



**In Attendance:**

Margie Gutierrez-Padilla	ACBHCS
Julie Kurtz	Chair, Kidango
LinLin Li	HTA Consulting
Carol Singer	JFCS
Karen Flores	Kidango
Grace Manning-Orenstein	TLC

**Planning Council Staff:** Ellen Dektar

**I. Announcements**

Margie announced the new \$7 million plus dollars in SAMHSA funding and distributed a brief informational sheet about the grant which was awarded on September 21st. It supports building the infrastructure to develop a continuum of care for young children with mental health needs. It will be a very family driven model that is attuned to culture, race, and class. There are two other “Systems of Care” models. ABC is in Los Angeles, and the other one is in Allegheny Pennsylvania. She will be the new Director of the initiative and someone new will be hired to fill her current position. One unfortunate consequence of the grant was that the \$217,000 “PE&I” funds that currently support mental health consultants was used for the local match so those funds will not be able to support mental health consultation in the short term. There will be a national and local evaluation. Additionally, Margie will have to step down from many of her other involvements involving this Committee.

Julie announced that she would no longer be participating in the Committee. It’s possible she can rejoin the Committee in a year. It will have to find a new chair and the membership might be low since Margie would no longer be involved. The work could continue through Karen Flores’ work on her PhD on consultation, and through the Policy Committee.

Carol and Margie expressed concern about losing the momentum with mental health consultation if the Committee were to be disbanded.

Lin Lin announced that the Committee should clarify whether it wants to secure funding for research or evaluation of mental health consultation. The Committee responded that they want to research and market the programs, including specific questions that were identified on the last meeting minutes.

Ellen announced that the Executive Committee of the Child Care Planning Council is discussing consolidating some of the ten Committees due to desire to better integrate the work and less staff availability. It’s interesting timing in light of today’s discussion regarding the Committee’s future. No decisions have been made regarding the future of ECMH.

Later in the meeting Grace announced her training series for administrators called “Sorting Out the Personal from the Professional.”

**II. Logic Model**



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This item was not discussed.

**III. Research on Mental Health Consultation**

There is a possibility that Karen Flores with Kidango will pursue research on mental health consultation as part of her PhD work. To keep the work dynamic and high profile, she could report on progress to the Child Care Planning Council and the Policy Committee. If the Mental Health systems committee were disbanded, individuals could still meet to discuss issues. Grace Orenstein and Amy Clough would still represent these issues with the Child Care Planning Council.

**IV. Set Next Month's Agenda and Adjourn**

At the next meeting on Wednesday, December 9 from 2-3:30, the Committee will hear from Karen regarding whether or not she will address early childhood mental health consultation in her PhD dissertation, Lin Lin will report back on any relevant evaluation grant resources identified by Hatchwell-Tabernak, and the Committee will decide whether to recommend sunsetting or otherwise restructuring the Committee.

Next Meeting:

Wed. December 9, 2009

2:00 – 3:30pm