Region 6 Advisory Committee (RAC)
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
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RAC MINUTES

RAC Members (highlighting indicates present at this meeting): Lewis Andrews, Nick Arambarri, Ed Axford, Tracy Beeton, Glenda Bellanca, Donna Boe, **Karen Briand**, Linda Cantrell, Jennifer Carlson, Ross Castleton, Tony Cellucci, **Robert DeHart**, Mark Dissselkoen, Dave Dougal, **Matt English, Chris Freeburne,** Donna Honena, **Kerry Hong, Suzanne Johnson,** Barry Jones, Heather Kemp, Bill Lasley, Sarah Leeds, Liz Lovell, **Betty Moore, Larry Morton**, Roger Musser, Barbara Nash, Yvonne Perez, Amy Slack, **Mindy Stosich, Bill Slaven, Grant Thomas, Jay Thompson**, Melissa Vogel, **Peter Vik**, Kathy Weiser, **Ralph West**, Ralph Wheeler, **Lin Whitworth**

Guests: Jim McGahey, Kevin Call, Sherry Johnson, Helen Lusk, Gary Randall, Annette Ludington

Topic	Discussion	Action
CALL TO ORDER		
Introduction	Welcome and Introductions	
Minutes	The minutes from the November 15 RAC meeting were reviewed and approved.	

RAC Chair Report	Kerry asked for feedback from the RAC members regarding the location of the RAC Meetings. Kerry explained we are looking for a permanent location for the meetings. Please share your comments with Kerry or Lewis.
	
	Statewide RAC meeting in July was attended by Nick, Lewis and Kerry.
	• New funding and programs include:
	  o The implementation of the GAIN Assessment.
	  o Information being put on the WITS. More information regarding the implementation of WITS will be available at a later date. WITS will help to provide the outcomes data for the Governor and legislature.
	• BPA shared that adolescent admissions were up 45% and wait list numbers are down from previous months. In July, there were 12 on the wait list and all but 2 were receiving a lower level of care. BPA is building a specialty network for the PWWC and will be looking at other sites throughout the state. In the future, they will possibly be looking at criminal justice specialty networks.	

- Medicaid coverage has been available since July 1. Only preferred providers can bill for this service. If their client is on Medicaid, they will meet the income and priority populations; however, they have to meet the criteria for needing clinical services. (NOTE – RAC members asked what services are available to the client – particularly if recovery support services are they are available. Sherry will research the particular details and get back with the RAC.)
- The funding stream is also available for misdemeanants – they are working to develop a protocol to provide input from the local level.
- Family Treatment Courts are available in both Pocatello and Twin Falls.
- Re-entry plan – those who are incarcerated will receive some case management and case planning prior to being released. The planning should include completed assessments and a connection being made with the providers.
- RAC membership for this year is complete. We are looking for an additional member to serve on the steering committee. If interested, please contact Kerry or Lewis.
- The target date is for all providers to be dual diagnosed by November 2009.

Prevention

Tracy reported she has been going to various community prevention committee meetings to share and obtain prevention information.

Recovery Support Services

Betty provided the following RSS report:

- The completed RSS brochure was distributed to the RAC members. Betty stated the committee will be working to obtain information from other areas in Region 6.
- The committee will assist Jim McGahey in planning a training to clergy regarding how to work with people in recovery.
- Betty is currently working with Kerry to provide some in-services to the judges and probations offices.

Treatment

Peter Vik reported the following:

- Debbie Field has put together a committee on how treatment works, Peter Vik and Tony Cellucci provided information to Debbie Field. The information they submitted will be available on the RAC website. The committee held one meeting this summer and another one will be planned.

Kerry explained there has also been changes in the way treatment providers are allowed to conduct the assessment with individuals in the jail. Nick has been working with Lt Fonnesbeck to address the needs of the GAIN assessment. Nick explained each provider has been asked to identify one or two individuals they would like to have authorized to complete the GAIN for 19-2524 and misdemeanors for assessments at the Bannock County Jail. The list of names has been submitted and approved by Lt. Fonnesbeck.

Drug Endangered Children (DEC)	Matt English reported the following: ▪ The committee is discussing their goals and objectives. ▪ They will be focusing on the medical community ▪ They will also be evaluating the Alcohol Free Mother to be Program.
Legislative – Public Policy	Larry reported the Legislative Committee has not met, but will be scheduling a meeting this fall. Any issues RAC members think need to be shared with the legislature should be sent to Lewis. Lewis was asked to send legislators an invitation to Recoveryfest.
Presentation	Jim McGahey, Stillwater's Outreach, presented to the RAC. Stillwater's Outreach is currently providing the following programs in the Pocatello area: ▪ Prevention programs in the middle schools in Pocatello. ▪ Project Toward No Drug Abuse (early intervention program). After the youth complete the PTNDA program, they will participate in 12 aftercare sessions. Jim stated they have received referrals from probation and parole. Jim feels that the numbers are going to increase with the new truancy court the school district is conducting. ▪ They received a Safe and Sober Athletes grant from Nike. This program will be conducted at Highland High School. Jim, who is also a pastor, is assisting to plan the Regional Pastoral Meeting in February. During the meeting, they will be addressing issues such as what do to for individuals in your congregation that need help with addiction and mental health. Jim stated they will be providing this information to approximately 200 pastors in the region.
Benchmark	Annette distributed a list of prevention providers funded for this fiscal year. Applications are sent to current provider, past providers, and those they have talked to throughout the year. The prevention plan is on the website at www.preventionidaho.net .
Department of Health and Welfare Report - Central Office and Regional Director	**DHW – Central Office – Sherry Johnson reported the following:** • Idaho Fetal Alcohol warning program is a program for vendors who serve or sell alcohol. The program is being distributed by the Idaho State Police when businesses renew or receive their license to serve or sell alcohol. The vendors are encouraged, but not required to hang the sign in their establishment. (NOTE – Sherry was asked if the information and stickers to be available for a community members to share the information on a local level if they want. Sherry will check into this and report back.)

- The Prisoner Re-entry Program was implemented July 1. Sherry explained it was implemented as a pilot program with the corrections facility just outside of Boise. Prisoners will receive case management services inside the prison and then go straight into treatment upon release. There will be a direct pathway from prison to treatment. The assessment is being completed about six months before the person is scheduled to be released. (NOTE: Sherry will work to get information regarding if individuals on the rider programs are available for this program.)
- A survey regarding the GAIN was sent out to providers.
- No word yet on the RFP for a treatment providers.
- They are continuing to evaluate the need for adolescent providers.
- They are working on the IDAPA rule rewrite. Several public meetings were held in May regarding the rewrite. Upon completion, information and draft will be available for review.

Regional Director's Report

Nick provided the following report:

- Over the last couple of months, Nick has been meeting with treatment providers to discuss becoming co-occurring capable and other issues.
- The issue of supervision for treatment providers was discussed. Sherry explained there are two different issues in dealing with staff, one issue comes from the IDAPA rules and one issue comes from the BPA rules. Sherry explained an intern is never authorized to provide services without clinical oversight.
- There has been an increase in the length of time for call backs from BPA.
- Another issue providers are facing is the computer system for the GAIN is not compatible with Vista.
- Idaho is developing a DDCAT version that will be used for both mental health and substance abuse providers. This is not complete yet, so providers are encouraged to use the current DDCAT. Jean and Sherry will be meeting with providers later in the year.

BPA

Melissa Clark was available to answer questions regarding BPA.

The next RAC meeting will be on Thursday, November 20, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location to be announced.