



MEETING NOTES

April 25th, 2008

12-1:30 PM

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR REPORT

- ✚ Susan reported that she presented the Third Annual Report to the ATCMHMR Board of Trustees on March 27th, to the Mayor's Disability Committee on April 14th, to the Health and Human Services Subcommittee of the City Council on April 15th, and to the full City Council on April 24th. The new format and information was appreciated by all. Encouragement was given to continuing our efforts to expand diversity among Committee members.
- ✚ A follow up meeting to last year's housing forum took place between Travis County Criminal Justice Planning, the RERT and MMHTFMC. It was agreed that the MMHTFMC will take the lead in organizing a follow up meeting to identify all planning groups in the community that are developing housing inventories. The purpose of that meeting will be to coordinate those efforts to avoid duplication.

III. UPDATE ON PROJECT COPE

Judge John Hathaway, Linda Duke and Gail Penney-Chapmond provided an update on the Juvenile Justice Mental Health Court. (Handouts attached) They agreed to provide periodic follow ups to the committee.

IV. MEMBERSHIP/COMMITTEE STRUCTURE DISCUSSION FOLLOW UP

As a follow up to last month's discussion, Committee members agreed to refrain from imposing a strict attendance policy. Susan agreed to call members who have not attended in a while to poll their continued interest in membership. Applications will be considered three times per year, in May, September and February. Specific Committee members will be asked to assist in recruiting members from under-represented sectors on to the Committee.

VIII. SCHEDULING AND ADJOURN

The next meeting of the MMHTFMC will be held on May 30th, 2008, from 12-1:30 in the ATCMHMR large training room. Mark your calendars!!

Ripples of Hope

The Collaborative Community Program of the Travis County Juvenile Mental Health Court Project

Ripples of Hope is the Collaborative Community Program of the Travis County Juvenile Mental Health Court. It provides community organizations and individuals with opportunities to give their time, talents, and resources to children involved in the juvenile justice system because of a mental health disorder.

The mental-health and juvenile-justice systems, intended in part to lift children from difficult and seemingly hopeless circumstances, both face a scarcity of services and resources and struggle to fully meet the needs of the children they serve. Ripples of Hope is one answer to those unmet needs.

Acting through the many members of the community body - civic groups, professional and non-profit organizations, churches, individuals - Ripples of Hope connects the community to these children, and the children to the community, sweeping aside service and resource barriers, creating hope for a brighter future.

“Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”

*Robert F. Kennedy, Day of Affirmation Address, University
of Capetown, South Africa, June 6, 1966*

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PROVIDER PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Name: _____

Entity name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Services/goods offered: _____

Frequency: As needed (when available) ___ Yes ___ No

Once per month ___ Yes ___ No

Once per quarter ___ Yes ___ No

Other: _____

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COPE

COLLABORTIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSITIVE EXPERIENCES TRAVIS COUNTY JUVENILE MENTAL HEALTH COURT

COPE Statistics: 5/10/08 – 4/24/08

Age	Number	%
10	2	3.9%
11	0	0.0%
12	9	15.7%
13	5	9.8%
14	12	21.6%
15	14	25.5%
16	11	21.6%
17	1	2.0%
Total	54	

Race	Number	%
Black	12	21.6%
Hispanic	29	52.9%
Other	1	2.0%
White	12	23.5%
Total	54	

Gender	Number	%
Female	21	39.2%
Male	33	60.8%
Total	54	

Average Length of Stay:	164 days
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Primary DX:

Major Depression/Depression NOS- 25%
Bipolar DO – 18.8%
Other Mood DO – 20.8%
Other – 35.4%

Secondary DX:

Substance Abuse – 28.2%
ADHD – 15.4%
Other Childhood Disorder – 12.8%
Other – 43.6%

Successes:

- Designated Deferred Prosecution Officers
- COPE Advisory Committee Parent Representative
- NAMI Training
- Family Successes
- Successful Services to Families

Challenges:

- Shortage of psychiatrists
- Access barriers to psychiatrists
- Families with no insurance
- Available funding for ancillary needs for COPE kids
- Mental Health services for parents
- Services for co-occurring/dual - MH/Substance Abuse

Future Funding:

- BJA Grant for 2008-2010
 1. New position – Care Coordinator
 2. Increase in numbers of kids served
 3. Funding for additional services
- Solicit money, goods and services for Ripples of Hope
- On-going solicitation of potential grants

New and Hopeful Collaborations:

- Insure-a-kid
- Seton Shoal Creek
- Texas Appleseed
- Additional Therapists for in-home/in-office therapy
- Family Health Clinics
- Use of Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners
- Psychiatrist Services