



MEETING NOTES June 27th, 2008

- I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
- II. EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR REPORT
 - ✚ Housing Inventory

Dr. Stone reported that the CAN, Re-Entry Round Table and the MMHTFMC co-sponsored a collaborative forum around affordable housing. The purpose of this forum was to identify all of the groups in our community who are working on affordable housing inventories, and to coordinate those efforts. As a result of that first meeting, the group agreed that it would be helpful for all of the planning groups to have a brief policy paper to facilitate consistent communication about affordable housing with local and national policy makers. Susan agreed to draft an initial outline of that paper, which was shared with the group. (Attached) Forum participants will consider this outline at the next meeting, which will be held on July 21, 2008.

✚ Financial Modeling

Susan reported that progress is being made toward collaborative funding for the Financial Modeling Proposal developed by the Corporation for Supportive Housing.

✚ Children's Early Intervention Forum

On October 3, 2008, the MMHTFMC will be hosting a public forum entitled: *A Mentally Healthy Community Starts with its Children: Public Forum on Early Childhood Intervention*. The forum will be held from 10AM-12 Noon at City Hall. Libby Doggett, Ph.D., Executive Director, Pre-K Now has agreed to be the special guest speaker. *Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!*

Suicide Post-vention /Data Development

Work is continuing toward the development of protocols for various sectors in our community who respond to suicides. Merily Keller, Co-Chair of the Austin Travis County Suicide Prevention Coalition, will provide a presentation about these efforts at our August meeting.

Work is also continuing regarding our project to develop real time data about suicides and suicide attempts in our community. Marcia Toprac, consultant, will provide an update during the September MMHTFMC meeting.

House Corrections Committee Request

The Texas Council on Community MHMR Centers was asked to provide some suggestions to the House Corrections Committee regarding the interface between the behavioral health and criminal justice service systems. Dr. Stone contributed by providing information about the Mental Health Jail Diversion Cost Simulation Tool, encouraging expansion of the use of that tool to other areas in the state.

Community Score Card/Service System Analysis

An update to the Community Score Card reflecting 2007 data is nearing completion with only a few data elements outstanding. Susan also reported that, rather than sending out another behavioral health service system mapping survey this year, we will be working on gathering data about service system capacity in other ways, to supplement survey results. Particular focus will be given to analyzing gaps in service system capacity, similar to the estimate developed in May regarding public inpatient hospital capacity needs.

Web Site Redesign

A re-design of the web site, spearheaded by Iliana Gilman, is proceeding rapidly. The new and very much improved web site should be on line by the end of July.

Consumer Housing Survey

Thanks to the assistance of Eric Blumberg, housing surveys will be distributed to behavioral health consumers across the ATCMHMR system throughout the month of July. This will provide an update to the consumer housing survey previously distributed in 2005. The survey focuses on current housing status and consumer preferences in an effort to assist in planning efforts.

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Susan introduced new member Dr. Joan Clayton from the Veteran's Affairs Administration. Dr. Clayton provided a brief overview of VA behavioral health services, which will be expanded upon at a subsequent meeting.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

V. UPDATE ON COMMUNICATION PLAN

Iliana Gilman provided a brief update on progress toward refining MMHTFMC communications. More information will follow during subsequent meetings.

VIII. SCHEDULING AND ADJOURN

The July meeting of the MMHTFMC has been canceled due to a number of schedule conflicts. The next meeting of the MMHTFMC will be held on August 29th, from 12-1:30PM in the large training room of ATCMHMR. Mark your calendars!