

**System of Care St. Louis Region Council -- Project LAUNCH Steering Committee**

**Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 3, 2020 10 a.m; Virtual GoToMeeting**

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Synopsis of Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Responsible Person</b>
<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Minutes from February Meeting</b></p>	<p>Co-Chair Al Eason called the meeting to order at 10am and welcomed all in attendance. 47 people from 30 organizations were in attendance.</p> <p>Serena Muhammad gave opening remarks on the civil unrest following the death of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis. She asked Council members to honor the dignity of black lives and listen to what the activists are demanding. She referred members to the Week of Action platform announced by the Movement for Black Lives.</p> <p>Serena instructed members on how to use the chat box to sign in with their name and organization for attendance and invited them to answer the following two questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) What can your organization/institution do to respond to the demands of our national and local activist communities such as trauma-informed mental health care and anti-racism/racial equity work?</li> <li>(2) What are your agency's needs related to COVID - training, technology, or PPE?</li> </ul> <p>Angela Brown, Co-Chair called for a vote to approve the February minutes. Any additions or corrections should be emailed to Mary Ann Merz. A motion was made and seconded to approve the February minutes. A voice vote was called, and the minutes were approved.</p>	

<p><b>SOC Project Staff and Updates</b></p>	<p>Angela introduced Mary Ann Merz, project director of the System of Care Expansion project for 2019-2023. Mary Ann presented a project map that illustrated the structure and process of the project. She gave an overview of the goals, referral sources, population of focus, and network of practice. She then described the process for outreach, screening, and referral.</p> <p>Ernest Gauss introduced Jawana Hammonds, Director of Family Support Services, who in turn introduced the Family Support Partners: Mia Dougherty, Connie Rigas, LaShawn Colquitt, and Ronald York. The FSPs are a strong team with deep commitment to the community and an eagerness to begin serving families. They will complete the training for FSP certification on June 11<sup>th</sup>. LaShawn and Ronald will serve SOC families and Mia and Connie will serve BJC families. The SOC-FSP services are subcontracted through Vision for Children at Risk.</p> <p>Angela welcomed the new staff and congratulated them on their progress. She honored Rene Murph for her years of advocacy that led to the SOC having a team of Family Support Partners.</p>	<p><b>SOC Project Map is included in meeting recap link on the SOC website.</b></p>
<p><b>Parent Engagement</b></p>	<p>Sanaria Sulaiman described the SOC Expansion Parent and Youth Advisory Council Engagement Packet. The packet describes the member roles and responsibilities as well as the structure of the Parent Advisory Council, in relation to other VCR Parent Advisory Councils and the SOC Council. The SOC-PAC is open to all parents and caregivers who have a child with a severe emotional, mental, and/or behavioral challenges. An application is included in the packet.</p>	<p><b>The Engagement Packet is included in the meeting recap link on SOC website.</b></p>
<p><b>Youth Engagement</b></p>	<p>Ontorio (Tory) Drayton of BHN described the youth group that is forming from the MO-TAY-LER, SOC, and PACT-STL projects. Stay tuned for recruiting materials (flyers and videos) and application forms. Tory is seeking youth ages 16-25 with lived experience, and/or advocates.</p>	<p><b>The Youth Engagement slides are included in the meeting recap link on the SOC website.</b></p>

<p><b>Project LAUNCH Updates</b></p>	<p>Sanaria Sulaiman and Nathan Ivy (project director) reported that parent cafes will resume in a virtual meeting format. Two cafes each month, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) training will be offered on June 18<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<p>Serena Muhammad shared a call for community volunteers to review proposals for how <b>CARES Act</b> dollars will be distributed in St. Louis. Professionals or others with experience reviewing grant proposals are needed to serve as team leaders for the community members who are reviewing the proposals.</p>	
	<p>Maggie Biscan is recruiting youth for the <b>Boys Hope Girls Hope</b> program in Richmond Heights. Boys Hope Girls Hope is a full scholarship opportunity for children ages 10-18 to live on our campus and visit home regularly. They receive mentoring, tutoring, access to private school and support to and through college or post-secondary ed. See attached brochure.  <a href="https://boyshopegirlshopestl.org/">https://boyshopegirlshopestl.org/</a></p> <p>Christina Brimm is a social worker in the <b>Education Justice</b> program at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. She invited Council members to send clients her way directly. She is also happy to meet with agency staff and provide support and/or do presentations with our staff attorney(s) on legal issues or give an overview of our services as needed. Christina can be reached at 314-256-8791 or <a href="mailto:crbrimm@lsem.org">crbrimm@lsem.org</a> . See attached Pandemic EBT documents and other COVID-19 related resources.</p>	<p><b>The recruitment brochure is included in the meeting recap link on the SOC website.</b></p> <p><b>The Legal Services resources are included in the meeting recap link on the SOC website.</b></p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting adjourned 11:00 AM.</b></p>	<p><b>Next Meeting: August 5, 2020, 10am. Virtual GoToMeeting</b></p>

