

**Promising Practices in Serving Children  
with Complex Behavioral Health Needs and Their Families:  
System of Care in Texas**

Tuesday Oct. 19, 2010

9:00AM-3:00 PM

Capitol Auditorium

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**Welcoming Remarks**

- Luanne Southern, Deputy Commissioner, Texas Department of State Health Services

**National Promising Practices with System of Care**

- Dr. Gary Blau, Clinical Psychologist; Chief of the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch of the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

**Texas Public Mental Health System's Vision for Children's Mental Health**

- Mike Maples, Assistant Commissioner for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Texas Department of State Health Services

**Youth and Family's Perspective Within a System of Care Approach**

- Geneva Martinez, Parent, Travis County Systems of Care Initiatives, Austin
- Taren Bates, Youth, Harris County Systems of Hope, Houston
- Beth Hoffman, Youth, Rural Children's Initiative

**Community Promising Practices in Implementing a System of Care**

- The Children's Partnership, Travis County – Jim Lehrman, Director, Travis County Health and Human Services & Veteran Services, Austin, Texas
- Border Children's Mental Health Collaborative, El Paso – Rita Ruelas, Project Director, El Paso, Texas
- Systems of Hope, Harris County - Ms. Rebecca Johansson, Systems of Hope Governing Board-Chair, Houston, Texas
- Hand in Hand/Community Solutions, Tarrant and Surrounding Counties - Sean Allen, Project Director, Hand in Hand, Fort Worth, Texas
- Rural Children's Initiative, West Texas - Kay Brotherton, Project Director, Rural Children's Initiative, Plainview, Texas

**LUNCH BREAK (12:30-1:30)**

**Question & Answer Session**

- Panel of Morning Presenters

**Identifying Next Steps – Strengthening System of Care in Texas**

- Panel and Audience Participation

**Closing Remarks**

- Luanne Southern and Dr. Gary Blau