

# STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

March 8, 2012

9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

Board Room, Country Inn and Suites

-- MINUTES --

## Members:

### - Present:

Corey Brockway, Sheri Dawson, Janet Johnson, Linda Krutz, Dr. Delinda Mercer, Brenda Miner, Randy See, Jorge Rodriguez-Sierra, Debra Shoemaker.

### - Absent:

Ann Ebsen, Jay Jackson

## DBH:

Jim Harvey, Carol Coussons de Reyes, Sue Adams, Scot Adams, Blaine Shaffer, Sarah Cox, Heather Wood, Nancy Heller, Kathy Wilson

## I. OPENING

### A. Welcome and Attendance

Brenda Miner called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Attendance was taken and a quorum determined.

### B. Comments on November 3, 2011 Minutes

Jim Harvey and Sheri Dawson explained the public meeting minutes procedure. Draft minutes will be sent to the Chair for approval, and then posted on the website within 10 working days. Copies will be included in the packets for the following meeting, at which time the committee can vote to amend with corrections or clarification. Amended minutes will then be re-posted. Corey Brockway moved to accept the minutes of the November 3, 2011 meeting, Jorge Rodriguez-Sierra seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by general consent.

### C. Approval of March 8, 2012 Agenda

Corey Brockway moved to approve the agenda, Linda Krutz seconded the motion and the agenda was approved by general consent.

### D. Housekeeping

Jim Harvey explained the floor layout, when the lunch would be served and when it is planned that the meeting would end.

## II. PUBLIC COMMENT (9:15 to 9:30a.m.)

None

## III. TOPICS

### A. DBH Strategic Plan Implementation – Scot Adams (followed B. *Prevention Update*)

While being both Director of BH and Interim Director of CFS, Dr Adams identified three thrusts:

1. Identify and process what needed to continue
2. Identify what should be left for the new director, such as contract review, and CFS structure.
3. Identify how to coordinate DBH and CFS

Mr. Thomas Pristow has been appointed as the new Director of CFS and will start March 21.

A formal report on the Strategic Plan will be ready probably in time for the next meeting. Some good points of it are the Co-Occurring workgroup, the state agencies and work on identifying what is needed for Sex Offender treatment (SO).

•The Committee discussed the complexity of dealing with registration and treatment of SO. There is coordination between BH and Corrections to help sex offenders return to the community. Perhaps peer groups will evolve in this area.

**B. Prevention Update – Sue Adams, on behalf of Renee Faber**

SA Block Grant priorities in FY 12-13

1. Reducing the sale of tobacco to youth There is no central licensing for tobacco sales. So, letters have to be sent out to clerks in the counties to collect names of retailers in order to check for violation. Funding and staffing also are problems.
2. Developing strategic plan for prevention Partnership with Public Health is being developed. Another partnership involved Environmental strategies in the disposal of unused medication. Another focus is on training and improving the collection and use of data.
3. Reducing under-age drinking and adult excessive drinking through use of environmental strategies When the strategic framework grant expires, DBH will work with community coalitions to help sustain programs that are working, such as keg registration.

•The Committee discussed the need for greater emphasis that marijuana is illegal and that programs should be developed to target the problem and the mindset.

**C. Evidence Based Practices Workgroup – Blaine Shaffer/Jim Harvey**

The charge of the Workgroup is to provide recommendations to DBH by September 29, 2012 on a consistent and sustainable way of doing fidelity monitoring linked to outcomes on EBPs. The goal is to improve the use of EBPs in order to achieve more effective use of limited community resources.

**D. Closing the Gaps: DBH/Criminal Justice Collaboration – Blaine Shaffer**

The goal of the collaboration is to provide information about BH issues in state corrections and discuss crossover issues. Individuals with substance abuse and with co-occurring diagnoses are more likely to have criminal justice encounters compared to individuals with only mental health problems. Addressing treatment needs while individuals are in prison or jail is recommended.

**E. Law Enforcement DVD – Sarah Cox**

With the help of the Norfolk police, a training video, funded by the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, was produced to demonstrate how officers can handle crisis situations. It is mainly to instruct rural officers who cannot be away for the 40hour CIT training or the 32hour BETA model.

•The Committee discussed using the video to train probation officers, parole officers and those in similar fields, although some of the scenarios in the modules may have different results.

**F. Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Program – Heather Wood**

CQI is an ongoing process in which data is used to plan, identify opportunities for improvement, implement changes, and study and analyze results. Points of the 2011 Adult and Youth consumer surveys were reviewed and plans for the 2012 consumer survey.

**G. Lincoln Medical Education Partnership: Contract Report – Nancy Heller**

Training for Addiction Professionals (TAP) contract is running from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. TAP provides Core Education, Continuing Education, as well as courses in criminal justice and other initiatives. Tap was also awarded a DBH contract for problem gambling education, which helps with workforce development in both professions. The contract is paid through the SA Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. Participant fees often are enough to pay the costs of a course, therefore saving money under the contract because TAP does not have to draw down

contract funds. However, this has created an under-utilization of the contract. The Division and TAP are looking at ways to use the extra funds to expand courses.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (2:00p.m.)**  
None

**V. SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE QUESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS TO DBH**

- A. The Committee recommends that the Division increase prevention efforts regarding marijuana use among youth. Jorge Rodriguez-Sierra moved on this recommendation. Dr. Delinda Mercer seconded the motion, and the recommendation was approved by general consent.
- B. The Committee recommends that the Division's Prevention Coordinator, Renee Faber, come to the September meeting to give a report on what are the attitudes and focus of the prevention system regarding marijuana. Corey Brockway moved on this recommendation, Linda Krutz seconded the motion, and the recommendation was approved by general consent.
- C. The Committee recommends that there is a presentation about sex offender behavior and programs at the joint May 3 meeting and further discussion on the DBH role. Debra Shoemaker moved on this recommendation, Randy See seconded the motion, and the recommendation was approved by general consent.
- D. The Committee wishes to endorse the DVD and use it as widely as possible with the recommendation that a validation be added to the end and resolution after each scenario. Jorge Rodriguez-Sierra moved on this endorsement with recommendation, Dr. Delinda Mercer seconded the motion, and the endorsement with recommendation was approved by general consent.
- E. The Committee recognizes and supports the efforts surrounding the data collection that has improved over the years, and encourages continued improvement and utilization. Corey Brockway moved on this statement, Jorge Rodriguez-Sierra seconded the motion, and the statement was approved by general consent.

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

See Recommendation B. for the September meeting and C. for the joint May meeting

**VII. PLUS/DELTA and ADJOURNMENT (3:00p.m.)**

Randy See moved to adjourn the meeting, Janet Johnson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned by general consent.

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