



October 3, 2003
Minutes

Present: Brandon Beaudry, Jim Behle, Candice Bennett, Elizabeth Curl, Karen Evans, Monica Fetter, Jodi Gibson, Jim Hall, Diane Huber, Jeanie Kimbel, Mary Larew, Amy Mason, Polly Nichols, Brad Richardson, Doug Smith, Stephen Trefz, and Bonnie Winslow-Garvin.

Announcements

- Jim Behle (ICCSA) reminded everyone of the October 11 health conference sponsored by his school district. Ted Stillwell will be the keynote speaker. Everyone is invited.

Progress Report on Assessment Center

- Doug Smith gave an update on assessments at the AHRC for September 2003. There were 19 assessments scheduled for September. Five clients did not complete full assessments for the following reasons: parental refusal, transportation/telephone problems, one interpreter (Spanish) cancellation, and one had not received recommendations before our meeting. Of the 14 clients that completed assessments, the following substance abuse recommendations were made: 6 no recommendations, 4 education/early intervention, 3 Level I outpatient, and 1 Level II outpatient. (Level I is regular outpatient treatment, Level II is intensive outpatient treatment). To Doug's knowledge, at this time there were only two (out of four eligible) clients recruited into the study.
- Doug explained the SOFT (Strengths Oriented Family Therapy) program and how the curriculum works with families in the SOFT program. We are now having weekly multi-family groups. Currently we are working on a SOFT manual and formalizing questions. The goal is to compare the SOFT program against MECCA's teen group and individual teen therapy. Jodi Gibson commented that she would recommend having both sessions with families and with the teens individually.
- Mary Larew described the types of problems that the 17 teens evaluated in the medical clinic have had. She asked about the availability of funds for low-income clients. Jim Behle suggested speaking with Nancy Spiel, RN about limited funds the school district has for this purpose. Stephen Trefz mentioned that they have relationships with pharmaceutical companies in order to provide lower cost medications. These options will be pursued. Mary added that Jim Stehbins has been meeting with clients on Friday mornings. He saw 8 clients for evaluations in September. Juvenile Court Services brought up concerns about timely feedback of evaluations done at the AHRC. Dr. Larew will work on a process to improve feedback.

Outreach

- The outreach and training team's preliminary plan has been written. Staff will be conducting a computer needs survey consisting of 5-6 questions. Once we complete the survey and get interagency agreements in place, a plan for doing the interagency connections can be developed. Mary Larew asked the group to let her know about PTO
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groups or other organizations that might be interested in presentations. Dr. Larew will coordinate these presentations.

- Amy Mason and Bonnie Winslow-Garvin will administer the assessments and follow-up sessions in Iowa County. They have a conference room in the Marengo Public Library, 1020 Marengo Avenue, Marengo, IA. At this time, Amy will conduct assessments at 3:30 and 5:30 PM on Thursdays.

Next meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for November 7 at the Iowa Valley High School ICN room in Marengo, IA from 12:00-1:00 PM.