



SOC Council - Project LAUNCH | Meeting Minutes | December 2, 2020

Agenda	Synopsis of Discussion	Action – Responsible Person
Welcome	SOC Co-Chair, Angela Brown welcomed 52 people from 30 organizations to the combined meeting of the SOC Council and the Project LAUNCH Steering Committee.	
Approval of Minutes	Ben Berkemper moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.	
Project LAUNCH	<p>Partnership Challenge Discussion:</p> <p>Nathan Ivy led a discussion about the status of Saint Louis Public Schools (SLPS), as a Project LAUNCH (PL) partner. He reported that Project LAUNCH has been tenacious in trying to forge collaborative initiative with SLPS since November 2019. However, to date, there has been very little movement towards actualizing the goals and objectives of SLPS collaboration with PL.</p> <p>PL has aimed to establish connections with SLPS Administrators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To integrate systemic programs related to connecting with elementary schools with VCR resources * Establish groundwork and training for staff in the parent café models. * Provide ongoing technical assistance to faculty and staff. <p>However due to the challenges associated with COVID-19 and PL not being a priority, SLPS has not been attentive to this initiative. Which puts Project Launch behind timeline for the implementation of services. Efforts used to mitigate this problem include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Various calls & email communications * Various zoom meetings with SLPS administrators <p>Nathan posed the question to the Council whether PL should continue to pursue a partnership with SLPS and/or begin discussions with one of the Charter schools in the area. He also provided the most recent enrollment numbers for both:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The enrollment for SLPS was 8,886 children for pk-grade 3. • The enrollment for charter schools operating in the city was 4,652 children for pk-grade 3. 	<p>Feedback landed on to continuing discussions with SLPS but also start engaging in a discussion with Charter Schools.</p>

	<p>Parent Café Highlights: Project LAUNCH continues to host monthly Parent Cafés, on the 4th Tuesdays, from 2:00-3:30 pm. Project LAUNCH also hosts Dad’s Cafés, every 3rd Saturday of the month, from 10:00 – 11:30 am. The Cafés have caught the attention of Fathers who have kids in the Neonatal Unit at St. Louis Children’s Hospital too!</p>	
SOC Council	<p>Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Jawana Hammonds reported on the Parent Advisory Council Orientation held virtually on Nov. 19th. The System of Care PAC is open for new members. Interested parents and caregivers can email Jawana for further information. The first SOC PAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1/21/2021 at 10am.</p> <p>Leadership in Family and Professional Partnerships. Barb Scheidegger of Missouri Families 4 Families reported on the first webinar of the multistate, 6-month learning collaborative. The goal is to build transformative relationships between family and professionals to improve the System of Care. The Missouri team includes Barb, Rene Murph, Pam Price, Shannon Smith, Felicia Johnson, and Mary Ann Merz. The other states in the collaborative include Alabama, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Washington State.</p>	<p>Refer parents/caregivers interested in the SOC-PAC to Jawana Hammonds jhammonds@visionforchildren.org</p>
CLAS Training	<p>Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Training Dr. Vetta Thompson presented on the national standards and answered questions. The slides for her presentation are available on the SOC website.</p>	
Closing Remarks	<p>Sanaria Sulaiman thanked Dr. Thompson and the members for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.</p>	<p>Next Meeting is Feb. 3, 2021 The link to the virtual meeting will be sent with the agenda.</p>

