

**MARION COUNTY
ALCOHOL & DRUG PLANNING COMMITTEE
2421 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem**

**January 28, 2010
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Ray Wilson, Mark Caillier, Gary Heard, Wendy Holihan, Hope Segun, Lori Doede, John Sauer, Craig Halupowski

Staff: Cary Moller, Bonnie Malek, Steve Kuhn

Guest: Sarah Spinks--Mid-Valley Mentors

Call to Order: Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Announcements/Introductions:

- Committee members introduced themselves
- Member Halupowski requested correction to his e-mail address

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- December minutes were reviewed, Member Caillier moved to approve as read, Member Segun 2nd, minutes approved unanimously

Review and Discussion: Measure 57 Grant – Update

- Member Blayre absent, item postponed to February meeting

Review and Discussion: GAP Analysis Work Group – Update and discussion

- Chair Wilson provided an update on the group's progress
 - The group plans to complete their work in March
 - The goal is to have a report for the Board of Commissioners in April
- The primary gaps identified include:
 - Access to adolescent residential treatment services including detoxification
 - Member Holihan also noted the lack of local programs, which creates multiple barriers to family involvement. Long waiting lists of up to 4 months is common and a dangerous time for youth as they are not receiving the level-of-care needed.

- Member Holihan surveyed Oregon residential programs and found there are 11 Marion County youth currently in residential treatment and 24-26 on waiting lists
 - Transitions between residential and outpatient settings and a lack of family support during transition is also a problem.
 - The second gap identified is the complete lack of counseling services in the Canyon area
 - Intermittent services and rotating clinicians have not been effective in establishing trust with the community.
 - Private non-profits have not been able to sustain limited services long enough to establish relationships with clients and community partners.
 - One suggestion is that Marion County partner with Linn County to station a dually credentialed clinician in the Canyon area.
 - The third gap identified is the lack of access to Buprenorphine/Suboxone treatment in the public behavioral health sector
 - A third of the admissions to Methadone treatment are for prescription drugs as opposed to heroin and other street opiates.
 - There is a significant growth in opiate dependence among young people.
 - Admitting young people and adults with shorter term addiction histories to long term Methadone maintenance is a disservice when there is better technology available that offers a greater range of recovery options.
 - The fourth gap identified is the lack of services specific to older adults.
 - Mainstream treatment is typically not effective in engaging older adults
 - The lack of coverage for treatment under Medicare is another barrier.
 - Substance issues is becoming more prevalent and visible among older adults.
 - As physicians become more attuned to substance abuse problems and more practiced in using SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment) we need to have the local expertise and capacity to offer age-appropriate services.

Review and Decision: Mid-Valley Mentors - opportunities for partnering

- Sarah Spinks provided an overview of Mid-Valley Mentors, current projects and future goals.
- The program has been 100% Community funded since 2007
- All volunteer staff
- Goals:
 - Successful transitioning of youth offenders from jail back into community
 - Providing more evidence based interventions
- Currently serving only youth on probation and youth with incarcerated parents.
 - 123 youth served, 60% on probation, a high percentage have parents on parole or probation
 - Targeting Medium to High Risk Youth
- Currently cataloging Marion County services
- Consultant, Jan Calvin putting report together
- Opportunities were explored about partnering on joint mentor projects
 - Member Heard noted a huge success rate with mentoring for parents/families involved with DHS
 - New Solutions has hired two new Youth Engagement Specialists

- Staff Malek notes that the Systems Management Group, which is comprised of alcohol and drug treatment funders and local treatment program directors, has funded mentoring for adults through various quality improvement initiatives.
- One idea for a joint project is to partner on mentoring youth as they wait for residential treatment beds and to provide transition and family support when they return home
- Chair Wilson recommended LADPC support for partnering opportunities with Mid-Valley Mentors
- Staff Malek offered to bring partnering ideas to the Systems Management Group at the committees request
- Member Callier moved for the LADPC to request attention and support from the Systems Management Group on youth mentoring partnerships with Mid-Valley
- Member Holihan 2nd, motion approved unanimously.

Review and Discussion: LADPC By-Laws revision

- Sub-group is due to meet in February
- Member Caillier and Chair Wilson will take the lead on the revisions
- They are hoping to have a final draft of the revised bylaws by the end of February

Review and Decision: Request for LADPC support in the MVBCN regional grant application for the Oregon State Wrap Around Initiative

- Staff Kuhn outlined the purpose and scope of the WRAP Around Initiative and is requesting LADPC support for the MVBCN Letter of Intent; and Declaration of Support and Commitment to the pilot proposal
 - One goal of the initiative is to reduce the barriers to integrated treatment created by silo funding and to utilize a variety of blended funds in meeting the needs of families with multiple treatment needs
 - Another is to promote wraparound teams and services that build on Child and Family strengths
 - There is also a strong emphasis on community and natural support systems
- Member Callier moved that the LADPC provide a letter of support for the initiative, signed by Chair Wilson. Member Halupowski 2nd, motion approved unanimously
- Member Callier also moved to allow interested members from the LADPC to serve on WRAP oversight and advisory committees. Member Holihan 2nd, motion approved unanimously
- Tabled LADPC's specific involvement for February meeting.

Agenda items for next month:

- Gap Analysis progress
- Alcohol and drug assessments by unlicensed providers
- Measure 57 grant/SOAR Project update
- By-Laws

Chair Wilson moved to adjourn at 9:32 a.m.; Member Callier 2nd, motion approved
unanimously

Next meeting: February 25, 2010

Minutes by: Linda Welch

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.