

South Florida HATS Taskforce Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday April 1st 10AM-12PM

Children's Services Council of Broward
6600 West Commercial Boulevard, Tamarac, FL 33319

Present: Sharon Alexander, Unicorn Children's Foundation; Kristen Guskovict; Present via webinar: Lisa Friedman-Chavez, Project 10; Isabel Garcia, Parent to Parent; Janet Hess, USF; Damian Gregory, CCDH; Jill Brookner, Miami-Dade School District; Michelle Barone, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital; Karen Renzer, Family advisory Counsel of JDCH

- I. Introduction / conversation- What keeps people engaged in the HCT topic?
 - a. The need for linkages between providers and community
 - b. Challenges that schools face when the medical needs of youth are not addressed
 - c. Challenges that individuals face when their health care needs are not addressed
 - d. Need for new initiatives
 - i. Need to know about existing initiatives such as curriculum that exists
 - ii. Need for systems advocacy alongside of personal advocacy

- II. Review of Action Plan & Report back from Subcommittees
 - a. Subcommittee 1 / Goal 1: Increase Education to Adult Care Providers
 - i. Due to an urgent situation, Dr. Rosas-Olivares was unable to participate. An update to be provided via email.

 - b. Subcommittee 2 / Goal 2: Increase Education and Access to resources to create more advocates among families and community providers
 - i. The subcommittee proposed greater participation by the overall taskforce in this goal
 1. The group identified a need to market existing resources, perhaps through the use of focus groups
 2. Need to identify where and how to better market (what health fairs are taking place, what is CMS currently doing to promote hats)
 3. Look at Hillsborough HATS fact sheet to see how it can be tweaked to be used in South Florida.
 4. Encourage youth and families to work with their pediatrician for adult provider referral
 5. More involvement from Meds/ Peds specialists
 6. Media Campaign
 - a. Sharon (Unicorn Children's Foundation) proposed local news involvement

- b. Michelle (JDCH) had a family that might be interested in being highlighted in news story
- c. Damian (CCDH) offered suggestion that we have 3 families to allow news outlet to use their expertise about which one may be best fit
- d. Isabel (Parent to Parent) can find a third family

III. Announcements

- a. Next meeting- June or July?
- b. Jill, in partnership with 10 agencies was awarded Support Employment and Transition pilot project. More information to come

IV. Tasks to be completed

- a. Kristen will send out links to resources discussed
- b. Kristen will work with Janet to propose initial Media message and email out for taskforce input.

V. Adjournment

- a. A doodle will be sent in the next two weeks to determine a date for future meeting