



December 5, 2003
Minutes

Present: Jim Behle, Candice Bennett, Becky Clayton, Elizabeth Curl, Jim Hall, Diane Huber, Mindi Juel, Mary Larew, Amy Mason, Craig Okerberg, Doug Smith, Steve Trefz, and Jim Swaim.

Announcements from Advisory Group members

- Jim Swaim announced that Johnson County submitted a grant to the state that will coordinate youth planning efforts between agencies in Johnson County.
- There will be a public forum on violence and bullying sponsored by the United Action for Youth, the Iowa City Human Rights Commission and the Senior Citizens organization from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, at the Senior Citizen's Center.
- Jim Hall announced that he has submitted a grant to look at the rural homeless that are not picked up by the current grant and another grant to look at MECCA's low-risk adolescents.
- As a follow-up to the health forum/conference, the board of education of the Iowa City Community School District will be asked to approve the formation of the first 3 of 6 work groups at their board meeting next week.
- Brandon Beaudry from Juvenile Court Services will be retiring at the end of December. Everyone is invited to his retirement party on January 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 at Juvenile Court Services at 519 Kirkwood Avenue in Iowa City.

Progress report of Adolescent Health & Resource Center

- It was noted that the breakdown sheet Doug hands out is very informative. It would be also be helpful to see where the referrals are coming from.
- The staff at the assessment center has the capacity to see 32 referrals a week. In November the staff had 16. Appointments can be scheduled between 8 AM. to 9 PM on Monday through Thursday.
- Parental permission is preferred but not mandatory for an assessment, but it is needed for medical intervention beyond general medical advice.

Outreach

- SCY staff sent letters to parent and student organizations in the Iowa City Community School District to promote awareness of the AHRC and will soon be contacted by project staff to set up a visit. Staff will be going out to determine how we can better integrate our services with those offered by the agency. However, we need help identifying organizations in other communities so we can get the information to them as well. SCY staff is also available to speak on a variety of adolescent subjects to any organization.
- SCY staff is working on developing a web site with special areas for parents and adolescents. They are also looking at the feasibility of having on-line assessments available for self-screening.

Next meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2004 at the Iowa Valley High School ICN room in Marengo, IA from 12:00-1:00 PM.
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