



MEETING NOTES March 28th, 2008

Participants: Susan Stone, Ed Calahan, Sherri Fleming, Dianna Groves, Nancy Hohengarten, Princess Katana, Selia Servin-Lopez, Clifford Moy, Nancy Neavel, Ollie Seay, Beth Peck, Ross Taylor, Mike Turner, Bill Wigmore and Mark Vowell.

Other Participants: Kathleen Casey, Melissa Cook, Abraham Minjarez, Willie Williams, Susan Millea, Carissa Dougherty, Merrell Foote and Jim Lehrman.

I. EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR REPORT

✚ Staff Changes

Mildred Vuris has reduced her hours in anticipation of her upcoming retirement, so she will no longer be serving as staff support for the MMHTFMC. She will be greatly missed.

✚ GAINS Center Conference

Two presentations related to the MMHTFMC were presented at the GAINS Center Conference in Austin. One covered the Task Force and MMHTFMC and the other the Cost Simulation Tool testing. Both presentations were well attended and well received.

✚ Abstract Submission and Acceptance

Susan and Lynda Frost submitted an abstract for an article about the MMHTFMC to a new journal that covers Foundation activities. The abstract was accepted and they will submit the full article in May.

✚ New Housing Representative/Financial Modeling

Susan met with Margaret Shaw, who is Paul Hilgers replacement at the City. She was very enthusiastic about participating on our committee.

 Third Annual Report

The MMHTFMC Third Annual Report will be presented to that Austin City Council on April 24th at 10:00 AM. All members are encouraged to attend.

II. INTER-COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO DATA COLLECTION, RESOURCE MAPPING AND EVALUATION

Dr. Susan Millea

Click here to view the presentation.

III. MEMBERSHIP/COMMITTEE STRUCTURE DISCUSSION FOLLOW UP

Dr. Selia Servin-Lopez

Drs. Servin-Lopez and Seay presented recommendations from the Membership and Nomination Subcommittee about ways to expand and diversify membership on the MMHTFMC. After much discussion, members agreed to put this item back on the agenda for next month for reconsideration after reflection.

IV. TRANSITION AND COMMUNICATION PLANS

Merrell Foote, Communications Director with the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health and Iliana Gilman, Communications Director for Austin Travis County MHMR presented some ideas about the development of a Communication Plan for the Committee. Participants generally agreed that the development of a Communication Plan will depend upon plans for transition. This will remain on ongoing action item on future agendas.

V. SCHEDULING AND ADJOURN

The next meeting of the MMHTFMC will be held on ***April 25th from Noon -1:30*** in the large training room of ATCMHMR. Please mark your calendars!

AISD Safe Schools Healthy Students ACCESS Grant Information Infrastructure Development

The visionary founders of the Austin ACCESS proposal see a model of data and resource sharing, actualized with cutting edge technology, which will provide unprecedented access to provider information and receiver services. The crafting of the infrastructure has been conceptualized, and the community commitment is strong. The funds and philosophy of the SSSH grant will enable Austin to move forward and materialize its vision of ACCESS for all students, and to develop a model that will be of value to every city in America. The long term sustainability of ACCESS will depend upon the information infrastructure upon which collaboration is built. The Community Sustainability Coordinator will guide and document the development of a strategic technology plan for the ACCESS community. The strategic technology plan will address development of our information infrastructure. This plan will be integrated into the overall strategic plan for development of the Children's Optimal Health collaboration. While the technology planning process is similar to other planning processes, its focus on technology, technical and communication issues make it distinct from and more specific than an overall strategic plan in these areas. The professional literature identifies **barriers** to the successful development of collaborative information infrastructures, and identifies themes of successful ventures. That literature will serve as a process guide. Austin has a strong successful history of community collaboration going back 20 years. The success of ICC has resulted in a model for the community of a collaboration that is based on an information infrastructure. Children's Optimal Health is pursuing the same concept, but on a broader level. Expanding the concept of optimal health to areas of early childhood development, social/emotional development and behavioral health make the

model more complex than the ICC endeavor, but there is already significant buy-in from key stakeholders through the COH Steering Committee and its task forces.

The application of geographic information systems (GIS) technology is emerging as a novel technique to bring spatial analysis to the understanding of complex inter-related data in the arenas of health and education (see NCES and CDC websites). Longitudinal analysis is possible by studying overlying variables across the same geographies at different points in time. Through community partnership we will apply this technology to further our understanding of the many inter-related variables that impact the social and emotional well-being of children and youth. The Austin community is already making collaborative strides in this area through the Central Texas Sustainability Indicators Project (www.centex-indicators.org) and Children's Optimal Health. Using spatial analysis is of particular importance to our community because we are struggling with rapidly shifting demographics, as noted by 26% mobility rate among students. Gentrification in some neighborhoods is driving low income families to leave areas where health/social services were accessible, and locating in areas where those supports have not yet been established, leaving families isolated from needed supports. The ACCESS mapping team will be composed of one AISD Technology Department Specialist and the Community Sustainability Evaluator. The application of GIS technology will assess needs by location, evaluating effectiveness; mapping will reveal assets and gaps in a more timely fashion and suggest/predict resource allocation based on emerging demographic needs.

As reflected in the Memorandum of Agreement, AISD has achieved a rich relationship with community law enforcement, juvenile probation department, and local

mental health resources. In order to provide updates on social and mental health services to district staff, AISD Student Support Services staff coordinate regularly with community agencies, collaborations and organizations to maximize counseling and social support services for students.

Evaluation benchmarks will be monitored continuously and reviewed annually with the Austin Community ACCESS Advisory, the Core Management Team, and the Director. The Core Management Team will meet monthly to update the ACCESS Director. This team will also attend the quarterly meetings of the Austin ACCESS Advisory Council consisting of parents, students, and other community stakeholders. It will review progress on benchmarks and provide input. Additionally, the Advisory will provide input about program successes and barriers, fidelity to inclusion of all partners in activities, and quality of services to students and their families.

Inter-Collaborative Approach to Data Collection, Resource Mapping and Evaluation

Local collaborative initiatives for children and youth (CYMHPP partner involvement)

AISD Safe Schools Healthy Students ACCESS Grant Technology Initiatives

- Ready by 21 Youth Services Mapping
 - United Way
- Geographic Information Systems
- Information Infrastructure Requirements Capture

Children's Optimal Health Initiative

- Data collaboration
 - Data Sharing agreements
 - HIPAA and FERPA
 - Legal, regulatory, operational issues
- GIS Analysis of disparate data sets