

Systems Management Group
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2009 – 1:30 to 3:00pm

Present: James (Doc) Campbell, Bridgeway; Linda Matthais; Stacey Caraballo, Polk County; Jim Russel, MVBCN; Geoff Heatherington, Polk Co.; Maria Couch, New Step. Gary Heard, MC Drug Tx; Cary Moller, CAPS; Bonnie Malek, CAPS

Absent/Excused: Sue Blayre, MCSO: P&P; Dean Andretta, MVIPA.

Guest:

I. Announcements:

- ❖ Doc announced that Community Homeless Connect is sponsoring a one-day resource fair focused on connecting homeless citizens in Marion County with as many sources of direct support as possible. The event will run from 10:00am – 7:00pm on Thursday, March 26, at the First Baptist Church, 395 Marion St. Salem. Handout provided.
- ❖ Linda Matthias announced the groundbreaking ceremony for the free clinic that is being sponsored by Salem Alliance Church. She will keep us updated as the project continues.

II. Minutes Review –

- ❖ Minutes were approved with no changes.

III. January Data Report - Jim and Cary (See handout)

- ❖ Jim and Cary provided an overview of the January data report in Dean's absence
- ❖ MPCHP membership increased in December. The numbers may not be accurate given the MMIS conversion.

IV. Budget Updates – Jim and Cary

- ❖ Cary – Generally, the Governor's budget is not out until early March but we are expecting an early release due to projected shortfalls and the need to respond as quickly as possible. The budget is projected to be out around February 20.
- ❖ Jim - Indicators are still positive in terms of potential increases in Medicaid to offset some of the losses in General Fund. Jim will keep us updated as new information comes in.
- ❖ A number of concerns were expressed about the long-term implications of further cuts to services that were never restored from 2002.

V. Bridgeway Recovery Services Update - Doc

- ❖ Resolving issues related to Cascadia owned buildings on Harold St. continue to be a stumbling block in accomplishing the transition to the new company. The projected target date has been moved to March 31.
- ❖ Once the Cascadia to Bridgeway Recovery Services transition is complete, the residential and detox services provided at Harold St. will transition to the new company. Outpatient and residential gambling services will also transition to Bridgeway. In addition, some portion of the indigent and Oregon Health Plan outpatient services will be contracted with Bridgeway.
- ❖ An extension on the mental health certificate for Cascadia's Marion County site has been requested to accommodate a smooth transition of mental health services to the new company.
- ❖ Once the building issues have been reconciled, letters will go out to consumers that are likely to be impacted by the transfer. They will be offered a choice of providers and given support to transition services. It is hoped that this will be accomplished in the best way possible for consumers and affected staff.

VI. RFIQ Outcomes and Timelines – Cary

- ❖ Additional slots have been awarded to New Step and Clear Path is being brought on as a new outpatient provider. Clear Path is currently located in Polk County and will be opening an office in Keizer. This will help to diversify services, which will create more stability over time.
- ❖ The county will take on the services connected to Woodburn and Her Place. This is being done to assure that the county is able to provide safety net services through difficult budget years.

VII. Reconfiguring the Systems Management Group – Cary, Jim and Bonnie

- ❖ The discussion continued around reconfiguration of the Systems Management Group, including the additional people that will be needed to represent detox and residential.
- ❖ Bonnie provided the group with a revised list of data elements based on the group's feedback from last month. Cary and Bonnie will consult with our management analyst in the logistics of designing the database. It will be important to think through how information is collected and transmitted and the cost burden associated with that.
- ❖ Training needs in the evidence-based practices were discussed: There seems to be a substantial interest in the Milkman/Wamburg Curriculums for corrections involved clients, adolescents and DUII services.
- ❖ Cary will solicit interest from the region as the training is very expensive and it would be helpful to share the cost burden wherever possible.

- ❖ Providers will continue to think about other practices that are a high priority for them.
- ❖ Some interest was expressed in “The Basics”, which is a curriculum-based program for people with serious co-occurring disorders. We will continue to explore that as a training possibility as well.
- ❖ We will revisit these issues next month.

VIII. Agenda items for next month

- ❖ **Governor’s budget**
- ❖ **Reconfiguring the Systems Management Group**

Adjourned at 2:40pm
Next meeting is March 9, 2009
Minutes by: Ann Blackmar