



Child & Family Advisory Partnership Minutes



Date of Meeting: Wednesday, February 23, 2011		Location of Meeting: Family Involvement Center (FIC)		
Meeting Time: 5:30-7:30pm		1430 E. Indian School Road, Suite 110 Phoenix, AZ 85014		
Co-Chairs:	Shawn Thiele, Magellan of Arizona Lillian Armstrong, Family Involvement Center			
Notes:	Nancy Tyler, Training & Communications Coordinator, FIC			
Spanish Interpretation:	Mario Barajas			
Attendees:	Alina Cisneros	Heidi Obbs	Krista Glick	Pamela Schultz
	Carol McDermott	Imelda Hartley	Krista Long	Pattie Ritchie
	Colleen McGregor	Irma Peña	Laurie Chittick	Shannon Gamache
	Cynthia Henry	James M Russo	Lillian V Armstrong	Sharon Osweiler
	Darius Perry	Jane Kallal	Maria Hoffman	Shawn Thiele
	Deidre Calcoate	Janis Russo	Mario Barajas	Sue Romero
	Denise Baller	Jim Dunn	Mark Warras	Terri Kang
	Dolores Ruiz	Judith Gates	Mary Robson	Thelma Williams
	Erika Montano	Kandy North	Michelle Heinlein Bedinghaus	Tracey Olsen
	Francisca Mena	Kelly Garrigan	Michelle Runion	Valerie Klein
	Gaites Klein	Kim Foy	Nancy Tyler	Yvette M Townsend
Introductions	Shawn Thiele welcomed participants and recognized new attendees by a show of hands. Participants stated their names and professional/family affiliations and reviewed the minutes from the meeting of January 26, 2011. The minutes were approved after noticing an error in the time for the Strengthening Multi-Ethnic Families and Communities program at FIC, page 2. The correct time is 11 am to 2:30 pm, not 12:30 pm. Please let Magellan know if you see any changes that need to be made. Minutes from previous meetings can be found on the Magellan website www.magellanofaz.com .			
Updates,	<u>Family Involvement Center</u> Shawn Thiele thanked Triple R Behavioral Health, a local non-profit that provides rehabilitation, education, recovery and job training through their catering service, for providing delicious food and dessert featuring the “Day of the			

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Banana.” Lillian Armstrong talked about the Poster and Essay contests for Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week. The deadline for submitting entries for both contests is March 4, 2011, at 5:00pm. On March 23, 2011, the Art Gallery is showcasing the Poster and Creative Writing entries. Judges will vote and the winners will be announced. The Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day is Thursday May 5th, 2011. Lillian encouraged group by saying, “Everyone is a winner and will be acknowledged.” So far, FIC has received an entry from Yuma and a school from Queen Creek sent in 10 posters. This is the first time there will be two youth judges. Group asked to take advantage of this opportunity.

Lillian reviewed FIC’s March calendar such as the Parent Empowerment Group and the Strengthening Multi-Ethnic Families and Communities, a 13 week course that is, “like taking a college class.” Participants will learn a wealth of knowledge about parenting. Parent A asked if there was an evening SMEF scheduled and Lillian responded that not at this time but will keep group posted. Parent B asked if there is still room for enrollment in SMEF and Lillian said there was.

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Shawn Thiele discussed the agenda for the next CFAP meeting on March 30th, which will focus on assessing the system of care plan, discuss strategies that are working and which ones are not in preparation for next fiscal year. At the CFAP meeting on April 27th, the focus will be on Foster Care and Adoption, how to access resources and coordinating ideas for people who foster and have adoptive children. Shawn asked group to get the word out. Green ribbon awards will also be presented. The NAMI Walk is being held at Tempe Beach Park on March 27, 2011.

Shawn discussed the MY LIFE program, and the goals they are striving for. The group has gone through transformation with an emphasis on learning and growth opportunities, learning to advocate, impact community, and how to be an active participant in the community. MY LIFE is building a mentoring opportunity with the black and Latino business chambers. A breakfast has been arranged for Youth Day at the Capitol on February 24th and 23 legislators have RSVP’d. MYLIFE youth have created legislative platforms and will discuss these at Youth Day.

Shawn discussed MY Fest, the annual youth festival presented by members of MY LIFE, being held for the 4th year at Tempe Beach Park on April 23, 2011. It runs from 10 am until 4 pm. Shawn outlined some of the volunteer opportunities available around planning/preparation as well as on the day of the event. MY Fest has big stars such as rappers and other presenters attending. Shawn said last year, 5, 000 people came and they are expecting a higher turnout this year. Requesting volunteers for planning and on the day of event, even if it is just 30 minutes. Email Shawn if you would like to sign up sthiele@magellanhealth.com.

In the Governor’s budget there is a 5% proposed reduction that goes into effect on April 1, 2011. The Regional Behavioral Health Authority (Magellan in Maricopa County) has flexibility in how the cuts will be implemented. Magellan is working with the providers to identify system efficiencies. Shawn discussed how the RBHAs must propose to ADHS/DBHS how they will apply April 1st cuts. Magellan wants to protect services as much as possible, especially

because they are already spread thin in some categories. One idea that has been explored is whether CFTs need to be a requirement for all families receiving behavioral health services in the children's system. The AZ Council of Communities has drafted a document which proposes CFT requirement changes. The group engaged in a conversation about the ethics behind this move. The group discussion was that families need to have a voice in these recommendations.

Another cost-cutting idea is reducing rates for "Meet Me Where I Am" services, since rates were inflated as an incentive, and MMWIA providers have commented it does not cost that much to do the service. Another idea is balancing the need for the high needs/intensive case management with required number of full time employees. Other ideas are streamlining auditing requirements by going green; transportation rates being more closely aligned to AHCCCS rates.

Shawn commented that the Rollback of 204, is not included in the new application. Several bills were introduced but did not make it to hearing. Group is encouraged to find out who their legislators are, and CFAP can have an interactive presentation on finding legislators, providing sample letters to rally against how cuts are applied.

Stakeholder Input

James Russo from Visions of Hope discussed his program. There are three openings for the peer support training for youth 18 to 25 starting March 1st-April 28th. This is a 40 hour internship, participants trained to present peer support training, receive training certificate, to help them get hired by community service agency here in the valley. Contact Cody at 602-404-1555 to sign up.

Mary reminded group of upcoming NAMI Valley Walk on March 27th at Tempe Town Lake. For more info, visit www.namiphoenix.org or call 602-244-8166.

Family Member Input

Parent A discussed struggles with her daughter's case manager. She has concerns about the medication her daughter is on and CM's lack of response. Shawn connected parent with Krista Long.

Parent B was pleased that her new case manager from QCN attended her child's IEP at a moment's notice.

Valerie Klein and son Gaites will be featured on 2/24 and 2/25 on KSLX 107 fm to discuss Gaites brain tumor and their work with Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

Parent C, discussed frustration at case manager level, and the practices of the agency she is working with, which are not meeting children's needs. She commented she finds it, "hard to stay motivated" because she is doing a "high level of advocacy" and the work the CM should be doing. Shawn and Krista Long will also follow up with her.

	Parent D, says since last meeting and with the support of CFAP contacts, she got her daughter accessed and a psych evaluation. She is still struggling with getting a case manager for two of her children. Shawn asked Michelle Heinlein Bedinghaus and Mary Robson to follow up with her.
Presentation	Shawn Thiele presented the draft of the Peer and Family Involvement Framework that is being developed with the Family Run Organizations and the Peer/Consumer Runs.
<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 5:30-7:30 pm Family Involvement Center</p> <p>If you would like to receive the monthly meeting agenda and minutes, please sign up on the appropriate sheet at the CFAP registration desk.</p>	