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A Message from the Principal Investigator...

This month, I am very pleased to introduce One Community Partnership's (*OCP Project Update format*). This newsletter will now be issued on a monthly basis at the OCP Governance Board meetings. Each addition will include work group updates, a calendar of OCP related meetings and activities, and a feature article that will focus on various aspects of the OCP project. As Principal Investigator, I plan to use this newsletter to highlight our accomplishments in order to celebrate each success along the way.

First, I would like to briefly introduce the OCP project for those who may be reading this newsletter for the first time. OCP is a six-year federally funded grant project awarded to Broward County to develop a comprehensive, coordinated system of care for children with serious emotional disturbance (SED) and their families. The vision for this project is to develop a culturally competent system of care driven by family voices that will sustain and support SED children in the least restrictive and most clinically appropriate environment. OCP plans to accomplish this by introducing nationally recognized best practice treatment models within our community. The primary components of the OCP project are to develop an integrated electronic information system (MIS) to facilitate a "Virtual Front Door", establish an independent 501C3 family-run organization, facilitate intense training at all levels of the system of care introducing a wraparound process for service planning, develop and adopt system-wide standards for culturally competent service delivery, implement a social marketing program, and incorporate science-based evaluation methods. It is our hope that this initiative will serve as pilot project that stimulates system reform initiatives across the other social service networks within the county and, ultimately, across the state.

During the last month OCP has had several noteworthy accomplishments. First, I would like to congratulate the Sohn family for being invited by Joan Dodge, Senior Policy Associate at National TA Center, Georgetown University, to present at the Pre-Conference Orientation of the Training Institutes in San Francisco. They were highly recommended to her as exceptional speakers about family experience. This orientation is an important time for new participants to learn more about the Training Institutes and important system concepts. Additionally, the Florida Institute for Family Involvement and National Center for Cultural Competence has selected Helene, Daniel and Oliver Sohn as members of the Florida team to champion efforts for culturally and linguistically competent care at all levels of the system that serves children and youth with special health care needs and their families. Daniel has been invited to represent youth voice on Georgetown's national committee for cultural competency and will be attending annual meetings in DC.



Matt Constantine, OCP's System Network Analyst III, has successfully developed a database utilizing the Broward Information Network (BIN) to capture all clients that have been enrolled into the One Community Partnership System of care. The purpose of the database is to track the number of clients enrolled, although this database is part of the BIN, this information will not be shared. It is being used for administrative purposes. The MIS workgroup is still in the process of developing a system that all providers will share to better serve the clients. A special thank you to Larry Miller and Barbara Atlas of Henderson Mental Health Center for helping to make this database a reality in a quick and efficient manner.

Sylvia McShain and Linda Ross from the University of South Florida, our National Evaluation Team, took the initiative to hire and train a team of data collectors who will begin to administer the national evaluation surveys beginning in mid-June. According to MACRO, the national evaluation contractor for SAMHSA, OCP will be the first of our Year two cohort of grant sites to commence national evaluation activities! MACRO's plan was to first introduce the new data collection instruments at the San Francisco conference at the end of June and then begin training grant sites in July.

David Duresky, OCP Training & Quality Improvement Coordinator, and Julie Radlauer, OCP Clinical Coordinator, have been working tirelessly with the Vroon VanDenBerg consulting team to develop a strategy to implement wraparound to all SED related case managers. To date, 129 individuals including administrators, supervisors and line staff have been certified as "Wraparound Facilitators" by completing a four-day training.



Work Group Updates:

Social Marketing – The social marketing committee put together materials for the Children Behavioral Health Resource Fair this past month that highlighted the new OCP logo and tagline. Some of the items included brochures, pens, and magnets. They had a booth at the entrance of the annual SEDNET Behavioral Health Resource Fair. Bags with the OCP logo were distributed to participants to use to gather information from other booths.

MIS- During the last workgroup meeting, the newly created database for enrolled clients was presented to the committee by OCP's Matt Constantine. The committee also welcomed their newest member, Lois Wexler, Chair of the Broward County School Board and an OCP Governance Board member. The committee decided that their immediate focus would be to begin developing Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for child-serving agencies to participate in the BIN project. MIS committee representatives plan to meet with the Coordinating Council of Broward to begin to develop the MOU.

Cultural Competence- The team of Concha and Diaz-Vivo will be holding a focus group at CSC on Thursday, May 27th from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. to get input on the draft of the Cultural Competency Training materials they are developing.





- System of Care for Children with SED
- Culturally Competent
- Driven by Family Voices



Wraparound- The Wraparound Workgroup has chosen 13 super coaches to be trained by Vroon Vandenberg as train the trainers to support the sustainability of Wraparound in Broward County. Thank you and congratulations to the "Super Coaches": Shari Thomas, Billie Jo Hamm, Ute Gazioch, Vanessa Townsend, Eric Oakes, Charlene Grecsek, Wendi Rabucha, Carrie Cohen, Barbara Myrick, Thomas Douglas, AnnaLynn Schooley, David Duresky and Julie Radlauer.

Family Involvement- The Family Involvement Committee is currently focusing on "outreach" efforts. They are meeting with a variety of organizations serving youth and families including faith-based organizations and providers of service. The committee also participated in outreach efforts at the SEDNET Behavioral Health Resource Fair and the Family and Youth Forum. They are currently planning for the upcoming leadership training "Parents As Partners." Watch for details.

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(see calendar for date & Times)

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SEDNET – Barbara Myrick 754.221.2567 - TBA

TAC Corner:

Teen Advocacy Coalition (TAC) provides a safe and supportive arena for youth with severe emotional disturbance to develop their strengths and to explore their possibilities. TAC promotes youth culture, builds self esteem and confidence, and encourages leadership and self advocacy.

TAC activities include community service, youth voice in the development of the system of care, fund raising, field trips and participation in federal, state and local conferences.

TAC currently meets at the OCP office and at the Spectrum Program, for more information call Nikki Gavoni 954-797-3920.

PAC Corner:

Parent Advocacy Coalition (PAC) currently has two regularly scheduled parent support groups meetings. Every Tuesday night, they meet at the One Community Partnership Office from 5 to 7 p.m. (OCP is located at 200 S.W. 27th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale). There is also a monthly parent support group that meets at Whispering Pines School on Monday nights beginning at 5:45 p.m. Please contact Helene Sohn at 954.298.0728 for more information.



Feature Article: FAMILY INVOLVEMNT

The Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health and the Technical Assistance Partnership for Child & Family Mental Health sponsored the first annual Family Involvement Institute in St. Louis, Missouri, April 27-29, 2004. The Project Manager and the lead Family Involvement Coordinator from each grant site were invited to participate in a very emotional and motivating three-day series of workshops. Donna Sogegian and Helene Sohn from Broward County OCP attended this conference. Most of their time was spent at the family-run organization institute that focused on involvement in systems of care through development of family-run organizations.

This institute discussed in detail the development and roles of family-run organizations in systems of care. There was an opportunity to dialogue with grant site representatives who are in years five and six, gaining first hand knowledge of their successes and challenges. The number one lesson learned in this institute was that an independent 501C3 family-run organization IS A BUSINESS. Other grant sites have learned the hard way. By just giving a few hundred-thousand dollars of grant funds to a group of parents to develop an organization does not work out well unless there is sufficient planning and support to assure self-sufficiency, sustainability and financial stability.

SAMHSA requires each grant site to develop a community organization that is family directed (at least 51%). The community organization hires family members to run the family organization that is dedicated to supporting and making positive changes for SED children and their families. Roles of family-run organizations include outreach activities, family forums, support groups, information and referrals, newsletters, clearinghouse of education materials, workshops, parent education, advocacy support, input to local and state policy, quality assurance and evaluation, family leadership, training and technical assistance.

The focus of the Family Involvement Committee will be to develop a strategic plan for the development of a family-run organization. A key first step is to bring in families served through system of care wraparound and other grant-related services and activities to develop a shared vision for the family-run organization and to develop an organizational infrastructure.

Each grant site Project Manager was encouraged to help their local families develop partnerships within their local communities that will support this endeavor by assisting them to identify individuals who have business experience and can serve on their board of directors. Additionally, a greater community discussion and visioning needs to occur to define the local role and funding strategies for the family-run organization. Helene and Donna were very encouraged that the Parent Advocacy Coalition and the Teen Advocacy Coalition, developed thorough OCP, are doing an excellent job, so far. However, these initiatives need continued support and assistance before they can take the next step toward becoming an independent organization.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 5:00 pm PAC	2 10:00 am OCP Weekly Staff Meeting 12 noon Training Collaborative Mtg	3 3:00pm M.I.S.	4 5:00 pm TAC	5
6	7	8 5:00 pm PAC	9 10:00 am OCP Weekly Staff Meeting	10 10:00am Wraparound 3:00pm Cultural Comp.	11 5:00 pm TAC	12
13 11:00am Family Involvement	14	15 5:00 pm PAC	16 10:00 am OCP Weekly Staff Meeting	17 12 noon CQI/Evaluation Meeting	18 10:30am Social Marketing 5:00 pm TAC	19
20	21	22 9:00am Behavioral Health Task Force (potential)	23 10:00 am OCP Weekly Staff Meeting	24 12 noon SEDNET	25 5:00 pm TAC	26
27	28 4:00pm Governance Brd (potential)	29 5:00 pm PAC	30 10:00 am OCP Weekly Staff Meeting			

