
Center for Addictions Research

Strengthening Treatment: Drug Abuse by Rural Youth Core Advisory Group Meeting June 7, 2002 Minutes

Present: Brandon Beaudry, Jim Behle, Candice Bennett, Jodi Gibson, Jim Hall, Diane Huber, Mary Larew, Brad Richardson, Bob Rohret, Art Schut, Doug Smith, Steve Steine, Jim Swaim, and Joan Vanden Berg.

Presentation: ProSocial Applications by Bill Weiner

- A web-based Phase I revision is due out August 15, 2002. Phase II is due out September 2002.
- ProSocial Apps (PsA) supplements current systems by collecting data on a case-by-case basis. PsA can create any kind of report we would like to use.
- The utilization of PsA has cut down on the number of trackers. PsA has special screens for input of data and client input.
- A consent form for clients would satisfy HIPAA requirements. These forms could be from multiple agencies.
- PsA is working on integrating a billing system. The Gold package gives optimum consultation time and would allow report writing and integration of other systems so it is tailored to meet the needs of each agency.
- PsA may have the program available in approximately 3 weeks for an on-line demonstration.
- Mr. Weiner explained we would be able to do group assessments (those with similar problems) to see if a particular treatment is working. He added there should be a flat file function for Brad Richardson's needs in Phase III that will start minimally in Phase I and will increase with each phase.

Discussion: ProSocial Applications

- The SCY grant requires that we use GAIN as an assessment tool.
- It is imperative the "consents" are done correctly.
- The question was raised to find out if schools need to adopt policies.
- ICSD had Grant Wood build a database that teachers can access to find current grades, test scores, etc on an individual student.
- The group asked to see demonstrations by other software companies besides ProSocial Apps and compare local providers to PsA for development.
- Elizabeth Curl and Brad Richardson will work on database needs and then contact MECCA, JCS, schools, and other agencies to make sure their needs are met.
- Mental Health Services (UAY) would be able to share information between other agencies and schools.
- The Iowa City school supervisors are interested in establishing connections with other agencies.
- Jim Hall told the group that the grant states a proposal will need to be established by October 1, 2002.

Discussion: Provider's Needs

- We need to have input from all the agencies that will be involved in the grant.

- It was decided an e-mail questionnaire would be sent to find out agencies needs and what components would make the process easier for them to implement and what they would need to have included in the database.

Discussion: Database Access

- The question was raised about what it would take to change an access database for 5 data inputs where now everything goes into one.
- The group also discussed ideas on how to dump data into a flat file format that can be imported into SPSS.

Adjournment