

**ACCESS Initiative**  
*Coordinating Council Minutes*  
July 27, 2010

*Call to order 5:44pm*

***In Attendance***

Mark Aber	Nicole Allen	Andre Arrington	Leon Bryson	Anthony Cobb
Dr. Harold Davis	Sandra Duckworth	Sonya Lynch	Hope Malik	Mary Martin
Eloris Nash	Melissa Neely	Mary Vita Rosmarino	Julia Rietz	Ladine Shelby
Bro. El-Jamal	Rolanda Bell	Iesha Johnson	Tracy Parsons	Jonte Rollins
Adrienne Spires	Shandra Summerville	Julia Ball	Juli Kartel	Tressa Porter
Peter Tracy	Karen Crawford-Simms			

**I. Welcome**

As a group and community we have a wide variety of ideas on how the system of care and Coordinating Council will function. Project Director, Tracy Parsons, proposed that everyone take a step back to work out how the system will be constructed.

**II. Mission Statement**

The Mission Statement was read and reviewed. This statement will need to be condensed in the near future.

**III. What does SOC/ACCESS mean to You?**

Those in attendance introduced themselves, described their roles in the community and explained what they knew about Systems of Care and the Access Initiative. Sample descriptions of Systems of Care and the Access Initiative:

- Youth-guided and family driven. Youth will decide how to address problems they are facing. Access is coming together to map out a plan to help agencies.
- A different way of doing business, breaking down barriers, and to have money follow the children versus children following funding availability.
- Making sure parents have a say in the service decisions for children.
- To inform youth and who can help them.
- Access is a vehicle that drives the System of Care and the System of care is a collaboration of agencies that will improve the lives of families.
- A support group for youth and parents in way that will benefit them as individuals and families.
- Bringing a group of community agencies together to assist the families who are in trouble.
- Engaging county agencies to come together and put parents/youth in the driver's seat. It's not another program, it's a new philosophy. It's not business as usual.

## **What does SOC/ACCESS mean to You? (continued)**

- A program designed to assist people who are overly represented in the juvenile detention system. System of Care is the wraparound program on testosterone.
- SOC is a national movement to reform the idea of how community builds inner strength to capture the power and learn stability to work well.
- SOC will bring a new level of communication between the community and service providers.
- Access means communication, education and integration of services.
- Still learning the systems. Focused on youth ages 12-18 years old.

### **IV. Administrative Team**

The Access Initiative team introduced themselves and gave short descriptions of their roles. Those not present included co-Principle Investigators, Tonya Anderson and Constance Williams based in Chicago, IL, along with Shawn Lampkins, Youth Engagement Specialist.

### **V. Presentation of Logic Model**

Evaluator, Nicole Allen and Technical Assistant, Karen Simms, presented on the logic model and explained that the evaluation process will have a national component mandated by SAMSHA. Power point handouts were distributed.

### **VI. Upcoming Trainings/ Meetings**

TA, Karen Simms, distributed availability sheets to coordinate best meeting times for future trainings/ meetings. Immediate trainings/meetings are:

Access 101 Orientation	August 6 <sup>th</sup>
Access ALL	August 10 <sup>th</sup>
Access 101/202 Orientations	August 27 <sup>th</sup>

### **VII. Questions/Comments**

Q: Is there anything addressing economics in our plan? How will Access raise money for the project in order to achieve sustainability?

A: Access is cooperating with Constance Williams, Co- Principal Investigator in Chicago, to target state funding.

### **VIII. Closing Remarks**

Staff hope to report on the community retreat and Georgetown institute at the following CC meeting.

*Meeting Adjourned 7:15pm*