
Center for Addictions Research

Strengthening Treatment: Drug Abuse by Rural Youth Core Advisory Group Meeting November 22, 2002 Minutes

Present: Brandon Beaudry, Mary Chval, Pam Dallege, Nancy Graf, Jim Hall, Sara Green-Otero, Bob Rohret, Doug Smith, Jim Stehbins, and Stephen Trefz.

Announcements

- GAIN QS Trainings will be held December 19, 2002 from 9am-12 and January 14, 2003 from 1-4pm. Both will occur in room M118 at Oakdale Hall
- MECCA Intensive Outpatient started on November 18, 2002.

Progress Reports:

Assessment Center

- Assessment center staff members have been trained on interviewing skills, level of care placement for teen substance abusers, mandated reporting issues, and brief crisis interventions with suicidal clients.
- The Internal Review Board (IRB) application was completed and sent out today. This is the process for getting university approval for a research project.

Management Information System

- We discussed features of the web site for parents and teens.

Outreach

- City High School roundtable is planned for December 5, 2002 at City HS with a wide range of teens that are and are not involved in social services.

Old Business

Stages of Change Training to Occur in late January

- Doug briefly explained the model as one that doesn't assume that kids come to treatment ready to change and offers strategies for motivating resistant teens. Dates for this two day training provided by Robert Schwebel, a psychologist from Tucson, will be January 27 and 28 from 8-5. Agencies involved in the Advisory Group may designate one person to attend who will be trained alongside MECCA frontline staff

Iowa County Involvement

- There is a meeting scheduled for December 13, 2002 in Marengo.

New Business

- Due to the short agenda, group members introduced themselves and spent some time discussing their work at their various agencies.

Next meeting

- The next meeting will be scheduled for January 31, 2003 from 12-1pm at 509 Kirkwood Ave (i.e., the new assessment center).