

**Coordinated System of Care  
Statewide Governance Board Meeting  
July 24, 2014  
Bienville Building, Room 173, 627 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order by Suzy Sonnier.**

**Roll Call**

**Board members present:**

Kathy Edmonston  
Dr. Mary Livers  
Courtney Phillips  
Sherri Rich  
Suzy Sonnier  
Mark Thomas

**Board members absent:**

Frank Opelka  
Michael Comeaux

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of the previous meeting's minutes were deferred as a quorum was not present, thus minutes from the last two meetings were reviewed for approval at this meeting. Suzy Sonnier noted a grammatical error on page two, first paragraph of the minutes from October 24, 2013. Sherri Rich noted the misspelling of her name under "Board members present" on the minutes from October 24, 2013. With notations documented, Suzy Sonnier motioned to have the amended minutes from the October 24, 2013 meeting and also the minutes from the March 26, 2014 meeting approved. Sherri Rich moved to approve the minutes from the last two meetings. Mark Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Elections:**

Connie Goodson introduced Ms. Annette Gaudet as the proposed Parent/Family Representative, to fill the seat being vacated by Ms. Sherri Rich. Suzy Sonnier motioned that Ms. Annette Gaudet be elected as the Parent/Family Representative to the CSoc Governance Board. A motion was made by Sherri Rich. Dr. Mary Livers seconded. A vote was taken with Kathy Edmonston, Dr. Mary Livers, Courtney Phillips, Sherri Rich, Suzy Sonnier, and Mark Thomas voting "yes." There were no votes in opposition and the motion passed unanimously.

Connie reported that Suzy Sonnier has agreed to continue as the Chair of the Governance Board. A vote was held for Suzy Sonnier to continue as the Chairperson of the Governance Board. A motion was made by Dr. Mary Livers. Kathy Edmonston seconded. A vote was taken with Kathy Edmonston, Dr. Mary Livers, Courtney Phillips, Sherri Rich, Suzy Sonnier, and Mark Thomas voting "yes." There were no votes in opposition and the motion passed unanimously.

In addition, Connie informed the Board that Mark Thomas has agreed to continue as Vice Chair and Advocate representative of the Governance Board. A motion was made by Dr. Mary Livers. Kathy Edmonston seconded. A vote was taken with Kathy Edmonston, Dr. Mary Livers, Courtney Phillips, Sherri Rich, Suzy Sonnier, and Mark Thomas voting “yes.” There were no votes in opposition and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Director’s Report**

Suzy Sonnier reported that Connie Goodson will begin to send out the Director’s Report the day before the Statewide Governance Board convenes, in order for board members to have time to review the report prior to the meeting. In addition, Secretary Sonnier stated that should board members have questions about the content of the Director’s Report they could email those questions to Connie Goodson, who will address these concerns either via e-mail or during the next Governance Board meeting.

Connie Goodson presented the below highlights from the CSoc Director’s Report. The full report can be found at:

<http://www.csoc.la.gov/assets/csoc/Documents/GovernanceBoard/2014July/2014JulyCSocGvBdDirectorsReport.pdf>.

- Enrollment in CSoc continues to increase, with a total number of youth enrolled is at 1128.
- All four non-implementing regions have made their Wraparound Agency selection, with each choosing an agency that is currently providing Wraparound in Louisiana.
- After receiving a formal request for information from CMS, OBH and Medicaid are working to respond to this request by the end of July.
- There continues to be an increase in utilization of Home and Community Based Services for CSoc youth.
- Multi-agency Barriers/Unmet Needs group will be rolling out the Barriers/Unmet Needs process, including collecting, categorizing and addressing barriers and unmet needs in all Regions by August 1, 2014.

After presenting the CSoc Director’s report, the board had several questions regarding the CANS report. Connie Goodson reported that the state has worked with Magellan to adapt the algorithm applied to CANS scores to more appropriately classify CSoc enrollees and their level of need. This was done after careful review of data that indicated that more children had higher levels of need than the CANS data was originally reflecting. The board asked for further information on the CANS and youth outcomes. Connie Goodson stated that she would invite Magellan representatives to the next Governance Board meeting in October to discuss the CANS and also to outline better ways to use the CANS data to reflect improvements in functioning for CSoc enrollees. The board was in agreement with this. In addition, the board asked to have a Magellan representative present to discuss provider network development, in particular challenges and strategies to building a more robust crisis stabilization and respite provider base.

Courtney Phillips moved to accept the Director’s Report. Annette Gaudet seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **CSoc Finance and Audit Committee**

Connie Goodson explained that although several attempts have been made, this committee was not able to meet this quarter.

**Quality Assurance Committee (QAC):**

Connie Goodson presented the QAC report on behalf of that committee's chair, Michael Comeaux. Connie reported that the QAC continues to meet on a monthly basis to discuss the 17 quality indicators and four priority areas. She further reported that a School workgroup has been implemented and is meeting regularly. Connie stated that the School workgroup members are currently working on a proper definition of alternative school placement.

**New Business**

**By-laws Amendment:**

Connie explained to the board that per Governance Board process, a change in the by-laws must be introduced in one meeting and voted on in the next. The amendment being proposed is to change the meeting times for the CSoc Finance and Audit Committee from quarterly meetings to an 'as needed basis'. Connie stated that at this time, CSoc financing has been solidified and the focus has been on the MOU, which has been signed off by all the state agencies. There is no current need for the committee to meet quarterly. The committee wishes to be in compliance with the by-laws, therefore on behalf of the committee, Connie proposed that the language in Section 2D of the CSoc bylaws be modified from 'shall meet quarterly' to 'shall meet as needed'. The board agreed to take up this vote at the next CSoc Governance Board meeting on October 23, 2014.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business for this quarter.

**Action Items**

Connie Goodson announced the meeting schedule for the next year as follows, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, January 22, 2015, April 23, 2015; each date falling on the fourth Thursday of the month. Kathy Edmonston moved to accept the meeting schedule for the next year. Annette Gaudet seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Sherri Rich shared with the committee that NAMI offers a six week basics course for parents, which focuses on collaborative problem solving.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Mary Livers moved to adjourn the meeting. Courtney Phillips seconded. The motion passed unanimously.