

Minutes of the October 2, 2009 meeting of the Advisory Board for the Juvenile Mental Health Screening, Assessment and Treatment Pilot Project

In attendance: Hon. Mary Harper; JauNae Hanger, Jim Higdon, Kristi Bruther, Chris Buyer (for Alison Cox), Marc Brown (Porter County), Dr. Maggie Blythe, Dr. Matt Aalsma, Ashley Barnett, Tanya Johnson (for Calvin Roberson), Arthur Carter

By phone: Kathy Cullison (for Tracey Malone), Dan Arendas (for Judge Bonaventura), Lyda Abell, Jason Bowser

Staff participating: Laurie Elliott; April Vanlonden; Amy Karozos

Next meeting date: December 4, 2009

I. Welcome and Introductions

Judge Harper called the meeting to order. The members and participants introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion carried: Minutes of August 4, 2009 Advisory Board meeting were approved.

III. Pilot Site Reports

Bartholomew County: Site coordinator Jason Bowser reported. 460 total Maysi 2 screens for project. This year the numbers have been extra low because their population is very low. Have worked out a system for immediate referral. 183 Maysi 2 screens year to date. August: 13 Maysi 2 screens, 6 had second screens. September: 25 Maysi 2 screens, 13 had second screens.

Clark County: Site coordinator Lyda Abell reported. Since the last Board meeting, 65 Maysi 2 screens in August with 25 scoring above cut-off, and 62 in September with 23 scoring above cut-off. Approx. 450 Maysi 2 screens so far this year, approx 650 screens last year. Missed one for the first time in a long time- a young man who couldn't speak English and wasn't understanding it in Spanish. Have had a dozen or so previously who didn't speak English and did not have any problems.

Delaware County: Site coordinator unable to attend meeting.

Grant County: Site coordinator Brenda Chambers reported. Had 28 Maysi 2 screens in September, 2 were out of county, 3 were placed on precaution. Most are given second screen.

Howard County: Kathy Cullison reported for site coordinator Tracey Malone. 24 Maysi 2s in August, 3 required face to face assessment, 4 intensive watch, 15 given second screen, 7 were out of county, 2 not given screen because within 14 days of screen. 40 Maysi 2s in September, 4 not screened because of 14 day rule, 3 required face to face assessment, 8 intensive watch, 27 second screens, 9 were out of county. Marc Brown will contact Don Travis about Quest.

Johnson: Site coordinator Kristi Bruther reported . 96 Maysi 2 screens in August & September. 11 above cutoff. 68 second screens. Not administered/ weekend populations 13 for August, 26 for Sept.

Lake County: Site coordinator Dan Arendas reported. 166 Maysi 2s in August, 26 red flagged. 182 Maysi 2s in September, 32 red flagged. 3233 screens since the beginning of the project, 1205 Maysis in 2009 from January to August.

LaPorte County: Site coordinator unable to attend meeting.

Marion County: Arthur Carter reported. 508 Maysi 2 screens through early Sept. 3 not administered Maysi 2.

Porter County: Chris Buyer reported for site coordinator Alison Cox. 40 Maysi 2 screens in August, 5 above cut-off. 46 Maysi 2 screens in September, 1 above cut-off. 391 screens in 2009 so far.

Maysi 2s given at preliminary inquiry to all non-detained youth as well. Jan. 1, 2009 to September 29, 2009, 347 Maysis given in probation office.

IV. Mental Health Consultant's Report

April Vanlonden gave report. Starting October 19th, April will begin full time employment as director of academic services at Earlham/Bethany Colleges. April is training Youth Law T.E.A.M. staff on data reporting. She will still do Maysi 2 trainings as well as initial training for the pilot sites.

Advisory Board thanks April for her dedication, service and expertise in helping to develop and maintain the pilot project..

V. Project Director's Report

Laurie Elliott also thanked April.

Budget amendment. Laurie explained proposed budget amendment to grant to reduce funds budgeted for mental health consultant and add to staff salary as project director, Youth Law T.E.A.M., will be taking over much of the mental health consultant's duties.

Motion carried: Proposed budget amendment approved, project director will request to transfer funds to Youth Law T.E.A.M. from consultant category.

NYSAP: Amy Karozos reported the project director staff, along with Judge Harper and Matt Aalsma, had two phone conferences with the National Youth Screening and Assessment Project, Dr. Grisso and Valerie Williams. NYSAP is interested in the project and may want to use the project as a model for other states interested in a statewide screening project.

JauNae reported that the MacArthur Foundation is also interested in progress in Indiana, including the pilot project. Betsy Clark chairs the network of states.

Adding new pilot sites. Amy proposed going ahead and sending out a new wave of RFP letters to all detention center sites and judges in those counties. The goal is to send this out by the end of the year.

Advisory Board Changes.

Motion carried: The following changes will be made to the Advisory Board:

Add:

ICJI representative:

Ashley Barnett

Youth Division Director

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Marion County representative:

Arthur Carter

Marion County Site Coordinator

LaPorte County representative:

Magistrate Nancy Gettinger

LaPorte Circuit Court

Delaware County representative:

David Dickerson

Delaware County Site Coordinator

Howard County representative:

Tracey Malone

Howard County Site Coordinator

Grant County representative:

Mike Small

Grant County Assistant Chief Probation Officer
& Chief Juvenile PO

Remove:
Bob Marra,
Pam Clark

V. Committee Reports

Mental Health Committee April Vanlonden suggested that the Mental Health Committee and Data Collection Committee should be combined.

Motion carried: Mental Health and Data Committees will be combined.

Long Term Funding Committee Title II grant was fully funded. Project staff has talked to Dr. Grisso about sustainability, considering what kind of help project may be able to receive.

Data Collection Committee: Matt Aalsma gave update on his research project. Looking at follow up on youth and connection to care in 5 of the original 6 pilot sites.

Confidentiality and Information Sharing Committee: Surveys on information sharing going out to pilot site coordinators. Once surveys are returned, committee will meet to review statewide protocols.

Suggested that committee contact Kathy Gregory, DMHA and David Orentlicher to ask them to serve on the committee.

VI. New Business

Disproportionality JauNae reported that an article is coming out about the disproportionality summit in both Res Gestae and ABA Journal. James Bell/ Bart Lubow considering value of objective data from this project on disproportionality.

JDAI information and funding applications available on ICJI website.

Meeting adjourned.
Minutes prepared by Amy Karozos