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March 11, 2009
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
Region 4 Minutes

**Members Present**: Vic Allcorn, Marilyn Baughman, Melanie Curtis, Michael Dickson, Suzette Driscoll, Elisha Figuerva, LaDessa Foster, Dennis Hardziej, Vern Garrett, Keri Gray, Tami Jones, Marianne King, Sherri Molina, Melissa Mosier, Jeff Morrell, Mike Moser, Brenda Murdock, Greg Munson, Rick Quanstrom, Sandy Rumpel, John Sanders, Jason Stone, John Sweeting, Claudette Thor, DeLanie Valentine, Cindy Williams, Landis Rossi, DHW Regional Director, and Carolyn Hiatt (scribe).

**Facilitating Chair**, Darren Richman, Regional RAC Chair,

**Agenda Review:** Additions/changes
No additions or changes were made.

**Minutes:** No corrections were made to the draft minutes from the January 14, 2009 meeting as posed on the RAC Web page. Approval of minutes moved and passed.

**Updates:**
Landis offered a note of thanks to those who helped in the recent Legislative event. Wendy Jaquet was given an award recognizing her for her services

There was a discussion and decision on ICADD scholarships and award. Nominations are due by April 17th and information can be found on the RAC web page.

Landis questioned if Region IV RAC wanted to use budget money as scholarships for training purposes. Dennis Hardziej moved and Vern Garrett 2nd that the monies be utilized for 16 scholarships. Landis noted that Laura will send out how to make a request for a scholarship as well as the process of scholarship award determination via the RAC webpage.

Also included in the training opportunities is the Northwest Alcohol Conference held July 6, 2009. Vern moved Dennis seconded that budget monies be used for this conference in addition to other noted training opportunities.

Seven Prevention Scholarship Awards have been awarded.

Landis reported that a RX Drug Take-back Project was underway. Joy Husmann, Community Resource Development Specialist from Region 3, and the Boise, Meridian, and Caldwell police departments are requesting RAC volunteers to work on a sub-committee to help with the Take-Back initiative. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those interested. Laura will contact these volunteers with more information.

Landis met with the Work Force Development team. They talked about capacity issues that the RAC experiences. The committee will be used to review and find ways to resolve issues. Discussion followed.

**RAC Chair Update:**
Darren met with other RAC regional chair members last month. He noted that one goal is to get each region to have a statewide unified voice on issues of concern.

Darren turned the floor over to Greg Munson from Benchmark

**Benchmark Update:**
Greg distributed a copy of the Region IV Prevention Strategic Plan. Benchmark has used student self-survey to collect data. The survey's were taken target school populations and are used to help make funding decisions. Greg noted that the SFY 2010 request for funding application release is March 27 and to view www.preventionidaho.net for details.

**Legislative Update:**
Darren reported that the Beer and Wine tax proposal failed in the House. Although we had the support of law enforcement and community members, the beer and wine industry's lobbyist took a stronger stance. Only 3 providers attended the session.

**Budget Updates for 2010**
Kathy Skippen noted that we are right on track with budget for treatment.

**Case Management**: There is a new track offered for case management trainees. As of April 1 case management will be paid at 100%. Please check with Jean for specific case management questions.

**Networking Update:**
Delanie Valentine, **Easter Seals**: Delanie is working on a program for inmates in transitions funded by Goodwill. The program will target children and family reunification, family therapy and stopping the cycle. Easter Seals is looking for partners. Members were reminded that the Easter Seals Bloom Fest is in its 3rd year. Information is on the RAC web page.

Mike Moser, **ADA County Sheriff Office** Mike noted they ACSO experiences court-ordered treatment for offenders at 70 people per day. They do not conduct treatment in jail. However, ACSO has created two "case manager" positions to help providers to talk to the inmate in jail. Keri Gray is to be the point of contact to see if there is something she can do to facilitate the process. She can be contacted at 577-3441 Kgray@adaweb.net

Rick Quanstrom, **Ten Mile Christian Church** provides support service that is gender specific. Ten Mile will have new facility on Franklin Road and 10 Mile that will hopefully be open a week before Easter.

Marilyn Baughman, **Intermountain Hospital** offers recovery beds. They are still conducting a lecture series at the hospital. A New support group Dual Recovery Anonymous will begin April 8 from 6:00 – 7:00pm. Requirement for participants is that they must be sober, and dealing with psyche issues in positive way. We will send information to Laura to put on the RAC webpage.

Claudette Thor: **R4 DHW.** Claudette's services severe mental health issues and Co-occurring services

Mary Ann King, **Drug Free Idaho** Prevention education for adults and children

Elisha Figuerva, **City of Meridian Police Department,** Anti drug collation

Tami Jones and Cindy Williams, **Treasure County Community Counseling Services** is a brand new facility accepting clients for medication management. They are willing to take on a few slots with reduced fee for indigent services. They have a PSR program and therapy services. A substance abuse program is being formulated for clients that have lost benefits because of imprisonment. They provide alternative treatment that is evidence based and are negotiating with a therapist as private councilor. They are located on Vista between Overland and Orchard across the street from United Way.

Sandy Rumpel, **Boise Schools** reported that they are seeing a shift in Homelessness in schools. The schools define homelessness as families that double up into another residence due to financial hardship and support. They are beginning a parent education class called *Love and Logic*, classes are currently full. Boise Schools work with Benchmark on drug prevention. They do a lot of programs in the schools such as Rachel's Challenge; 9 assemblies going on right now. They have students who are going to be on TV 18th of March, on channel 7 promoting a community wide incentive for positive school climate. You can find additional information about what they are currently doing on the RAC website.

Landis added the comment that IFFA has 5 million for homelessness. The state must submit a plan to HUD. Money should be available by June. More information will be posted to website.

Melissa Mosier, **IDJC** supports judicial districts 3, 4, and 5. They have a field social worker working into Juvenile Corrections who will be addressing dramatic impacts barriers. They are reconfiguring with the community to be more actively engaged, more systems collaborations and working with community partners.

Jason Stone, **IDJC** commented that he is the Dept. liaison and a Probation administrator servicing 44 counties. He noted that IDJC has a Training Council with $10,000 training fund - scholarships might be open for ICADD training possibilities. Jason noted that he would contact Laura to post information on the web page.

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John Sanders, **Demand Reduction Program Management (Air Force Base)** We do prevention services in community. We are a fairly new entity. In addition to working with air force retirees and those in inactive duty, we are working with Benchmark on a peer pressure program for 9-14 year olds.

Jeff Morrell, **Redmont Health Services** stated that they are focused on certification for their adolescent and adult residential treatment program. Their new facility will be on Black Cat and Cherry Road. The facility on Cole is available now for outpatient services.

Vern Garrett, **Ascent** Adolescence and Adults co-occurring treatment services

Keri Gray, **ADA County Jail** Keri is the new case manager at Ada County jail. Her service is to help providers to reach as many inmates as possible. They publish resource books for drug treatment and fliers. Please forward your provider information. She can be contacted at 577-3441 Kgray@adaweb.net

Dennis Hardziej, **Community Services Counseling** is servicing 500 clients whole spectrum of drug abuse treatment.

Darren Richmond, **Ascent** RAC chair.

Thank you Ada County for hosting us today.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05