



**August 8, 2003
Minutes**

Present: Jim Behle, Cindy Kloubec, Ron Berg, Brandon Beaudry, Mary Chval, Jodi Gibson, Brad Richardson, Jim Hall, Mary Larew, Doug Smith, James Stehbens, Steve Trefz, Chris Arenas, Lloyd Smith, Allie Rogers, and Amy Mason.

Introductions

- Amy Mason is our newest caseworker who was hired to do the GAIN assessments in Iowa County.

Progress Report of Adolescent Health & Resource Center

- Doug Smith reported that we have averaged 6-8 GAIN assessments per week during the month of July. He explained that the HMS (Health Monitoring Study) is in place. We have 10-15 clients recruited for the study at this time. The HMS compares the two types of drug treatment, MECCA and SOFT (Strength Oriented Family Therapy). Progress has been made in obtaining final approval for the brochures for AHRC and they will be ready soon. We did get final approval however on our signage. Our new sign is above the door and in the Governor Ridge collective signage near Kirkwood Avenue. Doug extended an invitation to all advisory group members to attend the open house that is planned for AHRC. It will be held here at the center on September 12, 2003 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. There will be food and several bands, including UAY youth bands. Several VIPs have been invited.
- Mary Larew reported that we need to get the word out that she devotes Wednesday afternoons at the AHRC seeing patients who have no medical insurance. She is also available to talk with clients about adolescent issues they might want to discuss with a physician.
- Jim Stehbens announced that he is ready to see clients on Friday mornings at the AHRC. He is available to AHRC staff for consultations and has various testing materials available at the center. He stated that 67% of teen drug abusers have other problems such as ADHD and other co-morbid disorders. Dr Stehbens as well as Dr Larew emphasized that it would be more helpful for clients who have insurance to be seen at a regular clinic so they can receive ongoing care when the need arises rather than only Wednesday afternoons for medical problems or Friday mornings for psychological evaluations. However they encourage attendees to send those clients without insurance to the center.
- Jeff Campbell, medical student and summer intern assigned to AHRC, reported on the HMS II study we are conducting. These clients who had assessments before we had IRB approval for the study are being recruited. Of 32 clients who were contacted, 11 families agreed to participate.



Progress of MIS

- Brad Richardson stated that the MIS is up and running with a two-week trial period. AHRC staff is using the system now to determine any changes that might need to be implemented. Brad explained that agencies would need to sign a release to get passwords and a user identification number. This will allow different agencies to share appropriate information with each other. The system also allows users access only to those cases they are involved with. The connection to our website will be via the Internet that will allow users access wherever they are. This phase will be completed within the next year. On another note, Brad handed out a meeting evaluation form that has been approved by CSAT (Center for Substance Abuse Treatment).

Outreach

- The next SCY Advisory Group meeting will be held at the Iowa Valley High School in Marengo, Iowa. We will connect Iowa and Johnson County via the ICN for those who won't be able to make it to Marengo. We have plans to use the ICN at the Central Administration Building in Iowa City for this purpose. Amy Mason will be in Iowa County to meet with teachers, caseworkers, and therapists. She will conduct GAIN assessments in Iowa County at a location to be announced soon. Jim Hall announced there were several therapists who expressed interest in providing services in Iowa County either in person or via an ICN. Dr Larew added that if it is necessary, she is willing to go to Iowa County on Wednesday afternoons to see clients who haven't access to insurance and are in need of a medical consultation.

Next Meeting

- The next luncheon meeting for the SCY Advisory group will be held at the Iowa Valley High School, 359 E. Hilton Street, Marengo, Iowa on September 5, 2003 from 12:00-1:00 PM. For those advisory group members who cannot travel to Marengo to attend the meeting, an ICN site will be set up at the Iowa City Community School District Central Office on 509 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Iowa. This luncheon meeting will be held in conjunction with the meeting in Marengo. Driving directions to both sites will be available in the reminder that will go out before the September 5 meeting.