NEIGHBORHOOD RECOVERY INTIATIVE
SBC Steering Committee Meeting
January 19, 2012
1:00-2:30
Voices for Illinois Children
208 S. LaSalle, Suite 1490
Chicago, IL
Meeting Minutes

I.Status Reports

A.Children's Memorial Hospital/SBC Project Coordinator. Beginning in January, 2012, SBC Project Coordinator, Mashana Smith, will be employed full-time as a staff psychologist with Children's Memorial Hospital's (CMH) Community-Linked Mental Health Services Program. In her role, she will continue to serve as the SBC Project Coordinator.

B.Chicago Public Schools. Twenty of the 21 Chicago-based providing agencies have executed agreements with the Chicago Public Schools. NRI has developed a collaborative relationship with CPS' Office for Pathways to College and Careers Youth Development and Behavioral Supports. Linda Henry-McCarthy, Edwin Johnson, Theresa Grimm and Mashana will hold bimonthly collaborative meetings in order to coordinate the co-facilitation of group interventions between CPS' and NRI mental health clinicians.

C.Review of Year I Data. Barbara reviewed aggregate data from Quarters 1 and 2. During Q1 and Q2, the SBC component served 13, 301 youth. These services include marketing and outreach services and universal and targeted interventions. IVPA will be collaborating with the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) evaluation team to run additional data analyses on the effectiveness of services and interventions.

D. Year 3 Continuation Funding. Year 3 funding is contingent upon legislative budget approvals. In an effort to support NRI's continued funding, participating communities and lead agencies are preparing for advocacy activities. Advocacy activities will include community events with city and state officials, youth, and parents, organized bus trips to Springfield, letter writing, etc. The Legislative Black Caucus is in full support of the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative. The Governor's Budget Message will be delivered to the state legislature on February 22, 2012. NRI is optimistic about continuation of funding. Upon notification of continued funding, NRI will begin preparing for extensions of subcontractor agreements.

E. Year 3 Summer Planning. NRI's Year 3 contract extensions will continue to allow for the delivery of interventions to both school and community settings. Outreach to both communities and schools will allow NRI to further expand the reach of the program. CPS supports this allowance since access to students is often restricted during summer months. NRI encourages its partnering agencies to begin planning for Year 3 efforts. NRI will survey agencies regarding summer service delivery options and develop guidelines regarding summer activities. In considering Year 3 plans, Chicago-based agencies should be mindful of Track E school schedules. Also, agencies should be aware of the newly introduced "full school days"; extended school days can increase opportunities for the delivery of social-emotional learning activities (universal and targeted). Mashana and Laura will include summer planning in the upcoming Project Coordinator meeting.

II. Year 2 Training and Technical Assistance

A. TA Activities. Thus far during Year 2, NRI has delivered four webinars. Webinars are required of all clinicians who are currently implementing the evidenced-based interventions. There has been a high level of participation and satisfaction with the webinars.

During the months of January/February, the following webinars will be offered:

a. SBC School Collaboration (January 12th)
b. Collaboration with School Staff (January 23rd)
c. CBITS Individual Session (February 8th)
d. Anger Coping- Perspective Taking (February 22nd)

B. Trainings. Thus far, during Year 2, NRI has offered three trainings: Think First/Anger Coping, Family Engagement and CBITS; a total of 332 clinicians have been trained. Evaluation data from these recent trainings reveal high levels of satisfaction amongst participants. Mashana will continue to survey agencies regarding training needs of incoming staff.

C. Train-the-Trainer Trauma Initiative. NRI is launching its Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Trauma Initiative. The goal of the initiative is to prepare local clinicians to train community members in the nature and impact of trauma exposure and the myriad of community-level responses and resources. The training will consist of several modules (i.e., nature and impact of trauma, self-care, psychological first aide, community responses). In an effort to align CMH's existing slide presentations with other well-developed trauma presentations, CMH will reach out to Anne Studzinski and Gene Griffin, and Marlita White. Project Coordinators will be invited to nominate one person per community. Nomination forms are due no later than Friday, February 3rd.

III. Next Meeting

The next meeting SBC Steering Committee meeting will be held at Voices for Illinois Children on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 from 10:00-12:00.