

IDS Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2008  
11:00am – 1:00pm

**Present:** Rod Calkins, Marion County; Cary Moller, CAPS; Bob Hammond, CAPS; Marybeth Beall, Marion County; Paul Logan, Northwest Human Services; Terry Dethrow, New Perspectives; Tim Markwell, New Perspectives; Patricia Tucker, Valley Mental Health; Erin Horst, CAPS; Lona O'Dell, The Children's Guild; Doris Reyes, CAPS; James Campbell, Cascadia; Steve Kuhn, CAPS/NS; and Patrick Brodigan, CAPS

**Excused/Absent:** Steve Allanketner, Options; Bonnie Malek, CAPS; Christopher Hupp, Catholic Community Services and Patrick Brodigan, CAPS

**Guest:** Cynthia Leigh, CBH; Josh Graves, CCS; Christina McCollum, CAPS and Gwen Welch, Options

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**Meeting called to order at 11:07am**

**I. Announcements:**

- ❖ Rod – Rod and “Doc” have been meeting regarding a plan and direction for Cascadia and Marion County. The current Cascadia/Bridgeway services have been assumed by other providers. Separation of Cascadia and Bridgeway is being considered.
- ❖ James (Doc) – Since May Bridgeway have lost a lot of staff, approximately 20%. They are currently recruiting for new staff, are open for primarily CD business and are keeping busy.
- ❖ Steve – The BCN has asked New Solutions to take the lead in determining if BSR placements are indicated (?). There are a high percentage of kids with mental health issues in BRS and CASII's will be done on all BRS placement in order to determine the best plan for the kids. The goal is to help transition kids back into the community successfully. The New Solutions current referral process will be followed. Kids screened and determined appropriate to be BRS will be assigned accordingly.
- ❖ Gwen – Options has two new staff members and many openings (20+). They have bilingual openings as well. The openings are for ages 5-18
- ❖ Josh – CCS has a new director and there will be an announcement soon.
- ❖ Lona – Children's Therapy Center has a couple of new staff. They will be out stationed in Silverton 1-2 days a week.

**II. Minutes Review – All**

- ❖ The minutes were approved with one change to Tim's announcement. The new therapist is Lara Jellesed.

**III. Report Update – Erin**  
(see handout)

- ❖ Erin passed out reports to everyone. If anyone has any questions and or concerns please contact Erin. Feedbacks on contents of reports are welcome.

#### **IV. Tobacco/Contract Language**

- ❖ Rod received an email from AMH with new guidelines around tobacco use/screening. It is now required that at assessments there be a tobacco screen/questions. Where use is indicated, there needs to be documentation that a referral was made or the client refused services. Rod anticipates that AMH will allow more money for tobacco use cessation sometime next year. Everyone should at least give out the state “guide lines” or an informational sheet with contact names and numbers.

#### **V. Mental Health Assessments for Foster Kids**

(see handout)

- ❖ Steve gave an overview of the handouts and what is needed. Some of the highlights discussed were:

Federal regulations and state policy and contracts require that children who are placed in substitute are (Foster Care) by DHS are to receive a mental health assessment no later than 60 days following the date of placement. In Oregon this requirement is not being met the problem has been examined and it was determined that a new process needs to be implemented in order to meet the expectations. New Solutions will place a staff member (QMHP) at DHS to do assessments. New Solutions two staff will share the responsibilities. The local DHS branch is offering office space and next spring a full new office. Currently in Marion County there are about 75 kids per month entering into Foster Care. The preliminary expectation will be that all intake paper work/packet will be facilitated at DHS (agencies opening paperwork). The assessors would then refer accordingly. CAPS would open and close the “client” for encounter date purposes only. There will be more to come later and if anyone has any ideas, questions and or concerns please contact Steve Kuhn at 503-566-2999.

#### **VI. ACCESS**

- ❖ Adult openings: There are only three for the week. There is a tendency to be short weekly and a potential of going out of panel. In addition to the impact with Cascadia, part of the limited access is due to agencies position vacancies.
- ❖ Terry – Agencies are experiencing a significant increase in calls and more OHP Standard request. They have also received many calls from people who are unhappy with their current agency and wanting to change.

#### **VII. Transition Age Kids**

- ❖ To be discussed at later date

#### **VIII. Feedback for CAPS**

Cary will meet with provider agencies to solicit feedback

Meeting Adjourned: 1:10 pm

Next IDS meeting is August 11, 2008 at 11:00 am.

Minutes prepared by: Doris Reyes