

*Nebraska's Children's Mental Health and
Substance Abuse State Infrastructure Grant (SIG)*

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Wednesday, June 20, 2007 —10:00-2:00 (Working Lunch Provided)
University of Nebraska Foundation—1010 Lincoln Mall, Lincoln**

Meeting Start: 10:10 AM

Welcome by Chris Peterson

Roll Call – Members Present:

Beth Baxter
Vivianne Chaumont
John Clark
Pat Connell
Elizabeth Dugger
Jerry Easterday

Brandon Fletcher
Brenda Fletcher
Gary Henrie
Roger Keetle
Kathy Kelley
Candy Kennedy

Marilyn Mecham
Todd Reckling
Debra Schorr
Ronald Sorensen
Chris Peterson

Quorum Reached

Meeting Agenda presentation – Mark DeKraai

HHS Restructuring – Chris Peterson

- Finalized July 1
- As the governor became involved in the HHS system, he wanted them to be accountable, dependable, and accessible.
- There are six divisions with the following core responsibilities:
 - Division of Veteran's Homes – All four are hiring or have hired new administrators
 - John Kilgert director
 - Division of Behavioral Health (mostly unchanged from LB 1083)
 - Scot Adams will serve as the director of BH
 - Division of Developmental Disabilities – no director yet
 - Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care
 - Director is Vivianne Chaumont
 - Division of Children & Family Services, nearly 3,000 staff
 - Includes Protection & Safety, with Todd Reckling as the administrator
 - Searching for director
 - Division of Public Health

- Joann Schaffer will be the director as of July 1, she is reorganizing her division
- New org chart up on the Intranet
- In addition to restructuring, HHSS will be experiencing budget reductions, up to \$10M by the next fiscal year, which will be in the 3 administrative programs, including service area staff, but won't affect services like 24-hour assistance.

LB-542 – Chris Peterson

- Focused on services for the Hastings Regional Center Services for Youth
- Will determine how this services fits with Behavioral Health Oversight committee and SIG Steering Committee

Briefing on Omaha-Projects – Mark DeKraai

- Bright Futures – John Clark identified this program; its focus is on schools in the Omaha area
 - Five Subgroups: academic support, early childhood, after school tutoring, reducing truancy and recovering lost youth, and addressing adolescent behavioral health.
 - Addressing issues of students' success and/or failure
 - Melding 11 school districts in 2 counties, representing 1/3 of the school population in Nebraska
 - One of our strategies was to link school systems with behavioral health in the community, so we can perhaps dove tail with this project.
 - This effort is privately funded.
 - We (SIG) have been contacted by Bright Futures to have a discussion in the future.
- Alegent Community Benefit Trust Decision Accelerator
 - o There are system gaps in Omaha, so they are hoping to find a framework to deal with behavioral health needs among juvenile populations within Douglas and Sarpy Counties.
 - o We can look at this to see how it can interface with the state level.

Other Updates:

David Cygan and Beth Baxter will be doing national Georgetown Technical Assistance conference call

- Looking at financing strategies for developing systems of care and how we develop that project, our financing strategies, etc.
- Beth will talk about the local level and David Cygan will talk about the state level, along with Todd Reckling and Sue Adams

Briefing: Comprehensive Family Assessment (CFA) – Sue Adams, Todd Reckling, David Cygan, and Roxie Cillessen

Materials: Comprehensive Family Assessment Background sheet (green)

- We are piloting CFA right now in the Western part of the state
- Coordinated across Medicaid, Behavioral Health, and Protection & Safety

- When P&S receives an abuse/neglect referral, we are doing a comprehensive family assessment as well after P&S does their safety assessment.
- Panhandle Partners will assess for mental health issues in the adults, substance abuse in adults, complete a physical on the child, etc., and then they put together whether mental health treatment would be helpful.
- The evaluator will develop an evaluation plan for all of the pilot projects with such questions to look at as:
 - o Are we reducing the number of out-of-home placements?
 - o Are we reducing the number of police contacts?
- Part of our comprehensive care in P&S, is that BH and MH providers will make recommendations
 - o Part of the new safety model is to have the workers learn to gauge what is going on through looking at family functioning.
 - o We can examine whether children have been coming in as state wards in order to access services.
 - o This would provide us to provide services to those kids without going through the court system.
- This project combines P&S with Medicaid and BH, partnering agencies.
- **Kathy Kelley makes a Motion to adopt the Comprehensive Family Assessment Pilot under SIG to move the CFA beyond Protection and Safety to be explored by Medicaid and Behavioral Health and move the pilot beyond the Western part of the state.**
- **Pat Connell seconds the Motion**
- All the pilots are budget neutral.
- This is teamed with P&S new Safety Model.
- **ROLL CALL VOTE**
- **Motion Passes unanimously** by all attending members (see the sheet)

11:45 AM – Break until 12:00 PM

Briefing: Mobile Crisis Response Briefing (MCR) – Todd Reckling, Sue Adams, David Cygan
 Materials: Providing Mobile Crisis for Children & Families (Pink)

- Similar to Tennessee Model of Mobile Crisis Response as we heard at the last meeting.
- We are still in the exploratory stage, and we are looking to develop this from a budget-neutral environment.
- **MOTION by Pat Connell to explore the development of a pilot for Mobile Crisis Response through SIG and the divisions of HHS in a budget neutral environment**
- **SECOND the motion by Kathy Kelley**
- **ROLL CALL VOTE,**
- **PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.**

Briefing: Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Database by Todd Glover
 Materials: EBP powerpoint, EBP handout (blue sheet)

- EBPs are scientifically validated interventions. Utilization of EBPs has advantages for consumers, providers, administrators, and funding sources (treatments are more time and cost-effective).
- The database was developed at the Univ of Hawaii, where they coded different practices based on the resource literature so they could make decisions based on previous research
- The database is available online in a searchable layout.
- You enter in your initial search information, then you can keep drilling down to find specific practices that were used. Then, you can click on each practice to find out more about the practice used.
- Additionally, the database can output in a table-form.
- Hawaii has coded 200 studies. This database allows you to look at different levels of support.
- **Issue TABLED by the Committee.** The SIG Project Management team will do more work on the EBP Database idea and present to the Committee at a later date.

Public Comment Period.

Future SIG Steering Committee Meetings:

- Future presentations: Briefing on Region 3, More information from two Omaha projects, progress reports on recommendations and strategies, update on the subcommittee by LB 542.
- **NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Meeting adjourned 2:56 PM