



Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee
9/3/08 4pm-5:30pm
Caritas Mental Health Clinic

Members present: Mary Jo Verschay, Eric Phillips, Kris Halonen, Mary Jackson, Mary Christen Czech, Mayuli Bales, Sara Dahlquist, Tim Lieser, Allison Hendrickson, Les Green, Abdirahman Ahmed, Terry Peterson, Tara Freed, Chris Schmid

- What's the role of the "Angry voice" in STARS?
 - You can be angry about something but you need to be encouraged to use the anger in a positive way
 - Approach is important
- Mary Jo has two books that can be borrowed: The measure of a man by Sidney Poitier and Ask me again Tomorrow by Olympia Dukakis.

Town hall meeting 9/30/08 - The purpose of this event is to allow African American professionals the opportunity to engage in dialogue about how the children's mental health system could more effectively serve children of color. This is not a training session – it is a one-of-kind event that will provide professionals and STARS representatives a model of change that will help them better serve African American families in the children's mental health system.

- LaRone --the event is an Extreme Bowling alley
- Ronald Bell is the event facilitator —will keep group on task
- Breakout/Table hosts: Eric Mahmoud - Schools
 - Brownell Mack III, Psy.D., L.P. – Practice Improvement
 - Shane Price – Youth Leadership
 - Atum Azzahir – Parent Involvement
 - Lester Collins – Communications & Training
- Who ever is coming should bring business cards to share
- Room can hold 60 people
- Need to RSVP attendees
- Went over agenda:

Agenda:

8:30 – 9am	Registration
9am – 9:15am	Keynote – Ronald Bell
9:15am – 10:45am	Breakout groups – Brainstorming: STARS representatives will observe and listen while African American professionals engage in a dialogue on topics relating to effectively serving children of color in the children's mental health system. Each table will have its own focus: (Schools, Practice Improvement, Youth Leadership, Parent Involvement, Communications/Training).
10:45am – 12pm	Breakout groups – Presentation: The Table Hosts will review the table/topic conversation and present a summary of their

brainstorming session to everyone. The African American professionals are invited to make comments or suggestions on/about these reviews.

12pm – 1:15pm

Luncheon

1:15 – 2:15pm

STARS Feedback Session: STARS representatives will be given the opportunity to review our understanding of the conversations and a chance to ask any additional questions that may have arisen due to the recent conversations.

2:15 – 3:15pm

Total Group Interactions

3:15 – 3:45pm

Next Steps

3:45 – 4pm

Wrap-up

- Terry—Speakers are providers-Professionals invited /STARS staff are not service providers. Is this the audience we want?
 - Discussion on who should attend; case managers? County liaisons?
- Stars Staff will be “mice in the corner” concept and will get feedback to “the system”
 - Discussed the importance of participants knowing what their role is in the process
- Discussed increasing # of attendees to 70
- Discussion regarding coming up with an evaluation to get feedback from participants
- Not a training session on African Americans but more how to create a model to learn from
- Tara and Sara’s questions reviewed and there will not be any changes to them.