Steering Committee

- The Steering Committee is a standing committee according to the RAC by-laws.
- The Steering Committee is the primary decision-making body for the RAC on program and budgetary issues.
- The Steering Committee facilitates and makes decisions regarding RAC business between regular RAC meetings.
- The committee is responsible for recommending the responsibilities and direction of the existing standing committees, and for receiving and reviewing their progress reports.
- The Steering Committee receives recommendations from the RAC committees and makes decisions on whether those recommendations should become policies and procedures.

Role of the RAC

The RAC is responsible for long term (strategic) and short-term (tactical) planning.

Drug Endangered Children Committee - Amy Slack, Chair

This committee is a collaboration of concerned community members and professionals who come from substance abuse treatment, child welfare, child development, education, and the medical community. The committee works to educate the community on how parental drug, alcohol, and tobacco use affects children. The focus is on perinatal drug use and how parental substance use affects unborn children, as well as how children are affected who live in homes where substances are used. The committee's goals include the following.

Goal 1: Provide training and support to the medical community to increase the identification of substance abusing pregnant and parenting women.

Goal 2: Review the child protection act and related processes to ensure that we are using it to its full potential to protect children.

Goal 3: Improve access to services for addicted families who are not involved in the child protection system.

Goal 4: Work with Road to Recovery and other substance abuse treatment providers to identify research-based strategies we should be using with pregnant and parenting women and implement those into our substance abuse treatment system.

Goal 5: Compile data regarding substance abusing pregnant and parenting women to better understand prevalence rates, treatment outcomes, and the cost of not treating addiction. The data would be used to educate the community, lawmakers, and in grant applications.

Legislative/Public Policy – Bill Thomas, Chair

The committee is working with community members to advocate for more resources in the substance abuse treatment system. The committee, which has legislators as part of the membership, works to educate policymakers on substance abuse issues.

- The Legislative/Public Policy Committee is a standing committee according to the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) by-laws.
- The committee distributes information, educates and serves as a resource to state and local legislators, policy makers, and government officials on the importance of substance abuse treatment and other related issues.
- The committee tracks local and state issues and advocates for increased substance abuse treatment and prevention, coordination of services, and increased communication among state agencies.
- The Legislative/Public Policy Committee may make recommendations to the Steering Committee in order to speak for the whole RAC when advocating for substance abuse issues.
- The Committee Chair will track legislation during the Idaho State Legislative Session and keep committee members informed on issues relating to substance abuse.
- The committee will partner with state and local policy makers to have an on-going dialogue about substance abuse issues, policies, legislation, etc.

Goals for 2006-07

1. 1. Advocate for a comprehensive system of care for substance abuse treatment and prevention
    a. We must view alcohol and drug dependence as public health issue
    b. Balanced resources—adequate funding for specialty courts, criminal justice system, targeted populations, and other community populations in need
    c. Comprehensive—a full array of treatment and recovery support services
    d. Available in ALL counties (we can't forget our rural counties)
2. Track statewide committees
    a. Mental Health & Substance Abuse Interim Committee
    b. Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse
3. Look at how substance abuse treatment will be funded with the expiration of ATR-I
    a. Increase the alcohol tax to pay for substance abuse treatment

4. Contact regional legislators before/after the election to educate them our goals/legislative agenda
   Work with Drug Endangered Children Committee to track public policy issues around drug endangered children, perinatal substance abuse, Pregnant Women/Women with Children (PWWC) issues

Prevention Committee – Tracy Beeton, Chair

- The Prevention Committee is a standing committee according to the RAC by-laws.
- The Prevention Committee works with the State of Idaho Prevention Contractor to establish the Prevention Implementation Plan
- The Prevention Committee will become aware of needs and resources regarding prevention in the communities in Region VI (this may be accomplished by having representatives from the communities in Region VI on the committee).
- The Prevention Committee will understand Evidence-Based programs and disseminate Evidence-Based information to community coalitions and other members of Region VI communities. This may be accomplished by including training as a component of the Prevention Committee agenda.
- The Prevention Committee will have an understanding of current Region VI Prevention Programs. This will be done by having agencies/individuals present their prevention programs to the committee.
- Working with the Management Services Contractor the Prevention Committee will be part of the process to adopt Evidence-Based prevention programs.
- The Prevention Committee will encourage community coalitions to be involved with the Prevention Committee and Prevention Programs.
- The Prevention Committee may include community coalition members, prevention providers, RAC members, and other community members.
- The Prevention Committee will have a sub-committee made up of committee members, who are not and will not be receiving Prevention funding. This sub-committee will be utilized in the prioritization of prevention service needs.
- The Prevention Committee will partner with community resources, and when feasible:
  - ✓ Inventory what our kids are participating in (e.g. church youth groups, etc.)
  - ✓ As resources are identified, come up with a strategy to partner—who will do what outreach?

- The Prevention Committee Chair is the committee liaison with the management services contractor.

Recovery Support Services – Betty Moore & Bill Slaven, Chairs

The Recovery Support Services Committee in accordance with the Region VI Substance Abuse Bylaws Article 2
2.1 work to ensure effective and efficient regional public substance abuse services
2.2 (a) provide leadership in the areas of substance abuse strategic planning, program development, public participation
2.2 (b) provide leadership and advocacy in the community by coordinating and exchanging information regarding substance abuse

The RSS will

- Seek and encourage participation of community organizations.
- Assess, and evaluate existing RSS services and provide relevant educational information and support assistance.
- Develop and initiate an RSS Survey
- Encourage community and faith based organizations independent of government funding to work with licensed service providers

The Recovery Support Services Committee will;

- Recruit, develop, identify and educate potential and existing RSS providers.
- Facilitate service provider to client connections by maintaining and producing an up-dated RSS information directory.
- Provide support to reduce /eliminate the stigma associated with alcoholism, drug addiction and other destructive behaviors
  (Social economic, religious, cultural and government regulation)

The Recovery Support Services Committee makes recommendations regarding available treatment support dollars and helps to ensure that quality treatment support services are provided.

- The RSS also makes recommendations to the Steering Committee on training needs for providers.

Goals

1. Enhance the supplementary service delivery capacity
2. Ensure that there are qualified RS services I the rural areas
3. Provide a balanced array of services available to specialty courts and communities in Region 6
4. To advocate for a community-based treatment system that identifies individuals with drug and alcohol dependence to help them access treatment before and or after they become involved in the criminal justice system.

Treatment Committee – Tony Cellucci, Chair

The treatment committee focuses on the need for and provision of state-supported treatment services, especially to established priority populations. It provides a forum for discussion and collaboration between referral sources, providers, and the state management (BPA/H&W) system. The committee is concerned with access to treatment, special populations issues (e.g., Pregnant Women/Women with Children [PWWC]), and the quality (i.e. best practices) and effectiveness of services, so as to best utilize locally the available treatment funding.

- The committee makes funding recommendations regarding available treatment dollars and helps to ensure that quality treatment services are provided.

- The treatment committee also makes recommendations to the Steering Committee on training needs for providers.

Goals

1. Enhance services to pregnant women and women with children (PWWC)
2. Ensure that we have qualified treatment providers in our rural counties. We currently lack services in Bear Lake County.
3. Provide a balanced array of services to specialty courts and communities in Region 6
4. Provide training to providers around Region 6 needs to enhance substance abuse treatment services
5. To advocate for the community-based treatment system that identifies individuals with drug and alcohol dependence to help them access treatment before they become involved in the criminal justice system