

Minutes of the July 11, 2008 Meeting of the Advisory Board for the Juvenile Mental Health Screening, Assessment and Treatment Pilot Project

In attendance: Hon. Mary Harper; Alison Cox; Kate Sorensen; Sue Lummus; Lyda Abell; James Reagan; Jim Higdon; Stacy Uliana; Dr. Maggie Blythe

By phone: Amy Applegate; Dan Arendas; Calvin Roberson; Katy Cornelius; Gael Deppert; Arthur Carter; Pam Clark; Kellie Whitcomb

Staff participating: Laurie Elliott; April Vanlonden Degner; Amy Karozos

Next meeting date: November 7, 2008

I. Welcome and Introductions

Judge Harper called the meeting to order. The members and participants introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion carried: Minutes of May 2, 2008 Advisory Board meeting were approved.

III. Advisory Board Update

Revisions in Advisory Board reviewed. Updated list provided. Kellie Whitcomb advises her phone number is incorrect, correct number is 232-5774.

IV. Commission on Disproportionality in Youth Services

Next stakeholder meeting is July 22, 2008, IGCS Conference Room B.

V. Pilot Project Activities

Information was provided on the following events connected to the Pilot Project:

Juvenile Judges Conference (June 2008) Judge Harper reported. Most of the conference focused on HB 1001. Regional services councils are key, can coordinate to get funding for programs like the pilot project.

DOC conference (June 2008) April Vanlonden Degner reported. April, Alison, Jason and Kristi were well received at the conference.

Diversion program, Porter County (June 2008) Alison Cox reported. Had all players in Porter County there to explain their roles and the effect of the diversion program. Judge Harper offers that the Porter County prosecutor is willing to meet with any prosecutors about the program.

ICMHC Annual Meeting (July 23, 2008) Lyda Abell, Jason Bowser and Kelly Bauermeister will present another panel discussion on the project at Belterra Casino.

VI. Committee Reports

Mental Health Committee No report. The committee has not met since the last Board meeting. Mentioned that we need a consumer voice on the Board. JauNae was going to speak with someone from NAMI about joining.

Long Term Funding Committee: Next meeting scheduled for August 11th at 1 p.m. BJA grant was submitted. Continuing to pursue community corrections opportunities. Youth Law TEAM is now drafting the 2008 Title II grant application.

Data Collection Committee: April Vanlonden Degner reported. This committee has met twice since the last Board meeting. One question that has been raised is, how long will we require data collection? May be able to refine what the counties collect. As we continue, will look at what is useful, what is not, etc.

Amy A. stated concern about making changes to data collection this early out for research purposes. Board should have input if changes are to be made.

Confidentiality and Information Sharing Amy Applegate reported. Committee has not met since the last Board meeting, but Amy K. did draft a “cheat sheet” for pilot sites and this was approved by the committee.

April stated she may need to have some type of confidentiality agreement because some data/information is indirectly identifiable. Questions were raised concerning April’s contract and whether it contains a confidentiality clause stating that her liability for breach is that she would be reported to the licensing board.

VII. Pilot Site Reports

Johnson: Jim Higdon reported. Johnson County has done approximately 320 MAYSI 2 screens. All is going well. Have a meeting scheduled with QUEST. Judge Harper notes that counties would need to get permission from the State Court Administrator before joining QUEST.

Marion County: Gael Deppert reported. Marion County has done 2453 MAYSI 2 screens (not counting June). The BAA, MOU questions have been resolved. Gael is meeting with Peter Haughan for signatures. Have the Judge, Detention Center and Katy Cornelius looking at documents now.

Matt Aalsma is donating resources to help collect and collate data. Arthur Carter has support from the Detention Center Superintendent to assume the site coordinator position.

Porter County: Alison Cox reported. Porter County is now getting caught up with entering data into QUDEST. In the meantime, have been submitting follow up information on the spreadsheet. Alison worked on getting the diversion meeting together since the last Board meeting.

Clark County: Lyda Abell reported. All is well in Clark County. They have done approximately 325 MAYSII 2 screens so far. Had an article in last Sunday's paper. Lyda thinks the data collection is all current.

Bartholomew County: April reported that Bartholomew County was current on all data and was also submitting recidivism information.

Lake County: Dan Arendas reported. Lake County is also getting caught up on entering data into QUEST. They went back to January through March to get completely caught up. Have resolved some issues on entry of data into QUEST. Almost 1,000 MAYSII 2 screens given. Dan believes the MAYSII 2 makes newer staff more confident. Has proven to be an asset.

VIII. Pilot Project Director and Consultant Reports

April distributed instructions for QUEST data entry. Also distributed updated Project Manual sections and new data reports.

Amy K. reported on the RFP process. Initial letter to potential pilot sites and RFP were distributed. The initial letters will be mailed on August 1st, the letters of interest are due back by September 8th. The RFPs will then be mailed out and the proposals will be due by October 15th. Counties submitting proposals will be invited to present at the November 7th Board meeting.

Motion Carried: Initial letter, RFP document were approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Amy Karozos