

**SIG Children's Mental Health/Substance Abuse State Infrastructure Grant  
Academic Consortium  
December 8, 2005  
9:30 – 12:00  
University of Nebraska Public Policy Center**

**Meeting Notes**

In attendance: Mark DeKraai, Todd Glover, Ken Gallagher, Richard Weiner  
By Phone: Chris Kratochvil, Glen Palmer  
Note taker: Sarah Evans

- Introductions
- Review of November Meeting Notes
- Review of Committee Charter
  - Researcher List
  - Review of EBP's in Nebraska
  - Develop process for improving existing research based knowledge
- Review of Research List – Sarah will send out revised copy with a few additions various group members are checking in to
- Overview of structure for presentation of report to Steering committee.
  - Our role is to present current state of what we know. Emphasis on creation of new infrastructure to better EBP's and implementation in the state.
  - We need to delineate what that organizational structure should be.
  - We will use:
    - EBP documentation
      - Debra and Teresa document
    - List of researchers
    - Comparison tables
      - Presentation of information available from different sources, i.e.: APA, School Psychology organizations, etc.
    - State Examples Document Overview.
      - 8 state consortium plus a few independent initiatives. Agreement that implementation of EBP system is a process and cannot be done overnight. Barrier of lack of resources in smaller states such as NE. Need organizations to be provided with an opportunity to promote their promising program through research as opposed to telling them what the solution is to the problem they are attempting to target.
      - We are in the process of contacting states (OR, NY contacts, others in the works). Provide examples of how other states are trying to implement best practices. OR has a legislative incentive. They are requiring individual communities to document using EBP's and provide empirical evidence for services. Also a process provided to

MH providers to document services they are utilizing. OR trying to provide support to service providers and empowerment to families. They offer suggestions on how to target various mental health issues. They provide the infrastructure and support but leave it to the service provider to decide if the practice will be adopted into his/her private practice. NY has a different approach, they are providing training. The trainers are primarily Ph.D. level.

- We need to address sources of funding. How to fund this infrastructure development? We can't assume the process will be state-funded. Funding sources are critical to include in other state examples.
  - Idea on the table of developing a consortium to apply for funding for projects dealing with EBP's.
- Desire to bring researchers and policy makers together to collaborate on issues related to EBP's. We must be careful about our committee's limitations.
  - There is an existing initiative among states to come together and create a collaborative research. Could we also do this?
- Distinguish between research on EBP programs and program evaluation. We shouldn't rule out researchers from other fields (i.e.: economist) who can provide necessary information.
- Discussion regarding the concerns of the use of the term Evidence Based Practice. Stereotype that EBP's are bad because they restrict access to other services.
- Next Steps
  - All material for the Steering Committee presentation should be finalized by the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. The Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2006. Presentation will be done by Rich. Blaine can talk about the values? Ken might present on evaluation. Todd will do an overview of the committee.
    - EBP Paper (Deb)- critique and modify
    - State Examples & Initiatives (Todd and Sarah)
    - Our Researchers- List (Sarah)
    - Recommendations (Mark, Rich, Todd)
      - Infrastructure development
      - Attempt to get researchers and policy makers to collaborate
      - Funding
    - Structure of presentation (Mark and Todd)
- Next Meeting
  - January 25, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
    - Conference room in PPC-book