

**OMHSAS Advisory Committee
May 14, 2009
Children's Committee
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<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Major Discussion Points/Decisions</u>	<u>Follow-up Needed and Person(s) Responsible</u>
Welcome and Introductions	Sallie Lynagh and Mary Ann Donovan, co-chairs, welcomed all to the meeting, and everyone introduced themselves.	
Approval of Meeting Outcomes	The meeting outcomes of March 11, 2009 were approved— (motion by Jodi Wilson seconded by Lisa Fox). The date of the next meeting should have been listed as May 14, not May 7.	
Youth Advisory Subcommittee Update	<p>Mike Reber reported on current activities: doing research to expand the billable service age range for certified peer specialist (14-18 year olds); working with YouthMove; preparing a memo of understanding between the youth subcommittee and OMHSAS staff, with joint expectations, tangible products and outcomes. Youth are participating in the advisory committee workgroups. The subcommittee now has full membership.</p> <p>Mike also reported on the Youth Leadership Summit: 23 counties were represented, and 104 people registered (including youth and providers). Plans are developing to do training on youth-centered advocacy and systems. There will be a written report of the summit with outcomes. A survey has been distributed to determine resources for youth leaders; it is currently accessible on Youth Outreach Union's web site at www.youthoutreachunion.com.</p> <p>Ross Szabo, a Pennsylvania native, was the keynote speaker on second day of the summit and was very well-received. (For more information about him and his organization, check www.nostigma.org and www.behindhappyfaces.com).</p>	

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<p>Elections/Member Spotlight</p>	<p>The three nominees for co-chair introduced themselves. Bernadette Bianchi, director of the PA Council for Children, Youth and Family Services; Dianna Broschious, primarily parent and grandparent, and also director of Pennsylvania Families Incorporated; Wendy Luckenbill, long-time parent and advocate.</p> <p>Bernadette Bianchi was elected as co-chair to replace Sallie Lynagh.</p>	
<p>Workgroup meeting reports</p>	<p>The three committee workgroups met separately and then reported to the whole group.</p> <p>Cross-Systems: Sandy Goetze reported. Gloria McDonald is co-chair. The group established a mission statement: To support increased awareness, understanding and communication across PA's child-serving systems at local, county and statewide levels. Systems involved include juvenile justice, child welfare, behavioral health, education, developmental programs, physical health, psychiatry, early intervention, Medical Assistance, autism. Discussion focused on how to integrate the systems: knowing the points of contact, using directories and online newsletters, using user-friendly language, promoting awareness and communicating. The workgroup will identify concrete tasks and proposed outcomes.</p> <p>Public health: Stan Mrozowski reported. Mission statement: To identify a framework for implementing mental health promotion efforts for children and families. The focus is on ALL children, and helping people to understand child development and the meaning of mental health and wellness (away from a focus on mental <i>illness</i>). The challenge is to clarify the message, collect what else is being done (e.g., SAMHSA), find ways to work with others to get the message out, and find resources to support our efforts.</p>	

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	<p>Family and youth advocacy at county level: Mary Ann Donovan reported. The group does not have a mission statement yet. The workgroup is checking the status of information on the "network of care" web site and plans to develop a survey for counties to find out what advocacy is available, paid or not, including youth advocacy. Wendy Luckenbill offered to make available the list of advocates paid that she is aware of to the group as a starting point. The survey will still go out to those counties to confirm current positions. The group also wants to increase training for advocates and may work with the Youth and Family Training Institute, and will gather job descriptions for advocacy. Liz Starks will co-chair with Mary Ann.</p>	
<p>OMHSAS Updates</p>	<p>A new data report was distributed, with expenditures for children's services in 2007-2007 and 2007-2008. Admittedly, the data is not very helpful, but we're trying!</p> <p>Children's services retreat, April 28-29, 2009: A report was distributed. OMHSAS is working on a process parallel to the adult "Call for Change" initiative. Concerns were expressed about policies and regulations not being enforced, so whatever is done needs to follow policies and family members need to be informed of what is in the policies and regulations. Commitment was made to keep family members involved and informed at the front end.</p> <p>Youth and Family Training Institute: 113 children and families are being served; five counties have staff at last stages of being certified; anecdotal information is very positive. Beaver, Northumberland and Lehigh Counties will start training soon.</p> <p>Family involvement bulletin: Following final comments from the advisory committee (due to OMHSAS by Monday, May 18), the bulletin will be sent out as final.</p>	

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Presentation by Dr. Guy Diamond	<p>Dr. Guy Diamond from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia presented on the Youth Risk Assessment and the Consumer Medical Checklist: "Can and Should Primary Care Participate in Screening Children and Adolescents for Mental Health Problems?"</p> <p>Right now, the focus is on implementation of primary care screening through the Garrett Lee Smith grant in Lackawanna, Luzerne and Schuylkill Counties.</p>	
Expression of thanks	Mary Ann Donovan presented a plant and certificate of appreciation to Sallie Lynagh, outgoing co-chair.	
Next meeting	September 3, 2009 (no July meeting)	