

STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES
August 8, 2006 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Country Inn/Suites
5353 North 27th , Lincoln, Nebraska

Committee Members Present: Jerome Barry, Ann Ebsen, Linda Krutz, Dr. Mercer, Brenda Miner, Laura Richards, Kathy Seacrest.

Absent: Dr. Bhatia, Jane Morgan, Topher Hansen, Wehnona St. Cyr.

HHS/Behavioral Health Staff Present: Barbara Thomas, Linda Wittmuss, Kathy Samuelson, Laurie Sutter, Joel McCleary, Betty Alm.

Guests Present: Kate Speck, Leslie Buhl, Rand Wiese.

I. WELCOME

Chairperson, Ann Ebsen called the meeting to order at 10am.

II. ATTENDANCE – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined with seven members present.

III. APPROVAL OF MAY 9, 2006 MINUTES

MOTION: Kathy Seacrest
To approve the May 9, 2006 minutes.

SECOND: Jerome Barry
Discussion: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously by general consent.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ann asked for additions or corrections to today’s agenda.

Jerome Barry requested to add LADC renewal notification to today’s agenda.

MOTION: Kathy Seacrest
To approve the agenda as amended.

SECOND: Laura Richards
Discussion: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously by general consent.

V. BH DIVISION RESPONSE TO MAY 9, 2006 SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation #1 response discussion:

The Division is continuing to work on this. Affiliation agreement between BH Division and HHS Finance and Support has been completed.

This recommendation will remain on the Recommendation list.

Recommendation #2 response discussion:

Barb Thomas mentioned the Division has been discussing integration – LB1083 statutory requirement - would be good if the Substance Abuse Committee look at integration ideas and how it would work.

The Mental Health Advisory Committee may also have an interest.

-Linda Wittmuss mentioned the Behavioral Health issue is how this is integrated. The Division asked the Feds. for technical assistance and looking at the CMS Website for draft protocols.

-Ann mentioned we are making sure the integrity of Behavioral Health remains in place and not swallowed up by Medicaid. Recommendation will remain on the list to be sent to the Division from the Substance Abuse Committee.

Recommendation #3 response discussion:

-Lincoln Medical Education Partnership is working on training for physicians – this would be part of the LMEP report. Jerome mentioned the Substance Abuse Action Coalition who has a subcommittee also discussed the importance of this. Volunteer Doctors are involved. He suggested Kit Boesch be included.

Recommendation #4 response discussion:

-Notification from the Governor’s Office says they will not reappoint Committee members until they receive new applications. The current members will remain on the Committee.

NOTE: Copies of the Executive Appointment Application were distributed to Committee members today. Current Committee members do not have to reapply.

MOTION: Jerome Barry
To continue with the four Committee members whose terms expired.

SECOND: Kathy Seacrest

Discussion:

Q: Jerome asked what communication is going out regarding to solicit membership?

A Kathy explained it went out to the Regions.

Q: Who is the contact from the Governor’s Office?

A: Peggy King.

There is no requirement to have some representatives from every region.

The four Substance Abuse Committee members whose terms expired:

Brenda Miner, Jane Morgan, Ann Ebsen, Linda Krutz.

Q: What about Division representation on the Substance Abuse Committee?

A: This is currently in the Governor’s Office – the position has not yet been filled.

Kathy suggested Ron Sorensen attend these Committee meetings or designate someone from the Division attend on Ron’s behalf.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously by general consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

I. BH Division Updates/Reports

SAMHSA/CSAT Federal Site Visit and Grants – Barb Thomas

The Division is scheduled for a SAMHSA site visit in April 2007. Bob Bussard is the Division lead staff in writing the Block Grant.

The Division finished the CMHS site visit and the CSAP site visit in May. We will now be providing some changes in prevention funding and programming in the regions.

2007 SA Block Grant Application

The application is due in October 1. Will be a little under \$8 million to the Substance Abuse Block Grant.

We have to say how we are meeting national outcome measures (NOMS) and meet Federal requirements. This is not an independent application – we do not have the opportunity to develop our own goals. Entire application is on-line. The Division is in the process of applying for it.

Implementation report is added in what we accomplished last year.

By September of each year we get the actual revenue data from regions and providers and that data is included in this report..

Q: Will the Block Grant stay at the same level?

A: Barb explained we have been reduced twice in the last year. We have been notified it will be reduced in the next year. Same situation with the Mental Health Block Grant.

SOMMS Federal Grant

We have received another grant – State Outcomes Measurement and Management System – provides \$75,000 semi-annually for data on how we do national outcome measures – this provides funding to support the data system. Bob Bussard will be managing this grant.

Linda Wittmuss mentioned one of the changes in the data system needing to be done is looking at outcomes – documentation that treatment is having an impact. One of the problems with current data system is how would we collect this information .- like most states we have data system admission and discharge data but do not have a system to collect periodic info. If we have a person in treatment and three months down the road – what is employment status, medication status, etc.? This money will be used for implementation changes in collecting that information.

Q: How is the \$75 million decided?

A: Barb says there is a list of what we have to report on – outpatient, residential, etc.

Q: Brenda asked if this is implemented into Magellan system?

A: Linda explained the issue is how we meet the requirement.

Q: What happens at the end of two years?

A: We are changing to performance outcomes.

Kathy Seacrest suggested those who are collecting data should be involved in this and get a report in November.

Bob Bussard can give a report at the November meeting and the Committee can offer recommendations.

Prevention – Laurie Sutter

This is the last year of the State Incentive Cooperative Agreement.

Recommendations passed on to the Lt. Governor – the Review Committee’s decision

15 who have lesser conditions have had funding awards processed. Those who have more significant conditions have 90 days to further address the conditions. Lt. Gov. will be meeting with them to further explain the conditions. Hopefully, we will have all 18 fully funded.

Some issues include: financial management accountability and inclusion issues regarding Native Americans and minorities.

Because we had had some savings over the past two years, Laurie recommended extending the final year of funding from 12 to 15 months.

Outcomes indicated drop in substance abuse – very successful.

We applied in May for Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) \$2.3 million for five years—85% to communities – approval of state plan before funding communities. Hopefully this will be funded this fall. States have the ability not just to do competitive bid process but are compelled to fund those communities/areas with the highest need.

(handout: ABSTRACT: NEBRASKA STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK STATE INCENTIVE GRANT)

The SPF SIG will go to the Nebraska Partners in Prevention and the Governor’s Office administering this.

NePiP provides guidance for prevention issues. NePiP has been making some movement to formalize itself and look at ways to establish itself as an on-going formal policy body that continue to convene state agency Directors and others to continue to provide leadership and guidance for substance abuse prevention issues.

“Call to Action: Preventing Underage Drinking”

(“Call to Action” message will be E-Mailed to Substance Abuse Committee members)

In May, the Dept. of Education, Nebraska School Activities Association, Ne Partners in Prevention developed a “Call to Action” that school activities be held in venues that are alcohol free. This is a significant policy change. There is a push to get all school districts involved. All school and community-sponsored activities involving youth be held in alcohol free venues. The Nebraska Department of Education and Board of Education adopted this resolution. NePiP adopted it also. There is a push to get school districts, communities all across the state to sign off on the resolution.

August 3 – School Administrator’s Day held in Kearney – 700 attended – devoted an hour to teenage drinking issues.. The First Lady attended along with other Federal Alcohol Administrators.

SEOW Federal Grant

(handout: ABSTRACT Nebraska SEOW Application January 2006)

The State Epidemiology Outcomes Workgroup can identify issues before a problem develops. Developing statewide surveillance system can spot underlying issues before they become major health problems and then intervene.

Also received State Epidemiology grant - \$200,000 for five years. Will be hiring a State Epidemiologist and Assistant for Substance Abuse.

SAMHSA/CSAP Site Visit

The Division had a site visit in May. – separate prevention SICA and Block Grant. We are changing the way we are using the Block Grant dollars – to integrate and moving to outcomes. The Division will be meeting with the regions August 15 to address expectations.

Kathy said the problem is the reporting requirement. When will this change? Laurie explained we can start collecting/reporting now. We have not received a report yet. Laurie will ask for the report – they will send us a draft.

Laurie reported the site visit team was very positive.

Other

Laurie mentioned we are seeing a spike in tribal suicides and have met with Judi Gaiashkibos, Indian Affairs Director regarding this issue.

On a national level – Freedom Commission – Laurie has been a member of Strategic Planning Committee – this is important because this will likely influence more resources.

There is a draft report out containing seven goals in an attempt to assimilate treatment, prevention and cover services together. This is important as it will likely influence more dollars and resources. Report will be out for public review/hearing and will be important to look at the plan and provide feedback – it is important the Substance Abuse Committee look at this plan. Kathy requested copies of this plan – Laurie explained it cannot be published – Committee members are asked to let Laurie know if they want a copy, knowing it cannot be published.

Women’s Treatment National Conference

MOTION: Kathy Seacrest

To move the Women’s Treatment National Conference agenda item to later in the meeting. Linda Wittmuss, the presenter had to leave the meeting for a conference call at this time.

SECOND: Laura Richards
Discussion: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously by general consent.

II. SA Services in the Justice System

Community Corrections Council – Linda Krutz

The Community Corrections Council has not met since the last Substance Abuse Committee meeting.

Currently working with Probation and the Courts.

Only providing services in five areas.

Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision Program went through a huge training in February – training people within the system.

Linda attended a meeting with the Dept. of Corrections with Dr. White in Colorado – looked at prison population and how they deal with mentally ill and co-occurring population.

Dept. of Corrections wants to push lower level offenders with substance abuse issues out to the street. A big part is the Parole Board and will have a huge impact on the Behavioral Health System.

Probation and Parole working together.

Q: What are we going to do with them when they are in the community – residential services?

Linda Krutz added we have to keep track of this – there are caps on these issues but this has not stopped caseloads. We have a good start but we have to keep people aware of the need.

Kathy Seacrest recommended the BH Division be involved in these discussions so treatment community can be aware of the issue.

Jerome – vouchers are for outpatient but payment for STR and intensive outpatient is poor. Providers aren't anxious to have those voucher dollars.

Q: Ann Ebsen asked “have we made a huge error statewide?” Ripple from the problem with counties with the day reporting. That was handled poorly.

Linda Krutz said there is the perception it was handled poorly, but in talking to Deb Minardi in Probation it sounded like a lot of groundwork done – do not want Probation to

get a bad wrap. There were a lot of people at the table, Captains and Police Dept. and people who had the ability to make assessments about that location.

Ann added problem was post and not pre.

Linda Krutz said the problems didn't get reported – Probation was doing a good job working with the County Boards.

Ann Ebsen reported on experience and the need to have community involved. Also a problem with jurisdiction and relationship with law enforcement and Probation.

Q: Who are the law enforcement people actually sitting on this group?

A: Captain from Bellevue Police Dept. who relayed info. and someone from Sheriff's Dept. The Sheriff's Dept. would have felt no obligation to relay that info.

The Substance Abuse Committee recommendation: We want the BH Division to be involved with discussions with the Dept. of Corrections to ensure that programs are available.

The Council staff continues to meet with JSAT.

Justice Substance Abuse Team (JSAT) – Jerome Barry

The name has been changed to Justice Behavioral Health Committee – looking at membership – substance abuse to mental health focus – looking at members to include both.

Jerome added there is a push to do in the Mental Health what has been done with Substance Abuse and Corrections – will have to be approved providers for mental health – work on organizing and will work with Community Corrections Council.

Barb cautioned that once you integrate, substance abuse often gets overshadowed. It's hard to get some emphasis on substance abuse once you have made the move to behavioral health.

Linda Krutz said the concern of some of the members Community Corrections Council has targeted drug felons – if we include co-occurring – where are the resources to expand to meet the need. We are doing real well to receive the resources we have to start dealing with substance abuse.

Linda Krutz mentioned Dr. White's report is available to anyone if interested.

Jerome mentioned the importance the Justice Behavioral Health Committee – one subcommittee is substance abuse providers headed by John Dacey and Jon Atherton. Their charge statement is moving from standard evals. into treatment – the first task is to get providers across the state to establish best practices that will include everyone – this

will be critical to attend. Jerome asked the Substance Abuse Committee members request that LADCs in their area attend. Jerome announced that John Dacey has resigned. They are still working on replacing him.

III. HHS/R&L Alcohol Drug Counselor Licensing Program

(handout: ICRC Written Examination Passing Rates as of May 1, 2006)

Barb reported on the handout ICRC Written Exam Passing Rates.

Kris Chiles was unable to attend today’s meeting.

Ann suggested adding information requested as part of the HHS/R&L Alcohol/Drug Licensing Program agenda item. Kathy Seacrest include info. regarding # disciplined, lost license, etc.

Q: Ann asked how do we make sure we get that info. each time?

A: Barb suggested this Committee make this request a recommendation. Jerome also mentioned info. regarding separation of Provisionals and fully Licensed Counselors.

Jerome added wanting to get the fees lowered before the Sept. 1 deadline. In order to do that a rewrite of the 209 Regs. wasn’t moving fast enough to accomplish that – fees were split out in the 209 Regs. – public hearing was held – no one showed up. Kate Speck mentioned she never received public hearing notice.

The rewrite of the 209 Regs. has passed the Board – when people get their renewal notices they will notice fees have been reduced. Hope to go to public hearing this year – will include: 50 CEUs reduced to 40, Code of Ethics issues, reducing fees, etc.

Seeing a lot of disciplinary action issues coming to the Board – a lot of applications – confidentiality, relationship with a client, convictions. Jerome explained they are trying to establish criteria and get that out to the field. Request was made to communicate with LMEP.

LADC Renewal Notification

Jerome explained recently renewal notices were falling on first year but they are all going to fall to Sept. 1. Renewal notices were sent to all Provisional Licensed Alcohol/Drug counselors and fully licensed on July 31- taken to the Post Office – R&L assumed they went out were in people’s mailboxes. Jerome said 11 of his 19 licensed counselors never received the notice. Jerome contacted Kris Chiles (R&L) and they do not know what happened at the Post Office – some disappeared or got re-routed. If you didn’t get a renewal notice in the mail, you need to contact Kris Chiles or Nancy Herdman so they can send you one right away. R&L may already have a plan. Jerome said at Bryan LGH, it comes Sept. 2 and one of his counselors doesn’t have renewal notice, they will be suspended for practicing without a license – not only does it have to be filled out and sent in by Sept. 1, they have to get it back by Sept. 1.

Kate Speck, Prairielands ATTC will work with LMEP in sending out a letter regarding renewal notices - License Renewal Alert.

The Substance Abuse Committee may do a recommendation. Jerome said with the rewrite of 209 – current system it has to be written. In the next two years it will be done on-line.

Barb suggested the Licensing Board report be placed on future Committee agendas. Kathy added – not to replace the R&L report.

OTHER

Jerome mentioned the ICRC meeting was held in San Diego regarding the merger with NAADAC. Should have a report by November.

LUNCH BREAK

Barb Thomas announced she has resigned. Kathy Samuelson will be working with this Committee. Barb has accepted the Executive Director position with the Nebraska Volunteer Services.

IV. LMEP/Alcohol Drug Counselor Training Report – Leslie Buhl (handout: Lincoln Medical Education Partnership Training For Addiction Professionals)

- Information provided in the handout includes events since the last Committee met and also includes upcoming training schedule.
- Three ASI and three CASI trainings were offered – one of each of the ASI and CASI trainings were full – 52 seats unfilled.
- Trainings scheduled for the next six months are full and there has been a waiting list started. Leslie encourages anyone to call and be put on the waiting list.
- Total of 718 attended criminal justice trainings provided by TAP over the last year.
- Criminal Justice training scheduled end of August in Kearney – it filled up last week. There are still openings for training scheduled for September and November.
- An Ethical Dilemmas workshop scheduled for August 28 – morning only – 3 hours; full day – 6 hours.

V. Prairielands Addiction Transfer Technology Center – Kate Speck

“FINAL – APPROVED AS OF 11-7-06”

(handout: PATTC 2006 Activities Roster; 4th Annual Prairielands Substance Abuse Educators’ Conference October 5-6, 2006; PATTC & NE Recovery Network Rural and Frontier Initiative Training Series – July 28, 2006; Aug. 18, 2006; Sept. 22, 2006; Oct. 13, 2006)

- PATTC has had a nice partnership with the TAP Program – good things done with the Department of Corrections.
- ASAM Criteria held April 18-19, 2006 with Dr. David Lee – very well attended.
- Trainings have been held across the state in Norfolk, McCook, Scottsbluff.
- Pharmacology training held August 4, 2006 in Hastings conducted by Dr. Eric Fung – well attended.
- Motivational Interviewing held August 3, 2006 in Norfolk.
- Working now on Recovery Month – September in Lincoln. All should think about training for the next year statewide.
- Also working with Alegent, Houses of Hope, St. Monica’s on how to implement training for substance abuse and mental health – enhance language of change among the clients, both mental health and substance abuse.
- 4th Annual Prairielands ATTC Substance Abuse Educators’ Conference to be held October 5-6, 2006, Sheraton Hotel, Omaha. Speakers include NIAAA and NIDA; also panel discussion with Nancy Herdman (R&L), State Licensure and Certification, also Problem Gambling.
- PATTC and Nebraska Recovery Network Rural and Frontier Initiative Training Series – first training was held July 28, 2006 – Building Alliances & Resources for Clients in Effective Case Management. Enthusiastic comments were heard.
- Will have total of six trainings in Scottsbluff – total of 36 hours of CEUs including:
 - August 18 – Substance Abuse and the Family
 - September 22 – Screening & Referral for Mental Health Disorders
 - October 13 – Substance Abuse & Problem Gambling
- Will also be doing Substance Abuse & Trauma and Substance Abuse & Stigma – partners are Nebraska Recovery and Doane College. College credit may be provided.
- Substance Abuse & Trauma was held in July in McCook – well done and well liked.

Leadership Conference to be held September 11-15, 2006 in Minneapolis. They look for individuals in the field who have leadership abilities. Kate asked Committee members for suggestions of those in the field who have leadership abilities – evaluations from supervisors. Two from Nebraska will join those from other states – Minnesota and Iowa – six month project.

VI. Women’s Treatment National Conference

(handout: National Conference on Women, Addiction & Recovery July 12-14, 2006)

Linda Wittmuss said this was one of the first conferences opened up to all members of research fields, individual practitioners across the country - the latest research on women’s treatment.

Range of issues addressed:

Gender-Specific Applications of Evidence-Based Practices

Linda has more information available. Particular interest: Trauma Treatment, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy.

Key Research Findings

Interesting to note is that in breaking down meth. data by gender, women surpass men in meth., 25-50 age range.

Summary of Treatment Entry

It wasn’t necessarily that we had to have specific gender programs although women and women with children programs produced greater outcomes because barriers for women going or staying in treatment is “what about my kids?” If program had gender specific groups or gender specific programs integrated – these were associated with greater outcomes for women – didn’t always have to be a separate women’s program but it had to have a safe place for women’s program.

What is the Goal?

Treatment that addresses women’s needs is no longer considered “special” but is the norm.

Linda has been working with the Women’s Coalition – training screening has been done, trauma applied info. from surveys - Domestic Violence and Health Coalition, etc. but we do not know how it has been implemented. Also need appropriately trained professionals in mental health and substance abuse who deal with trauma issues.

The Division has implemented some requirements in contracts such as the consent decree.

Next Steps:

What are the next steps we need to take to create trauma informed approach in all our services?

- Integrate understanding of trauma and substance abuse through the program to simultaneously address trauma and substance abuse.
- To ensure physical and emotional safety and focus on empowerment.
- Need to recognize that ancillary services are necessary for treatment outcomes.

Barb added we are expanding our contract with the Women’s Treatment Coalition – asking the Director to help us establish more of a uniform state program , assess where we are at, develop protocols, procedures and ensure we have trauma-based treatment program developed for the state. Working with providers in the regions who have already been designated as lead in each region – will be good to get a baseline and expand from there to have a good trauma-based treatment system in Nebraska.

Kathy Seacrest suggested introduce this to the courts. Barb said this has been a discussion with Kim Carpenter; she is more than happy to do CEUs. It is only substance abuse clinicians. We would need to provide CEUS for mental health clinicians.

Jerome mentioned Clinical Treatment course.

Linda Wittmuss had emphasized the need to get strong connection to clinical supervisors to ensure trauma-based treatment.

Kathy said the issue is to have appropriate services.

Jerome stated this has not been defined – gender competent services – he asked it to be defined. Linda Wittmuss explained it has been defined now and we have more data to show gender specific programming. Linda said it would be helpful to provide Committee members with information. from the Women’s Coalition in setting standards for gender competency in this program – recommendations from the state.

Linda added gender specific is different than gender competent or gender sensitive to things in different population, i.e. physical environment.

Q: Ann asked does this Committee want to do a recommendation to R&L?
Linda suggested gender specific tools to ensure, monitor, and promote Core Practices.

Kathy Seacrest suggested encourage the Division to look at Core Courses.

Linda mentioned some standardization in the training course.

VII. Tribe SA Services Report – Kathleen Samuelson
(handout: FY07 Funding For Tribes)

- The Tribes mental health and substance abuse received 3.25% increase in funding. The Omaha prevention program is not included in this handout - \$65,970.

- The Tribes receive \$1,105,000 from the Division.
- As Laurie indicated earlier, suicide is a huge issue with Native Americans in mid-America, coming from the Federal level. BH Division meets with Tribal Directors every other month in Norfolk. The Division works with Tribes on an individual basis with mental health and substance abuse programs. Big issue for the Tribes is retaining professional staff in Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota – this is a national issue.

VIII. Region BH Reform SA Service Report

Region 1 – Laura Richards

As far as the BH Reform impact in the Panhandle, one of the new services is dual diagnosis and acute and secure services at the hospital. Initially, it was estimated at least half of the people who went through acute and secure program could have actually been diagnosed as dual disorder – in ‘06, 42 were served (22 were dual diagnosed) – the # they expected to serve.

Another new service that is new is Crisis Respite Center – serves mental health and substance abuse consumers who are in crisis – good stopping place for those on their way to treatment – 10 days length of stay – also a good step down measure for those coming out of commitment and not ready to get back in the community – they can stay at the respite center a few days to transition.

Local crisis response team in the middle of the Panhandle – several EPCs since they have been up and running.

Emergency Community Support – from 1 to 2 workers; caseload is 40.

Region 1 now has people to provide Gambling and Addiction Services – Juanita Rodriguez, Cari Brunner, Joan Yekel.

Q: Linda Wittmuss asked about Civil Protective Custody?

A: Laura said they have two providers who are funded for CPC. This is an issue they have been looking at over the past year and a half. There are so few CPCs they would like to divert that funding elsewhere if they can.

Q: Ann asked what was the model for the Crisis Response Team?

A: Laura said Lee Tyson developed this in Region 1 –now have three – one in Alliance, Chadron and in Scottsbluff – working well – unique twist for rural areas.

Region 2 – Kathy Seacrest

Kathy mentioned if law enforcement would like crisis or response – an assessment

they would call. Region 2. Region has one # to call Emergency Support Programs at the region, or purchase service elsewhere – if someone is EPC’d. or committed that same program will assist.

Kathy mentioned the flip side is if someone is EPC’d. and committed or discharged that same program will “wrap” services around that person.

Kathy added that in relation to specific substance abuse services, have had to find detox. services for those who end up in emergency room – these consumers do not need EPC but hospital is not comfortable releasing them. Kathy added this is a strain on the substance abuse system as they cannot get people in treatment. Kathy asked what can we do instead of beds – there is only so much funding for services.

Laura Richards mentioned they have seen the need for parents with children, not just women with no place to go - have a hard time getting into treatment.

Kathy mentioned wrap-around services – Region 2 does education each week for parents with or without kids.

IX. Nebraska Recovery Network – Rand Wiese

Rand Wiese, Nebraska Recovery Network attended the meeting for Ron Namuth. Mr. Wiese is responsible for the newsletter and event planning for the Recovery Network.

Recovery Rendevous was held in Lincoln – 400 attended – big success – put poets and musicians together.

NE Recovery Network helps sponsor Prairielands Addiction work – September is Recovery Month.

Moment of silence will be held at the State Capitol – done by NE Recovery Network.

Q: Barb Thomas asked about involving smaller communities.

A; They will be going to Hastings to talk about the Recovery Network. Main goal is to reduce stigma – barriers are lack of treatment facilities – a need to increase # of treatment professionals.

Q: What about a data base?

A: They sent agencies by region.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Update on Member Reappointments.

Kathy Seacrest mentioned we have no way to ensure statewide membership coverage. Committee membership was discussed today – Recommendation #4 response.

II. Bylaws Revision

(Committee members were sent copies of the November 2004 approved By-Laws; and DRAFT July 21, 2006 -- Proposed By-Laws Revisions May 12, 2006)

Ann expressed concern regarding Section 3 Member Absences – some discussion “A member who has been absent for three consecutive meetings shall be asked to resign from the committee.” The term “shall” will remain.

MOTION: Jerome Barry
To approve the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services
DRAFT July 21, 2006 -- By-Laws Proposed Revisions May 12, 2006
as noted in red.

SECOND: Kathy Seacrest
Discussion: Retain the wording “shall” in section 3 Member Absences.
After a member misses two consecutive meetings, Kathleen Samuelson and Betty Alm will be responsible for contacting the member via letter or phone call asking if they are interested in continuing to serve on this Committee.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously by general consent.

NEW BUSINESS

I. 2007 Meeting Schedule/Time

The following 2007 meeting dates were chosen by the Substance Abuse Committee.

- February 21, 2007
- May 16, 2007
- August 15, 2007
- November 28, 2007

Joel McCleary mentioned the Mental Health Committee has had trouble with attendance. He will be working with the Substance Abuse and Gambling Committees.

II. Today’s Recommendations for BH Division

1. Substance Abuse Committee would like to review the affiliation Agreement between HHS F&S and Behavioral Health.
2. Integration of funding.- LB1083.
3. Ron Sorensen attend this Committee meeting or appoint someone from Division to attend for him.
4. Request from R&L information regarding # of LADCs and PLADCs by region; # lost license; disciplined. R&L be represented at each SAAC meeting; also any changes in substance abuse regulations.

5. BH Division be involved in discussions with the Dept. of Corrections regarding low level offenders with substance abuse issues – treatment community to be involved to ensure programs are available.
6. Encourage the Division to explore CEU classes – gender specific and core classes.
7. Recommend the four Committee members whose terms expired remain on the Committee.

Substance Abuse Committee members approved the recommendations. Ann Ebsen will send the recommendations to the Division.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – November 7, 2006

- Integration of Funding
- Licensing Board Report
- HHS/R&L A/D Licensing Program
 1. # of licensed counselors per region;
 2. # lost license, disciplined.
- Region BH Reform SA Service Report
 - Region 3
 - Region 4
- LMEP Training for Physicians
- Data Report – Bob Bussard

The Committee draft agenda will be E-Mailed by Kathy Samuelson to members for input.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Laura Richards
To adjourn today’s meeting.

SECOND: Brenda Miner

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously by general consent.

Ann Ebsen adjourned the meeting at 2:10pm.

Minutes prepared by:

Betty Alm
Staff Assistant II
Division of Behavioral Health Services

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Kathleen Samuelson
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Division of Behavioral Health Services

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