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Region 4 Combined RAC and MH board meeting, March 12, 2014.

Meeting documents are posted in a separate link under the Minutes Banner at www.RAC4.dhw.idaho.gov

RAC Provider Subcommittee Attendees:

Teri Carrigan, Melanie Curtis, Greg Dickerson, Suzette Driscoll, Jennifer Fishman, LaDessa Foster, Dennis Hardziej, Amy Jeppesen, Greg Lewis, Audrey Palmer, Stephanie Phillip, Darren Richman, Isaiah Sarault, Chris Saunders, Wendy Seagraves, Christina Smith, Jason Stone, Laura Thomas, Joni Ward, Gina Westcott

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

DHW was not able to attend – a copy of their budget update is in the meeting documents.

BPA –LaDessa Foster noted that BPA’s remodel is nearly done. Soon all offices will be together on the third floor of their building.

Providers will receive an email on Evidence based practices in the next week. Amy Jeppesen and Debbie Thomas have participated in the POC committee. DDCAT training is scheduled for April 9 in Room 131 at Region 4 offices at Westgate offices. This three hour training will help treatment and RSS providers be able to submit a completed DDCAT for their agency by June 15, 2014.

The new Provider Manual will be posted to the BPA webpage soon; all providers need to read the updated manual when available. An email announcing the posting will be sent.

LaDessa noted clarifications about incentive checks – check the FAQ section of BPA web page where it now specifies the five day time frame is five business days. The first quarter report that was sent to providers used a five day timeframe. The next report will be for 5 business days. The 5 business days related to incentive checks will go into place on April 1, 2014. Also, detailed information will accompany incentives checks to assist providers with reconciliation of accounts.

The RSS Audit Tool is nearly final; BPA’s Regional Coordinators are completing training on its use to assure consistency across the regions in implementation. They hope to release it within a month’s time. An audit schedule for the next year will be created.

The provider issues committee will meet again the first week of April. LaDessa also noted that Yvonne Ketchum is no longer with BPA. When the position is filled, they will send out contact information.

IDJC – Joni Ward distributed the budget through February 2014 (see meeting documents). She announced that Liza Clinger will be the new Program Specialist for IDJC’s SUDS Program. (NOTE: Liza is currently the Admin. Assistant 2 for Region 4 Behavioral Health. She supported the MH board until last fall, so will be missed by Region 4 staff and our community partners. IDJC is getting a great asset.)

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Joni encouraged providers to sign up for the Idaho WITS Users Group conference calls that happen, next one is March 14, Thursday – sign up at <http://wits.idaho.gov/> and click on the Substance Abuse button (held on the first and second Thursdays of the month per the webpage).

Joni introduced Stephanie Phillip, the new District 4 SUDS program manager. Her position is the liaison between the LAG and DJC. She noted that they are still using a paper authorization backup system for processes and providers seem to like this backup.

Providers had a question about the 41% spent rate for 64% of the year. Local teams are updating their plans and will be addressing this issue. Look for updates on the IDJC website when available. A request was made to review transportation support for clients with Medicaid benefits. A provider reported that some clients are missing treatment because the process is not working well and they don't have transportation; IDJC asked to have any specific cases relayed to them for follow up and reassured the provider that DJC will fund transportation if they have difficulties with AMR to make sure clients do not miss treatment. Stephanie Phillips is the first contact for this issue in District 4. (People are welcome to call Joni directly as well.)

IDOC Update - Greg Lewis reviewed the latest budget information (see meeting documents) IDOC has good news - their request for additional SUDS funding appears to be on track this legislative session. Once the session is over, they expect \$800,000 added to this fiscal year and an increase of \$2.4 million to the next fiscal year budget. They will be expanding transitional housing for releasing inmates from a 30-day to a 60-day voucher as soon as possible. Case management will be added as an available pre-Treatment service. The population targeted for the expanded funding is parolees. Watch for a BPA/IDOC communication in the next few weeks announcing the changes this additional funding will present.

The additional funding for next year comes with accountability strings attached. The Legislature will want to know how client care is being delivered in the community and the outcomes. IDOC is working with BPA and the partner agencies on the processes that will be needed to collect this data.

Discussion was held on current voucher utilization. Greg noted that roughly a third of vouchered treatment services are used and it is consistent between IOP and OP treatment levels. Housing however is used at an 80% usage level. Providers shared that some clients in pre-treatment view the additional demands of treatment (4 hours a week to nine hours a week) as "punishment" when they feel they are doing everything asked of them in the pre-treatment level. Also the lower level of limits in a weekly timespan can prevent a provider from having a motivated client utilize all the units desired. Full utilization of vouchers is encouraged.

Providers noted that if GAINs will be required in the additional funding of services for parolees then scheduling services could be difficult since most are scheduled 30 days out and it is nearly the middle of March. Some agencies have experience staffing changes due to current service provision rates. Commitment to good communication between providers and partners will help assure services are available in a timely manner.

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A suggestion was made to look into a temporary proposed rule (negotiated rule making) as a means to help bridge the gap between Best Practice and IDAPA where conflicts exist for specific populations.

The Provider Subcommittee will meet in conjunction with the Tuesday, May 13 Panel Discussion that ACCT is sponsoring at ICADD. No separate May subcommittee meeting is scheduled.

Subcommittee was adjourned at 9:51 a.m. for the combined RAC and MH Health board meeting.

Attendees: Marilyn Baughman, Teri Carrigan, Rob Christensen, Chris Christopher, Melanie Curtis, Greg Dickerson, Suzette Driscoll, Russ Duke, Ross Edmunds, Jennifer Fishman, LaDessa Foster, Kenny Gray, Amy Jeppesen, Amy Korb, Audrey Palmer, Darren Richman, Isaiah Sarault, Christina Smith, Laura Thomas, Gina Westcott,

Meeting was called to order by Darren Richman. Brief introductions followed approval of the agenda. The minutes from the combined RAC MH Board meeting January 8, 2014 were approved.

Ross Edmunds, Division of Behavioral Health Administrator for DHW provided an update on the current legislative year and transformation of behavioral health. The Crisis Center legislation passed the House yesterday; the Governor's signature is expected soon. The Budget request for the Crisis Centers is following a trailer bill process and will be taken up by JFAC March 13 or 14, 2014. Anyone with a viewpoint to express on funding the centers is encouraged to contact JFAC. A contact list was made available for the convenience of the RAC and MH Board attendees. Loan repayment legislation for physicians to staff state hospitals is now passed to the House Floor; the trailer bill for this legislation was approved March 11, 2014. The Governor signed the Transformation legislation March 11, 2014 – it goes into effect July 1, 2014. The State Mental Health Planning Council membership terms have all been extended to June 30, 2014 to allow for a smooth transition to a State Behavioral Health Planning Council.

The consensus was that Gina, Laura, Darren and Greg will meet soon to start outlining the next steps of implementing transformation. Laura and Gina will attend the next CDHD meeting March 21 to continue the conversation of next steps with that board.

Russ Duke from Central District Health Department restated the perspective from the public health viewpoint. They see the opportunities from transformation as positive; substance use disorders and mental health are public health concerns. CDHD board is interested in seeing where transformation legislation goes and continuing conversations with Region 4.

Katie Walker from the Idaho Lives Project provided an overview of this suicide prevention program that is funded by a grant co-written by the Idaho SDE and Suicide Prevention Network. A summary of the program is in the meeting documents; the target population are youth 10-24 years old. Currently, eight schools are in the first cohort; two more cohorts of 7 schools each will be added over the next two years. Region 4 is not represented in the first cohort; schools in the Region interested need to have a year pass before applying if there has been a suicide in the school/community. The program is not appropriate for post-suicide situations. Extensive training is implemented in project schools; the

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program is evidence-based and focuses on the sources of strength available to youth in They are also working with the Juvenile Justice Program implementing Shield of Care.

Becky diVittorio provided an update from Optum – see meeting documents for details. Significant progress has been made addressing the long wait times providers experienced in December. Answer time for calls is now under 15 seconds.

Laura Thomas provided a brief regional update for SUDS programs – requests for funding a Valley County person to attend the Northwest Alcohol conference in July, ICADD scholarships and printing support for Connect the Pieces have been received and will be processed in the next month.

Recovery Community Organizations – a workshop on how to form a Recovery Organization will be held March 17-19, 2014 in Boise. The goal is to have a few people from every region attend, with more from the local area. People in recovery are encouraged to participate – CCAR information indicates recovery efforts are more successful when people in recovery are engaged in efforts.

Drug Free Idaho will be conducting a state wide sticker blast with Stinker stores sometime in April. Everyone is encouraged to visit a Stinker store and tell the clerk and manager “Thanks” for supporting efforts to reduce underage drinking. Laura will send out information closer to the date to remind all to help give a positive message to Stinker as a community partner.

Steve Graci reported that the Children’s Mental Health Awareness week activities will include a statewide poster contest and new this year, video PSA contest for High School and College students. Laura will send out information when available. All members are encouraged to share the contest information – someone will win a mini iPad and iTune gift cards! A Family Holistic Health Fair will be held on Saturday, May 3 at St.Lukes and feature two panels of speakers on children’s mental health concerns. The panel presentations will be videotaped and re-broadcast state wide to all regional H&W offices and the two state hospital sites via the DHW video conference system. The community is finalizing the work on children’s mental health in region 4 and will present their report at the May meeting.

Networking Update:

Kenny Gray – Fuddruckers is doing a benefit burger day – free burgers on March 16 and all donations benefit the Boise Rescue Mission.

Terri Carrigan – ICADD is May 12 for preconference’s and May 13-15 for the conference. The deadline for early registration is April 2 – fees go up after that date. There is a link to the website under the Events Banner at the www.RAC4.dhw.idaho.gov

Melanie Curtis from SHIP shared that both the administrative and housing offices will be moving to 1843 S. Broadway in Boise – suites 101A-B and 103.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Keep reading for next meeting dates.

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Next combined RAC and MH Board meeting is Wednesday, May 21, 2014 in Room 131 at Region 4 offices, at 10 a.m. to noon.

Next RAC Providers Subcommittee is the Tuesday during ICADD, May 13, from noon 1 the ACCT Panel discussion with providers. No separate RAC provider subcommittee meeting will be held in May.

Children's Mental Health Subcommittee meetings are Tuesday, April 8, May 13, and June 10 – all at 8:30 a.m. in Room 138 at Region 4 offices.