



**Statewide Collaboration Team Meeting**  
**April 22, 2004**  
**1:30-4:00 pm**  
**Family Support Network of North Carolina Conference Room**

**Minutes**

Present: Shalisa Baker, Stacy Doosing, Chris Gray, Kim House, Kathryn Kramer, Chris Lee, Jodi Martin, Angela McCants, Terri Myers, Julia Russert, Marlyn Wells, Cindy Wheeler, Daniel Willey, Irene Nathan Zipper

Sally Sloop opened the meeting at 1:30 and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Irene Nathan Zipper and Kathryn gave the Collaborative Team a summary of the presentation they made in Washington, D.C. Irene outlined what was learned in Washington about the upcoming RFP, which will probably warrant a narrower yet deeper focus on serving specific geographic areas and specific domains of family support. The "One-Stop" would ideally become the epicenter of family support where a family would only need to fill out a single form to determine eligibility for all of the various programs available. There was discussion on the difficulties and benefits of putting together a 'One-Stop' center. One problem that was presented was the difficulty in having one agency determining the eligibility of a family for another agency. There was consensus that there is much work to be done for such a model. Irene mentioned that 31 states were represented at the meeting in Washington. No information was provided about how many programs would be funded in the future, or how much funding each program might receive.

Irene put forth the idea of pulling together the family support groups in the state regardless of future funding, and mentioned that it would be beneficial if there were some sort of council that could work together on the various issues of support in the future. Several attendees suggested that the "Family Support Council" be inclusive in order to address the needs of as many families as possible. More information will be gathered about a group working to pull together programs for children. Cumberland County has developed a Case Management database, which could be helpful as new ideas for the "One-Stop" are developed. Cindy Wheeler will gather information about that.

**Information Sharing on what teams have accomplished:**

Cindy said the policies and procedures are being analyzed and they are waiting for instruction before proceeding.

Shalisa Baker reported on activities in Eastern North Carolina. Policies and procedures were being gathered by Sherry Franklin. The Outreach committee is considering how best to inform families about the project. They are making presentations at local churches and providing information to DSS, Mental Health, and Health Department offices. Irene mentioned that there are FSN and Strengthening Families publicity materials that they can make available.

Sally passed out a handout entitled "Timeline for Implementation of the One Stop for Family Support: The Central Directory of Resources in Eastern NC".

Chris Lee presented the interface for data entry to the "One-Stop for Family Support". The interface allows an agency to see if they are in the Central Directory of Resources and to update their information. This will be online very shortly.

Sally provided dates for upcoming meetings:

Thurs. June 17<sup>th</sup>

July conference call - TBD

Thurs. Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

The meeting concluded at 3:35 pm.