

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Region 2
Regional Advisory Committee of Substance Abuse
3rd Floor, Lewiston State Office Building
7/11/12

Dennis Gray Chair

Jim Ruggio Vice Chair

Also in Attendance were: Darrell Keim, Jim Crowley, Summer Overberg, Melinda Sonnen, Tim Vogleweed, Cathlin Berreth, Dean Allen, Scott Douglass, Beverly Fowler, Dana Boyd, Joyce Lyons, and by phone were: Kathy Skippen, Ryan, Ross, Michael, and Sandy (last names not provided).

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am

Dennis Gray started the meeting with a discussion of the recent Mental Health Board meeting he attended and the concerns he expressed during that meeting.

Summer Overberg then talked about the new IDOC services that rolled out on July 1. Summer specifically discussed the new Pre-Treatment portion. There was brief discussion from Scott Douglass on the new treatment matrix being used and trainings being made available.

Jim Crowley talked about the way the budget has been on track despite a slow start. 74% of the money allocated to this region for the year was actually used, the highest in the state. Jim talked about how splitting the SUDs funding from DHW to Juvenile Corrections has made a significant difference in how the needs are being met for area youth. There has been a significant increase in mental health needs youth in the SUDs program, about 70% over the last 5 years. Jim talked about ways that things are changing to help make providing treatment more effective for providers.

Dean Allen talked about the changes that are being made in the contracts for providers to conform to the changes that Jim discussed.

Tim Vogleweed asked if the increase in mental health need was due to better screening or if it is an increase in the number of mental health problems developing in the region. Jim talked about how there has been little change in the screening method, so the increase suggests that either there are just more youth with mental health problems than before, or the behaviors are getting more severe in the population, warranting the increase in criminality in this population.

Dean furthered discussion by bringing family support needs as a possible reason for the increase in needs being seen among youth.

Joyce Lyons provided an update on the changes being seen in the DHW for 19-2524 referrals and how Region 2 is currently leading the state on referrals of this type.

Kathy Skippen, Ryan, Ross, Micheal, and Sandy phoned in to share that this would be the first year we are not starting out with a deficit in our budget. This means we can attempt to add new populations to the services we are providing. There was brief discussion of IDAPA rules changes. Jim Crowley brought for discussion the merging of the Mental Health Board and RAC.

Kathy discussed the progress being made being slow in coming, but that it should be giving more power to the local level of service provision.

Kathy talked about how Region 2 has really led the way through helping to make the transformation happen.

Michael briefly talked about the problems that are occurring with getting child care made available to serve the PWWC clients under current regulations, especially with expansion of PWWC to include a larger population base.

Jim Ruggio talked about the problems he has been having with getting a providers meeting set up for Latah County and got feedback on ways to get over the hurdles that he has been encountering.

Tim Vogleweed talked about Nimiipuu Health Services, they continue to provide the same services, despite things slowing down for summer, and how they are providing support for their community.

Beverly Fowler talked about her experience at the Mental Health Board meeting and how SUDs was under-represented at that meeting. This brought general discussion of the lack of parity between CD and MH for cost associated with attending meetings, reasons for this lack of parity, and means of addressing these issues at this time.

Discussion was furthered toward getting a unified message to our RAC representative for the MHB to help them understand how our systems are inter-related. This led to general discussion of problems associated with the disparity between MH and CD.

Dean Allen then discussed the changes at BPA and his recent experience at a conference on providing services for rural communities. Dean discussed the definition of quality and how it is poorly defined in the treatment field, making it difficult to measure, and thus difficult to provide proof that services provide benefit. Dean talked about the controversies out there over what defines success.

Dean then discussed the change in Master Problem List requirements and the upcoming training for ASAM in CdA. Dean then started discussion of IDAPA rules changes and how CD providers need to work together to help make these changes more effective.

Tim vogleweed and Cathlin Berreth then talked about their ICADD experience and the lack of handouts available at the conference. Cathlin briefly discussed the key speakers at the conference.

There was brief discussion of the coming Hands Across the Bridge event by Darrell Keim. Darrell also discussed marketing for the Drug Turn-in.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

The next RAC steering committee meets August 1st, 9 am at Changepoint.

The next RAC meeting is Sept. 5th, 9 am at the State Office Building at the 3rd floor conference room.