
Center for Addictions Research

Strengthening Treatment: Drug Abuse by Rural Youth Core Advisory Group Meeting April 5, 2002 Minutes

Present: Brandon Beaudry, Jim Behle, Candice Bennett, Jodi Gibson, Jim Hall, Diane Huber, Mary Larew, Bob Rohret, Steve Steine and Joan Vanden Berg.

Announcements:

- Group members were introduced and shared role responsibilities in their agencies

Basic Overview of new SCY grant:

- Jim Hall overviewed the new grant and discussed initial tasks. The group provided suggestions. The five main groups coordinating the grant are: CAR, Pediatrics, Juvenile Court Services, MECCA, and Iowa City Community Schools. The group needs a packet of materials, including the grant proposal and deadlines from CSAT. An email group list will be developed and used to disseminate communication among this core-planning group.
- The grant will require standardized instruments (GPRA and GAIN) as a part of screening. Diane Huber will compile copies of the background information on the instruments and send this to the group.
- A management information system will be part of the grant effort. Issues discussed included confidentiality and relational databases.

Discussion: Grant-related issues

- Legal issues were introduced as a concern. The group agreed to send names and contact information about attorneys who need to be apprised of the grant activities.
- Other issues discussed included involving the provider's group (Polly Nichols), considering developing a parents advisory group, involving important stakeholders in Iowa County, and doing an information presentation to judges. Brandon Beaudry will develop a list of important Iowa County stakeholders and explore presentation arrangements to local judges. A copy of the current PowerPoint presentation will be forwarded to the core-planning group.

Discussion: Staffing

- Project Coordinator position is open. The plan is to have the person in place by June 1, 2002. A hiring panel for interviewing applicants will be composed.

Discussion: Site for Comprehensive Assessment Center

- Jim Hall will establish contacts with a realtor and pursue options.

Discussion: Next steps for SCY grant

- Review the grant proposal
- Explore and list legal issues
- Outline grant requirements and what is needed as a start to discussing a strategic plan.

Next meeting: April 26, 2002 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Juvenile Court Services Offices.