

**CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
CSA PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2005
CCF CONFERENCE ROOM
2:30 – 4:30 P.M.
MEETING NOTES**

PRESENT:

Saphira Baker
Susan Brumfield for Dana Neidley
Barbara Ferrier
John Freeman
Mike Murphy
Sue Sheffield
Bob Taibbi

ABSENT:

Dana Neidley

STAFF:

Cindy Stratton

GUESTS:

Will Bronson, Office of Child and Family Services
Janet Lung, Office of Child and Family Services

I. Call to Order/Chair

II. Review/Approval of Agenda

J. Freeman, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. and welcomed guests Janet Lung and Will Bronson from the Office of Child and Family Services.

III. Approval of Meeting Notes for May 25, 2005

Members agreed by consensus to postpone the approval of the meeting notes and proceed with the presentation on the "Communities of Care Model". The meeting notes were approved after the presentation concluded.

IV. "Communities of Care Presentation" – Janet Lung, Office of Child and Family Services

DISCUSSION: Ms. Janet Lung and Mr. Will Bronson were welcomed by the Chair and invited to give their presentation on the "Communities of Care" model as requested. Ms. Lung gave an overview of the history, development and present status of the concept; distributed a manual – *Building Systems of Care – A Primer* – to members; and received questions from those present. The presenters stressed that "Communities of Care" is a philosophy/concept and not a model that could be replicated. There was general discussion of evidence based practices and costs associated with the implementation of such a pilot versus systems of care practices; current RFP's for pilots; existing pilots in other localities and our locality's current practices comparison and next steps in the model for this area. It was noted that our localities are operating under the model concept even though it is not documented. Ms. Lung stated that the intent is to gather successes from the pilots and take the information back to the General Assembly and request additional funding to address community needs. Central Virginia CSB and Richmond City were sited as pilots that were working well. The use of dedicated staff by local government and maximization of Medicaid funds for implementation were noted as part of what makes their efforts successful. It was suggested, and those present agreed that Charlottesville/Albemarle needs to document its system of care efforts and market what is currently being done. Page 21 of the manual was suggested as an outline for this documentation. Ms. Lung stated that she would like to hear more about what our localities are doing. C. Stratton agreed to email her and Mr. Bronson information on cost containment efforts and any other information that might be useful.

DECISION: This will be placed on the next subcommittee meeting agenda for further discussion and development.

V. Facility Sub Group Update

A. Sub Group Site Visit

DISCUSSION: B. Ferrier gave an update on the sub group's visit to Little Kids in Focus campus. She noted they were very impressed with the facility's aesthetics. There were no children present as they were on a field trip. They intend a return visit to the older children's campus when children are on site. Additionally, the group had a discussion with Mr. Richard Kingswell, owner, about the possibility of his expanding his services to the Charlottesville area and he expressed some interest. There was general discussion of previous efforts for an RFI and the possibility of attracting another vendor at this point in time through negotiation or another RFI.

DECISION: The sub group will schedule another visit to Kids in Focus or other facility, continue to gather data to determine local needs and give an update at the next subcommittee meeting. Further discussion of possible options for establishing the services through KIF or another vendor will be part of the discussion at the next subcommittee meeting. J. Freeman will call a meeting of the sub group to gather additional information.

B. Child and Family Demonstration Projects – Proposals for System of Care Demonstration Projects or Other Grant Opportunities

DISCUSSION: B. Taibbi stated that he had talked with other CSB's regarding the demonstration projects to explore how they were operating using the Multisystemic Therapy (MST) and Functional Family Therapy (FFT) models. He indicated that he thought that the FFT model would be a better fit for Charlottesville/Albemarle because it required less training and dollars to begin and maintain. He also stated that he did not think were missing an opportunity by not applying for the grant due August 8th. S. Baker stated that she thought we should work towards the MST model as a long range goal.

DECISION: Non applicable.

VI. Old Business/Updates – All items tabled due lack of time.

A. CSA Committee Report – Update

B. Region Ten Crisis Stabilization Services – Update

C. Non-Mandated Funds Availability – Update

D. Delegate Landes Meeting – Update

E. Judicial Meeting – Update

VII. Work Plan Review – All items tabled due to lack of time.

i. Information Needed to Develop Plan

ii. Timeframe for Development

VIII. Items from CSA Committees – Tabled due to lack of time.

IX. Items for CSA Committees – Tabled due to lack of time.

X. Review Meeting Objectives – Tabled due to lack of time.

XI. Next Meeting Date – August 24, 2005

S. Baker agreed to facilitate the next meeting of the subcommittee as J. Freeman will be out of town.

XII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m. by consensus.

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

Members will get clarification on "Communities of Care" model.

Members will decide whether to pursue Demonstration Project proposal.

Members will review work plan priorities and progress.

- Members will identify items to be sent to CSA Committee for action or advisement.
- Members will identify additional resource/reference material request for staff.
- Members will establish next steps.