

## Region 5 Behavioral Health Community Board

### Meeting Minutes

11:30 ~ 2:30

June 6, 2013

*Present:*

Sally Bryan, John Hathaway, Tom Hanson, Bev Ashton, LeWayne Jungert, Dawn Anderson, Frances Wright, Kevin Pettus, Mike Waite, Scott Rasmussen, Elisha Figueroa, Nancy Kunau, Kent Thibault, Cassandra Hurst, Kathy McRill, Janelle Johnson, Linda Wright, Beth Cothorn, Eric Jones, Allison Hamilton, Helen Edwards, Kim Dopson, Sara C., Janice Kroeger, Carmen Babb, Lee Wilson, Kathy Harris, Mick Hodges (via phone)

*Excused:*

Mary Christy, Val Stotts, Debbie Thomas

*Next meeting:*

August 7, 2013

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#### I. Announcements

**Resignation letters from Mari Nelson and Duke Morton were read.**

#### II. Business

Agenda: WITS updates - Michelle Buskey - Unable to attend.

Legislative updates - Rosie Andueza - Rosie was available via phone but unable to communicate due to technical difficulties.

Additions to the **Agenda:** None

##### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes – Kim Dopson

Motion seconded – Tom Hanson

Minutes unanimously approved

**Action Items** from last meeting are partially completed.

- **Jamie Teeter will see what GAIN data isn't populating in WITS and will address any issues on the FAQ's on the WITS website.**

Jamie Teeter was unable to attend the meeting.

- **Kevin Sandau will send Sally information on the co-op program to share with the Board.**

Dr. Sheri Atkins runs the consortium in Pocatello. If you are interested in the program call 208-234-2094

There is a grant process that a provider can go through and the student signs up for a two year commitment with your facility.

Another option could be use of "telehealth" which would allow us to use providers in remote areas.

- **Kevin Sandau will send Sally information regarding the grant funding opportunities for Restorative Conferencing.**

"Right now, conferences are funded through 'grants' from the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. There are 3 funding streams - 1 is for youth with a mental health diagnosis (includes ADHD and the regular MH diagnoses); 1 is for Reentry, that is youth coming out of IDJC; the other for youth whose crime(s) qualifies them to be sent to IDJC, however they are being diverted to community based supervision and treatment. In addition to those three, I just received some funding from St. Luke's that included some money for conferences, a restorative conference can

have a positive impact on a crime victim's harm/trauma therefore reducing related PTSD symptoms." - LeWayne Jungert

There is a variety of funding that can be accessed. Applications are made by Juvenile Probation personnel. Many private providers are trained in this process. Contact LeWayne Jungert if you are interested in using Restorative Conferencing for other purposes.

- **Janice Kroeger will check to see if firearm ownership ability is removed from ALL people dispositioned to a mental health hospital.**

This is a major national issue. Federal law prohibits the sale of firearms to any person knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that such person "has been adjudicated as a mental defective or has been committed to any mental institution." There is a form that can be found on-line that can be used when you sell a firearm to an individual. If the person answers truthfully and the indicated boxes are checked you are not permitted to sell the firearm. If those boxes are not checked the seller submits the form to the NCIC, National Crime Information Center, and the seller waits to hear back on the sale. Local pawn shops say the system gets back soon.

One of the national issues is that not all states are diligent about putting data into this system. In the State of Idaho one of the limitations on getting a concealed weapon is if they are currently suffering or have been adjudicated as lacking mental capacity, mentally ill, gravely disabled, incapacitated. Local sellers do have access to the Idaho court system to specifically check for mental commitments and they look specifically for adjudication.

This could be an upcoming legislative issue.

### **III. Discussion:**

**Elisha Figueroa** - Administrator for the Office of Drug Policy:

Prevention is a relatively new direction for the office.

The top three issues were identified as under-age drinking, marijuana use and prescription drug abuse.

Funding was shifted to the Division of Behavioral Health for certain programs. Some block grants were shifted from the Division of Behavioral Health to the Office of Drug Policy.

Other grants have been applied for which would significantly increase the amount of money the Office of Drug Policy would have to assist in achieving their goals.

<http://www.betheparent.org> website focuses on helping parents with underage drinking issues.

Privatization of liquor system information is being provided to citizens.

A Prescription Drug Workgroup is planning a Statewide Education Campaign.

Medical marijuana is on the radar because adjoining states have legalized marijuana.

Statewide training on July 18<sup>th</sup> will be provided to help those who may need to speak to the media regarding drug issues have a base of knowledge to help them. It is a half day training - for information call 208-854-3040.

#### **Prevention Event -**

Myths vs. Facts - "Myth Busters"

Below are some of the ideas being explored:

**August -**

Prevention Awareness Myth Busters Poster Contest for students (posters displayed at September Partners in the Park Booth).

Intruduce Video Myth Busters Contest to schools (Winners Announced at January Art Show).

Community/Student Myth Busters event w/speaker; (Possible Presenters: Monte Stiles, Tedd McDonald, other names supplied to Kim Dopson).

**September -**

Partners in the Park Interactive Behavioral Health Booth.

**November -**

Town Hall Meeting

**January -**

Client Art Show

Video Contest Winners Announced

**March -**

Propose a Teen Summit by the College of Southern Idaho (in Hailey) and Blaine County Community Drug Coalition

Impaired Driving simulator (local law enforcement)

Underage drinking

Possible Speakers: Monte Stiles, Greg Sommers, Jermaine Galloway.

**June -**

Community Resources Fair

(Housing, Education, Mental Health, Prevention , Health, TBD)

The Board approves the Theme and encourages support and participation in the events.

If you are interested in assisting contact Beth Cothorn 732-1582.

Suggestions:

Simulators for alcohol impairment - Elisha F. may have a contact person for this equipment.

Float for Western Days parade.

Health Fair participation in various counties.

SIPAD may have funding still available for an event like this.

Faith based organizations may be able to assist.

Community/Education Subcommittee will continue to develop the events for the year.

#### **IV. Subcommittee Reports to the Board**

Data/Legislative Subcommittee:

Statewide SUD Provider Meeting - Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 10:30 - 12:30 PM at Pole Line Road building - Conference Room B. - Contact Kathy Skippen 208-334-6676 or skippenk@dhw.idaho.gov

This is an opportunity to discuss whatever you would like with Central Office staff. This is the second round of this type of meeting; the SUD Central Office staff came to each of the regions previously. The outcome of those meetings was major changes regarding IDAPA rules, admin duplication , rate increases, improved communication and a better relationship between providers and CO in general. They want to continue to build on that process with this meeting.

ATR Grant funds communication is lacking. The access to this grant starts with the Parole Officers and many times they are not aware when funding has been replenished and they don't order assessments.

Electronic payment process can be scary for private providers because computer glitches can halt payments.

There was discussion on OPTUM as the managed care organization for Medicaid. The unknown creates apprehension for private providers.

SUD providers are required as of July 1, 2013 to do their billing through the WITS program. The WITS program is free for private providers to use, however it is costing the providers to transfer their data manually and train their staff etc.

The State will not allow data to be imported into WITS from another data program which is frustrating to the private providers. They feel they will have to do double data entry in order to bill.

What will be the effect of the Affordable Care Act on Private Providers?

#### Community Education/Prevention Subcommittee:

Each member of the subcommittee has been given a county to research regarding the different community events in those counties. The result will be a calendar of events. The Region V Mental Health Community Board will have a booth for various events; individual members of the board can sign up to man the booth. There will be a point of contact on the subcommittee that will assist the volunteers in getting everything they need for the booth. In this way we can be present at many community events throughout the year.

RAC budget money will be discussed with Kim Dopson after the main meeting.

#### Support Services:

Dual diagnosis services availability:

- Funding problems make it difficult for people to receive residential services; in Region 5 an example of a residential services facility would be the Walker Center.
- What options do people have if they can't receive services?
- How do we treat people with co-occurring disorders? Public awareness and education is important, punishment is not the answer.

Suggestion - Using MH services along with SUD services funding instead of separating it. Data on jails and what are the Mental Health services and how much money is being used? (i.e. what is the cost of Mental Health & Substance Use?)

#### Issues:

Lack of respect for authority in general by children and how to support parents such as a support group or advocate that can assist with those challenges was discussed.

Foster parents also need someone to talk to regarding parenting challenges.

Suggestion:

Federation of Families provides support for families.

Support of websites such as "Be the Parent".

Conclusion:

July meeting is cancelled due to Holiday.

Next Meeting: August 7, 2013 at 601 Pole Line Road, 11:30 ~ 2:30.