychiatric Consultant





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Jail Diversion Committee
SIM Intercepts 0,1,2



Justice Leadership Coordinating Committee



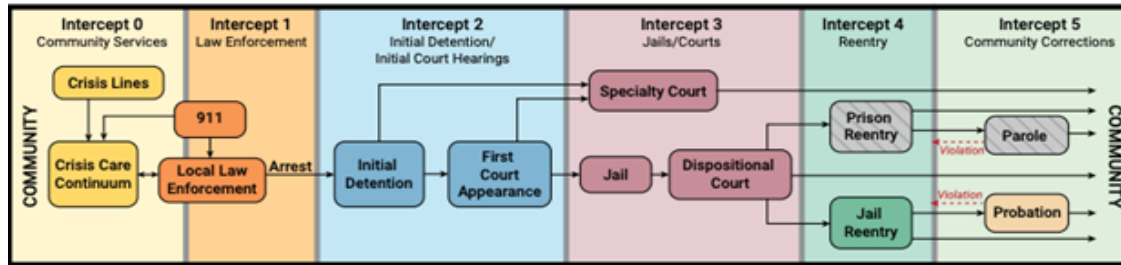
Reentry Task Force (BJA)
SIM Intercepts 3,4,5

Justice and Crisis System Improvement

June 30th - Next Reentry Task Force Meeting

August 2nd - Next Jail Diversion Virtual Meeting

August 23rd Target - next Justice Leadership Council Meeting



- Expanding and Enhancing Crisis Response – 911 & 988
- Improving timely, accurate, confidential record sharing
- Enhancing Reentry Support

Preventing Isolation and Promoting Social Connection

“isolation and silos weaken our communities; without strong communities, we cannot pull together in times of hardship and our diversity turns from a source of strength to a source of conflict. **When we have strong connections with each other everything is possible”.**

- U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy



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Thank You

Paso del Norte Center at the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

Call on us with any questions:

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