

**OMHSAS Advisory Committees  
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<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Major Discussion Points/Decisions</u>	<u>Follow-up Needed and Person(s) Responsible</u>
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Co-chair Deb Neifert welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves.	
<b>Approval of Meeting Outcomes</b>	The meeting Outcomes from March 6, 2008, were approved (motion to approve by Myrna Delgado and second by Karen Garrison). It was noted that the Survey Monkey was not sent out as suggested in the Outcomes, but this will be done.	Redistribute survey—OMHSAS.
<b>Member Spotlight</b>	This meeting the spotlight was on Karen Garrison. When she began seeking appropriate services for her son, she joined support groups, became an advocate and member of planning council and advisory committee, and chaired both the former CASSP Advisory Committee and the Minority Initiatives Subcommittee for awhile. She has worked for CBH in Philadelphia in consumer and family satisfaction, and since December 2007 works for the Philadelphia Department of Human Services in consumer and family satisfaction.	
<b>OMHSAS Updates</b>	<p>Stan Mrozowski, Director of the Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health Services, reported.</p> <p><b>Youth and Family Training Institute:</b> Recruitment for the advisory council continues. Six counties have been chosen to be early implementers of high fidelity wraparound (Allegheny, Chester, Erie, Fayette, Lehigh, and Montgomery; see handout, "Youth and Family Training Institute: Early Implementer Counties Overview"). Initial training begins next week.</p> <p>It was noted that the Youth and Family Training Institute needs to become integrated into the larger world of children's behavioral health. A motion that a member of this Children's Advisory Committee be a member of the YFTI advisory committee (a designated seat) was approved unanimously (motion to approve by Wendy Luckenbill, seconded by Jazmin Banks).</p>	

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	<p>In response to a question about why children with autism are not included in the target population for high fidelity wraparound, it was noted that it has never been researched with children with autism, plus the Bureau of Autism Services has its own approach to serving children with autism.</p> <p><b>Continuum of Care: OMHSAS and OCYF Coordination (re: Residential Treatment Facilities):</b> OMHSAS Deputy Secretary Joan Erney presented (see handout, “Continuum of Care—OMHSAS and OCYF Coordination”). She noted that most youth who are currently placed out of state have been failed by the behavioral health system; minorities and young men are over-represented. We have been told they are out of state because of a lack of capacity in Pennsylvania, but there is really no reason why most of them couldn’t be served here. Also, Pennsylvania has the highest number of RTF beds in the country.</p> <p>Reference was made to the “white paper” from Mercer Consulting that was previously sent out via the OMHSAS Advisory Committees listservs (“Strategies for Promoting Recovery and Resilience and Implementing Evidence-Based Practice,” October 2006).</p>	
<p><b>Youth Subcommittee Report</b></p>	<p>Dan Delucey reported, noting the development of a membership protocol for the subcommittee. Enough applications have been received to fill all the slots, while some mentors are still needed. Suggested priorities for the subcommittee are: transition-age youth housing, advocacy groups for RTFs, advocacy groups for sexual abuse, and transition-age peer specialists.</p> <p>The Youth Subcommittee has also developed a vision statement: “To improve services and coordinate community and natural supports for youth who are going through the transition from child to adult.”</p> <p>A suggestion was made to have a youth representative on the School-Based Behavioral Health Services Workgroup.</p>	
<p><b>Workgroup Reports</b></p>	<p><b>School-based Behavioral Health:</b> Wendy Luckenbill reported on the development of a white paper, “Ensuring/Building Wellness and Resiliency in Pennsylvania’s Public Schools” (see handouts, “Ensuring Wellness and</p>	<p>Distribute handouts—Wendy Luckenbill and OMHSAS.</p>

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<p><b>Workgroup Reports (continued)</b></p>	<p>Resiliency in Pennsylvania's Public Schools"—PowerPoint presentation and summary Word document). Comments and feedback are invited. The white paper will be presented to the Secretaries of the Departments of Education and Public Welfare. Advisory Committee members were invited to join the workgroup to help write the paper.</p> <p>The paper will recommend the following: "The Children's Advisory Committee recommends a statewide commitment to the resiliency and wellness of every child in the Commonwealth, through the adoption across Pennsylvania's schools of the research-based approach known internationally as Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS)." It was also suggested that goals should be quantified; for example, by a certain year and certain percentage of schools should be using PBS. So far 25 schools have received funding to initiate PBS.</p> <p><b>Individualized Planning:</b> Shelley Dorfi reported that the workgroup had met by conference call and decided to continue. She invited others to join the workgroup as they change their focus to implementing action steps. She also noted that participation in the workgroup increases when meetings are held in conjunction with Advisory Committee meetings, and asked that the Executive Committee consider the time frame of the joint advisory session to allow time for all workgroups to meet.</p>	<p>Distribute action steps—Shelley Dorfi.</p> <p>Consider including time at Advisory Committees meetings for workgroups to meet—Executive Committee.</p>
<p><b>Election of Co-Chair</b></p>	<p>Mary Ann Donovan was nominated as the new Co-Chair to replace Deb Neifert. A motion to approve Mary Ann's election by acclamation was approved unanimously (motion by Deb Neifert).</p> <p>The committee applauded Deb for her service as Co-Chair, and Sallie Lynagh presented her with a certificate.</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next OMHSAS Advisory Committees meetings will be held Thursday, July 10, 2008, at the Four Points Sheraton, Harrisburg.</p>	