

HillsboroughHATS
Steering Committee Call
October 16, 2012, 10–11am

On the call:

Joanne Angel, Julie Perez, Diane Straub, Kris Millrose, Joane White, Janet Hess, Marybeth Palmigiano.

PARTNER Survey:

Ms. Hess reviewed key findings from the PARTNER Survey. HillsboroughHATS had a high response rate and performed fairly well in most categories, particularly in the degree to which members trust one another. The survey was completed prior to the June meeting, so doesn't reflect additional community linkages that were generated at that meeting.

To review [Coalition Evaluation](http://www.floridahats.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/FLHATS-Coalition-Eval_9-12-12.pdf) results, visit www.floridahats.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/FLHATS-Coalition-Eval_9-12-12.pdf.

Direction for this fiscal year:

The group decided that it would be best to prioritize parent education, that is, encourage parents to begin transition planning early. Ideas to accomplish this are listed below.

1. Work through the school system:
 - Attend ESE Parent Advisory Committee meetings
 - Add transition preparation/planning information to the IEP meetings.
 - Contact Millie Bucy to help with parent education and to train teachers/support staff. It was suggested that we schedule a meeting with Joyce Whelan (ESE Director) to discuss any activities/changes we are requesting.
 - Distribute small card with short, simple messages and a link to the FloridaHATS website (e.g., 10 Steps card)
2. Ask each member organization – including new partners that attended the June meeting – to represent HillsboroughHATS at community events/meetings they attend by disseminating FloridaHATS materials. Members can contact Ms. Hess for material delivery, jhess@health.usf.edu.
3. Train parents/youth to educate their pediatrician about transition. For example, building off of the national “Ask Me 3” campaign, parents could ask the physician 3 questions specifically about transfer of care: 1) At what age should my child transfer to an adult provider? 2) Can you help us identify an appropriate adult provider? and 3) Can you help facilitate transfer of care by providing pertinent information to the adult provider?

Upcoming Events:

We need volunteers to staff these events:

FDLRS (Florida Diagnostic Learning and Resources System)

There will be two evening Transition Parent Information Sessions.

November 15th at All People's Life Center.

March 2013, details to follow.

Hillsborough County Resource Exchange -Thursday, December 6, 2012

For Service Providers Working with Children and Families

1235 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33612

Joane White will attend the Resource Exchange. Marybeth will complete the registration form and coordinate the materials delivery.

New Coalition Members:

- We had several new agencies/organizations attend the June meeting.
- Recent layoffs at Shiner's Hospital have left us without a Shriner's representative. Beth Demas, Director of Public Relations, had expressed some interest over the summer; however I have not been able to get in touch with her since.
- Dr. Judy Rosenberg referred a Family Nurse Practitioner student from the University of Tampa who would like to join the coalition. Tracey Menszycki is a pediatric RN with an interest transitional care; she expects to graduate in December. She is interested in spending some time in a clinic where transitional patients are seen, if you know of any opportunities please let Marybeth know and she will pass them on to Tracey.
- Judy Rosenberg also recommended Dr. Kalman Pila, a Family Practice MD. Does anyone know Dr. Pila?
- Laurie Woodard recommended a good friend of hers, Jean Aertker, who is very involved in the nursing community. Ms. Aertker is interested in helping us engage more with nurses and nurse practitioners.

If you'd like to recommend someone to join our coalition please forward their contact information to both Janet jhess@health.usf.edu and Marybeth Marybeth@psrflorida.org

Thank you!