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January 14, 2009
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
Region 4 Minutes

Members Present: Jamie Cain, Melanie Curtis, Michael Dickson, Kelly Dimond, LaDessa Foster, Vern Garrett, Dennis Hardziej, Sandy Jones, Marianne King, Jeff Morrell, Wendy McCutchen, Miguel Mouw, Renee Morse, Greg Munson, Kim Osadchuk, Rick Quanstrom, Landis Rossi, Darren Richman, Kathy Skippen, John Sweeting, Marsha Tennyson, Laura Thomas, Gina Westcott, and Carolyn Hiatt (scribe).

Agenda review: additions/changes
Addition to agenda: Gina update on Franklin House and Detox center added.

Minutes: Corrections to the draft minutes from the 11 12 08 meeting are posted on the RAC Web page (on minor corrected received). Approval of minutes moved and passed.

Updates:
Budget update for 2010:

- Received recommendation from Governor for fiscal budget 2010;
- Snapshot of budget distributed. Information is current through the end of November. Kathy gave updates and reminded all of the Budget Book, which will be online today. Laura will send a link out by email after the meeting.

Kathy reminded everyone that data collection remains to be paramount to our future budget allocations. The governor has recommended that 7 million of the 9 million go into the base budget for 2010. There are some budget cuts, (9 million reduced to 7 million), however, a little over 5 million will become part of the base budget and 2 million (from Millennium Fund) included as one time funding. We are meeting the target we have set at $2.1 million per month for substance abuse treatment.

Kathy also noted they are working with JFAC to remove the designation of monies that occurred last year. For example, instead of designating pots of money to prison re-entry, misdemeanor, etc, JFAC would just allow ICSA to distribute the whole pot of money among the priority populations. If this does not occur then the $2 million dollar reduction will come out of prison re-entry and misdemeanant funds.

Legislation update:
Vern commented on a rule change that could exclude children under the age of 14 from being eligible for treatment. Vern will send the information to Landis for follow-up with Central Office.

GAIN update:

- A need for more people to be GAIN trained continues to be an issue. It was noted that GAIN certification has been given weight as a possible credit and non-credit course at Boise State, as well as other state educational institutions.

- Kathy noted that there is work and discussion about simplifying on-going certification requirements specifically around the submission and review of tapes.
- Questions were raised regarding the roll-out of the GAIN/WITS system. Not sure of what the hold-up is but Landis will check with John Kirsch

Landis will also check with Bethany concerning the use of the GAIN SS in county jails. There was discussion that there is a plan to begin this and a process being developed.

Discussion and Questions

Case Management Issues:

- It was discussed at the last treatment and recovery service meeting that the new Case management standards made hiring difficult,. Suggestions for improvement were provided and can be sent to Laura.
- Kathy noted that a meeting is schedule to occur in the next three weeks that would begin to address the workforce issues that providers are seeing.

Discussion followed.

Co-Occurring:

- Landis reported that the responsibility for this project is part of the scope of work for BPA. Providers need to move forward with self assessments.

Interagency Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ICSA):

- Kathy added that at the last ICSA meeting there was a discussion about budget presentation. It was approved to establish a budget committee. Budget meeting will be held on the third Monday of every month.
- Debbie Field, chair of ICSA, has established an Executive Operations Committee dealing with policy issues. Another focus of this committee will be a state-wide strategic planning effort on prevention.

Legislative Event:

- The 6th Annual Patricia Kempthorne Award Ceremony and Legislative event will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 will be at the J. R. Williams Building. The awards ceremony will be at 4:00 p.m. as it has been in previous years and the regional Community Service Award honorees will be recognized during the event. There will be no charge for education tables; the form is located on the Region 4 Web page under the Events Banner. The event will be scaled back to reflect the economic realities. Two donors have stepped forward to help with the reception; no RAC funds will be spent on the reception. More information on the event details will sent via email. We need local people to turn out as travel may not be possible for others from around the state.
- Melanie recognized the Region 4 Community Service Award recipient Marsha Tennyson of Chrysalis.

Prevention Conference Scholarships:

- Laura requested suggestions from RAC on how we should augment and allocate conference scholarships this year. Recommendations were received. RAC agreed that Laura and Landis can make the determination on how many scholarships are provided and to who based on an application process.
- It was suggested that the scholarship allotments should focus on others outside of the education system, since schools have some prevention activity funding sources.

Franklin House Closure:

- Due to budget cuts, Franklin house will be closed as of January 17. There will be a gap in services until the Detox/Crisis Center opens in 2010. DHW is working on developing other community based services to help people in crisis who do not have access to services through DHW, Medicaid, etc.

Recognition RAC Chair and New RAC Chair Announcement.
January 14, 2009 marks Melanie's last meeting as Region 4 RAC Chair. Darren Richman from Ascent will be the new chair. A plaque was presented by Landis Rossi to Melanie for her four years of dedicated service. Melanie was reminded we expect her to stay involved with the group; she indicated she would still be active.

Networking:
Melanie Curtis, **SHIP**: The economic struggling of community has created the expansion of Green Jobs component. Federal grants are being looked at for provider partnerships.

Gina Westcott: **DHW** regrouping with budget cuts. DHW hired a Full time psychiatrist, however was required to eliminated our SAGE care contract. We will continue to have relationship with SAGE, and county work. Trying to look forward to next budget year and maintain operations creatively.

Sandy Jones: **ADA County Sheriffs Office** continues to do GAINS assessment in jail, and a QP temp in place. Currently in the process of getting other trained to do GAIN. Excited of possibility of short-screener. What's new is an case management program for inmates in transition. Be aware that calls might be made from jail staff to providers. Reached out to housing providers and asked for additional provider interaction. Carry Grey is case manager.

Greg Munson, **Benchmark Research and Prevention**: Providers are in full swing and an impressive numbers of clients are in our learning programs. The intervention program pilot is implemented. The RFP for 2010 funding should be available in March.

Renee Morse: **Ada County Family Court Services** noted their appreciation of provider services.

Vern Garrett, **Ascent:** The Common Interest will be supporting an increase in the Beer and Wine Tax during this legislative session. The legislation is looking at tax increase will subsidize drug abuse treatment.

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LaDessa Foster **Women's and Children Alliance**. We are tightening our funding belt. No staff cuts since April.

Mary Ann King: **Drug Free Idaho** is providing prevention education for adults and children. Currently Drug Free Idaho is focused on Red Ribbon and other community events such as Youth Fest at Boise Hawk stadium involving parents and Bowl Down Drugs event.

Matt McCarter, **State Dept. Ed.** Prevention conference brochures are available. A Drop Out Prevention event is upcoming on January 30 (see RAC Web page for details, under the Events Banner). Providers interested to present training opportunities should contact Matt at the SDE to receive next RFP.

Dennis Hardziej, **Community Services Counseling**: Work force development issues are an area of extreme interest. Another subject he'd like approached is GAIN assessment process. Some relief in the time lag currently experienced in administering GAIN I's might be achieved if administrative staff could assist with data collection (historical not clinical sections) so that clinical staff could focus on the clinical areas.

Marsha Tennyson: **Chrysalis** offers a prison reentry for women as part of their one year recovery program. This rehab and community safe-house program provides four homes with 33 beds. Currently, an overflow of clients exists. Mentors and Case Managements are volunteers. April 19th is the next graduation date and the public is welcome.

Wendy McCutchen: **The Walker Center** in Boise is operating an out patient facility. They provide Level 1 and 2 adolescent and adult treatment.

Miguel Mouw: **Alta Addiction and Mental Health Services** is working on opening two new locations in Fruitland and Payette.

Jeff Morrell: **Redmont Health Services** is a new residential facility opening this spring; provides both adult and adolescent treatment. They plan an Open House on March 18th. They are in the final permitting stage for their 48-bed facility on Black Cat and Cherry Road.

Laura Thomas: Suzette Driscoll from BPA was not able to attend today due to a clinical supervisor retreat BPA held with their staff. She and Laura met last week and are working together to address provider concerns and needs. Laura confirmed with the group the desire for a provider subcommittee meeting in February (Post meeting note: usually schedule would be February 17, however, date may change to February 18 to include providers from other parts of the state in town for the Legislative event.)

Meeting Adjourned at 12:37 p.m.