

Sitka Continuum of Care Group Meeting Summary

April 7, 2005

Persons attending:

Janie Hogue - SCPS, Myron Medlin - SCPS, Theresa Pazar - SSD, Curt Ledford - SSD, Chris Dunbar - FJC, Wilma Blood – SPD, Louise Brady – STA, Jon Wonrow – YAS, Vicki Keele – Voc Rehab, Aryeh Levenson – SEARHC, Sarah Watkins – Voc Rehab, Barb Morse – BBBS, Anita Didrickson - SEARHC

1. Old Business

None Reported

2. Community Behavioral Health Planning Project

Information Insights has contracted with the Mental Health Trust Board to conduct community planning with selected communities throughout the state. As of this date, the group is or has worked with approximately 15 Alaskan communities including Sitka. The planning team will conduct a meeting in Sitka with selected agency representative on May 6th to discuss integration of behavioral health services. Cady Lister is the contact person at Information Insights and can be contacted by email at cady@iialaska.com

3. Identify other Community Partners who would Benefit from the Group

The group identified Public Health, Center for Community, Early Learning, Workforce Development, and Medical Doctors. If any of the current group members has a relationship with the listed providers, please forward this summary with an invitation to attend the next meeting on May 5th.

4. Current Grant RFP's – Integrated Behavioral Health/Prevention

The Division of Behavioral Health is currently soliciting RFP's for Integrated Behavioral Health and Prevention programs. SCAPS is applying for integrated behavioral health services and an expansion of the student assistance program to Sitka High School, Pacific High School, and Mt. Edgecumbe High School. BBBS is applying for funding to continue and expand the mentoring programs; YAS is applying for funding to continue providing day treatment/mental health services. Although SEARHC has been re-designated as a Community Mental Health Center, their funding through the division is through another mechanism than the current grant rfp's. SEARHC will apply for funding to continue providing prevention program services to the villages through this set of rfp's.

5. Community Planning Requirements

Janie discussed the need for and requirements of a community planning process for all the grants. The group agreed that the AOY coalition planning process and this continuum of care group could be used as the community planning piece but that an updated needs assessment is warranted. Chris Dunbar of the Family Justice Center suggested that a combined needs assessment could be completed. This needs assessment could include the

Family Justice Center, SAFV, SCAPS, BBBS, etc. Interested group members will work together on a needs assessment.

6. Collaborative Grant Possibilities

The Dept. of Ed has released an RFP for the Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems that will fund infrastructure development and integration efforts, but not direct services. The grantee must address:

- a. Enhancing, improving, or developing collaborative efforts between school-based service systems and mental health service systems to provide, enhance, or improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment services to students.
- b. Enhancing the availability of crisis intervention services, appropriate referrals for students potentially in need of mental health services and ongoing mental health services
- c. Providing training for the school personnel and mental health professionals who will participate in the program
- d. Providing technical assistance and consultation to school systems and mental health agencies and families participating in the program
- e. Provide linguistically appropriate and culturally competent services
- f. Evaluating the effectiveness of the program increasing student access to quality mental health services and make recommendations to the Secretary about sustainability of the program

Interested agencies will meet about the RFP on Thursday, April 14th at the School District office.

7. DBH Charter Document

The Charter Document was discussed

8. Other Business

- a. SEARHC is applying for a Regional Trauma Grant
- b. STA is applying for a Child Trauma Grant
- c. SEARHC and AKEELA are working together on an inhalant grant and Allison Dunlap requested a time to present the grant to the group. The group decided that a 20 minute presentation at the next group meeting would be appropriate. The presentation will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Next Meeting is on Thursday, May 5th at Centennial – 1:30 to 3pm

Please forward agenda items to jhogue@scpsak.org.