

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Region 2
Regional Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse
3rd Floor, Lewiston State Office Bldg.

11/07/12

Dennis Gray Chair

Jim Ruggio Vice Chair

Also in Attendance: Dean Allen, Dana Boyd, Jim Crowley, Beverly Fowler, Corinne Johnson, Sharlene Johnson, Darrell Keim, Duncan Leohard, Vicki Malone, Melinda Sonnen, Debbie Winchester, Christine Winter

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

Dennis Gray started the meeting with a round of introductions for newcomers and guests to this meeting.

Corinne Johnson and Jim Crowley discussed what Region 1 has done to integrate the RAC and MH boards. There was general discussion of how it happened, what it looks like at the moment, how things are run, and what the continued plans are. At this time both boards meet and are guests to each other's meetings, using whichever group would normally meet at that time for creation of agenda for meeting. MH and RAC members only vote for their own board related issues, there are sub-committees that meet and report on progress to greater group. All officers from each program meet every month as well to review how things are working between programs. Handouts were provided to help visualize the process and Corinne asked that any questions about this be sent to her email address: johnsoc2@dhw.idaho.gov.

Jim Ruggio led discussion about recent recall for suboxone by manufacturer, current transportation issues identified and options available in the region, and the impact of Washington State passing the marijuana initiative and its potential impact for border towns.

Darrell Keim discussed the DHW newsletter providing highlights of material in the newsletter of interest to this region. Dean furthered discussion with information about the GAIN-I site admin approval system for certification, citing our 3 current approved certifiers in this region.

Darrell then went over the data he received for the dashboard project he has been working with DHW data collectors with to provide a glimpse of how each region is doing regarding service provision for child and adult mental health services. Vicki Malone brought to discussion the recent addition of a website within DHW framework that should make accessing this information easier and offered to get more information and provide it to Darrell so he could post it on the RAC website at a later date.

Jim Crowley from Juvenile Corrections discussed state wide and regional demographic information and helped put these numbers in perspective regarding the financial needs of these youth. Vicki Malone talked about how DHW has been working closely with IDJC to provide these youth with services and finding further options for service funding. Jim furthered a discussion of how local groups have been helping to keep cost for services down and local program management has been operating conservatively to stay on track with funds available through the fiscal year. Jim talked about some creative uses of the funds to meet youth correction needs. Melinda Sonnen was identified as the Nez Perce County go to person for questions about funding and treatment services for juvenile offenders in this region.

Duncan Leonhard brought up for discussion the issue of needing private providers to cover court needs where DHW is unable to meet needs for treatment services due to staffing and funding constraints. Vicki Malone furthered that discussion by reminding the board that things are still very much in transition as a lack of funding streams is keeping some of these clients from being able to receive treatment services from community providers. The transition is moving the focus of DHW mental health into the role of crisis support rather than non-crisis service work.

Duncan then started a discussion of the state of prevention services in the region, funding changes, and how transformation is effecting prevention services. He indicated that his prevention contract is up on 6/30/2013 and he doesn't know at this time what will happen to prevention services after that date.

Sharlene Johnson discussed the prevention resources being used in Kamiah and surrounding communities, and the need to focus on reservation wide programs for prevention, not just hot spots.

There was a brief discussion of the effects of alcohol privatization laws and how they have affected Washington State and could affect Idaho.

Kathy Skippen called in and provided the following report.

We are just a hair under-spent for our budget so far and are nevertheless looking for ways to open up funding to new populations including:

1. IDJC covering current ATR funded probation clients so ATR funding could be used for non-CJ school services.
2. Development of a non-CJ adult Co-Occurring funding stream to meet the growing demand for dual diagnosis services.
3. Development of a Misdemeanant SUD program to reach DV court clients.

She concluded that while not a lot of money is available at this time, her team is continuing to look into what these programs might look like and is working to move them forward into reality. Kathy talked briefly about the proposed IDAPA rule changes and where they are in the process of getting approved, stating she doesn't feel there should be any issues in getting the proposed rule changes moved forward at this time. Kathy also briefly pointed at election results suggesting we look at how the Affordable Care Act could affect programs through expanded Medicaid coverage and the RFP that is still awaiting finalization.

Dean Allen from BPA talked about changes with the GAIN-I and GAIN-Core for court ordered treatment services, that was due to take effect 11/1/12, and that there is still work being done to get the WITS system trainings up into our Region. Dean then discussed the IDOC efficiency changes taking place with BPA that he hopes will make reauthorization of services that fall within the Matrix already established by IDOC much quicker. IDOC will still authorize anything that falls outside the Matrix model in place, which may take several weeks since the IDOC team only meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Dean Allen and Beverly Fowler talked about the next Mental Health Board meeting, being held on 11/8/12, and the positions still open on that board. Applications for those positions are still being accepted and a survey has been sent out by mail to determine what mental health services and needs are currently being found within the region.

There was open discussion of potential candidates for the position of RAC vice-chair, with nominations for Dana Boyd and Kathlin Berreth both to the position. Dana Boyd respectfully declined her

nomination. Kathlin was unable to attend, but had already been approached by members of the RAC board to identify her feelings about a possible nomination. Kathlin asked that her nomination be accepted if she was unable to attend the meeting to accept it in person. There being no further nominations, Jim Crowley motioned that the board elect Jim Ruggio to the RAC chair position and Kathlin Berreth to the position of vice-chair for the 2013 RAC calendar year. The RAC board approved the motion and it was carried. Jim Ruggio informed the RAC meeting he would accept the position with the understanding that he may seek employment outside of Region 2 and would need to step down from the position at that time if work is unsustainable for him within Region 2.

There was a general announcement that the next Region 1 RAC meeting will be next Thursday, 11/15/12 in CdA for those interested in attending to see how the mixed board operates.

The RAC decided not to move the date of the next RAC meeting despite its proximity to a holiday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Next RAC Steering Committee Meeting: December 5th, 9am at State Office Building, CRDS Office

Next RAC Meeting: January 2nd, 9am State Office Building at 3rd Floor conference room.