

Minutes of the August 14, 2009 meeting of the Advisory Board for the Juvenile Mental Health Screening, Assessment and Treatment Pilot Project

In attendance: Hon. Mary Harper; Jim Higdon, Kristi Bruther, Tracey Malone, Amy Beier, Kellie Whitcomb, Craig Andler, Dan Arendas, Bob Bragg, Arthur Carter.

By phone: Andrea Marsh, Paulette Stagg, Lyda Abell, James Reagan

Staff participating: Laurie Elliott; April Vanlonden; Amy Karozos

Next meeting date: October 2, 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 June 5, 2009 Advisory Board meeting were approved.

III. Legislative Update

Special session discussed.

Upcoming Disproportionality Summit discussed. Pilot project will reimburse board members and project participants for registration. Invoices available through Youth Law T.E.A.M.

IV. Committee Reports

Mental Health Committee Committee did not meet since the last board meeting. April will put the data narrative (without the recommendations) distributed at the last board meeting on the website without the recommendations on the website (www.youthlawteam.org)

Long Term Funding Committee Committee did not meet since the last board meeting. Title II grant application was submitted to Indiana Criminal Justice Institute On July 13th. Requested grant amount was over \$60,000. Copy of grant application available for those present to review.

Data Collection Committee: Committee met via e-mail. Data definition dictionary distributed.

Motion carried: Data definition dictionary will be added to the Statewide Policies and Procedures Manual as an official document.

April asked Board for input on other items that we may want to track. For example, should we track youth without *any* symptoms. April notes that we are at 6% for this group; double that of Pennsylvania's 3%.

Discussion followed on how pilot sites treat "absolute zeros". In Johnson and Howard Counties, if the youth score absolute zero, go through second screen and ask them *all* questions. In Lake and Clark, these youth are watched, but not automatically given second screen.

Confidentiality and Information Sharing Committee: Some of the volunteers who worked on this committee in developing protocols have agreed to work on the review of the protocols. The rest of the committee will be contacted and asked to participate. Amy Applegate agreed to review any suggestions of the committee regarding the protocols.

V. Pilot Site Reports

Bartholomew County: No report. Aprils reported they are current on providing data.

Clark County: Lyda Abell reported. 158 Maysi2 screens year to date. April did a training on burn out at facility. Entered into a relationship with Child Place. Will be in-house ½ day a week. Three groups one day a week and also using their psychiatrist for psychotropic medication.

Delaware County: No report. They had trouble registering Maysi 2, but Amy reported she believes they fixed the problem.

Grant County: No report. April reported they are current on providing data.

Howard County: Tracey Malone reported. Tracey will be the official Advisory Board representative. 61 Maysi 2 screens in June & July. 38 assessments. 4 were not administered screen – three of those transferred from shelter care and had already had the screen upon entry into shelter care.

Johnson: Kristi Bruther reported . 106 Maysi 2 screens in June & July. 13 assessments. 78 second screens. Increased number of admissions for less than 24 hours because implemented risk assessment. So admissions and those administered Maysi 2 screens are very different. Johnson Co. is trying to get approval to go on QUEST.

Lake County: Dan Arendas reported. Had a nice training on substance abuse from April. Distributed figures for May/June/July Maysi 2 screens: 445 Maysi 2 screen; 37 youth above cutoff; 18 of 37 already in treatment. 15 who scored above cut-off and

were referred were released before they would have seen the therapist had there been no Maysi 2 screening in place. (Maysi 2 upon admission, all kids see therapist next day – so these would have been released without anyone knowing about problems had there been no screen)

April notes that they have much lower rate of youth scoring above cut-off for 2nd screen. Might be because reporting above criteria per therapist (after second screening) not number above criteria per the Maysi 2.

LaPorte County: No report. April reported she did training this week at LaPorte. They are on time with data. No problems and following protocols “to a T.”

Marion County: Arthur Carter reported. Less Maysi 2s in June and July. 247 in June. 279 in July. Most elevated scores were in suicide ideation. Assessing all- above cut-off, seen by Community Mental Health. “Non-triggers” (those not above cut-off) are seen by in-house counseling. 3 non takers in July, 2 in June. Either conduct related or due to psychiatric reasons. Average stay in detention is 25 days.

Porter County: Amy Beier reported. 50 Maysi 2 screens in June, 4 above cut-off. 50 Maysi 2 screens in July, 5 above cut-off. In the first six months: 255 total screens, 36 above cut-off, 15 sent for assessments.

VI. Mental Health Consultant’s Report

2009- 2,430 youth screened as of May 31st. 18% above cut-off. 2009 averages are almost identical to last year’s.

VII. Project Director’s Report

Amy reported the pilot project had a display at the Juvenile Judge’s Symposium in June. Judges Harper, Carmichael, Bonaventura, and Magistrate Gettinger took part in a panel discussion on the pilot project.

Current Title II grant budget discussed. Have excess in funds for travel that will not be used by end of current grant. Potential need for laptops and Maysi 2 kits before the end of grant period. Director requests approval to request budget amendment to shift funds from travel to operating expenses to buy equipment.

Motion carried: Project Director has Board permission to request budget amendment to shift funding from travel and buy laptops and Maysi 2 kits for future pilot sites.

Laurie reports Tippecanoe is opening a n intake facility. Interested in having them come on board with an agreement like we have with DOC. Board has questions about whether intake will screen the youth and then send them to one of the pilot site detention centers? How will the information be relayed? How would we avoid rescreening?

Discussion on whether scores can be shared with consents as opposed to just areas of concern.

Board wants to know more about the plan for Tippecanoe. Laurie will get information on whether we can just track data for youth that go to detention and whether we can just get the reports and data for youth that go to detention.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Amy Karozos