



September 5, 2003
Iowa Valley High School, Marengo
Minutes

Present: Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, Amy Mason, Carolyn Cavitt, Erick Wolfmeyer, William Lynch, Phil Wainwright, Jim Hall, Mary Larew, Doug Smith, Donna Watts, Dennis Dougherty, Lou McMeen, Jeanie Kimbel, and Brad Richardson.

Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Mary Larew welcomed community and staff members in attendance and asked everyone to introduce themselves and their organization.

Overview

- Dr. Larew briefly reviewed the overall purpose of Project Iowa SCY. It is to strengthen our community's system for identification, screening and assessment, and referral and treatment of youth who abuse substances. Her presentation listed the objectives and innovations as outlined in the grant proposal.

Progress Report on Assessment Center

- Doug Smith, Project Coordinator, gave the progress report of the Adolescent Health & Resource Center (AHRC). Between February 5 and August 29 there have been 100 families screened using the GAIN assessment. In addition, Dr. Mary Larew (pediatrician) and Dr. Jim Stehbens (psychologist) have office hours and have begun assessments at the AHRC. Amy Mason will be administering the GAIN in Iowa County in Marengo or at another location by appointment. Bonnie Winslow-Garvin has been hired as the MECCA therapist for Iowa County and will be having office hours soon.
- A brochure for the AHRC has been created. The brochures will be available at the AHRC open house scheduled for September 12 from 3:00 – 7:00 PM. All Advisory Group members and staff are invited to tour our new facility.
- Brad Richardson reported that the development of the MIS is complete. The staff has begun using the MIS data base to enter client information and to schedule appointments. The next step is to develop data sharing agreements with outside agencies (e.g., Juvenile Court Services, United Action for Youth (UAY), school districts, etc.) so they can enter client information. The difficult part of the MIS development has been security issues and protecting client information. Brad feels that using the SQL data base program for the initial development has allowed us to design the necessary security into the program.

Outreach

- Dr. Larew discussed the concept of alternating sites for the monthly Advisory Group Meetings between Iowa City and Marengo. Additional suggestions were:

- ✓ to have representatives from the Department of Human Services from both counties invited to the monthly meetings
- ✓ to have meetings with each district's superintendent and their staff regarding Project Iowa SCY and the services we offer and others we are developing

Next meeting

- The next meeting will be held October 3, 2003, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Iowa City Community School District Central Administration Office, 509 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Iowa. An ICN connection will be available at the Iowa Valley High School in Marengo for those who can't make it to the meeting in Iowa City. If you are in an outlying school district and have ICN capability, please contact Carol (384-0847) or Marlene (335-4922) to have the ICN broadcast at your location.