

Date: 06-26-07

Meeting Title: GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON A&D ABUSE PROGRAMS MEETING: Mid-Columbia Counties Visit

Members Present: Ann Uhler, Steph Soares Pump, Gary Smith, Bill Hall, Laura Burney Nissen, Steve Vincent, Mark Branlund, Rita Sullivan by phone

ABSENT: Sharron Kelley, Marv Sepalla

Council Liaisons Present: none

AMH Staff Present: Karen Wheeler, Addiction Policy & Program Development Manager, CJ Reid, Policy & Program Development Specialist

Guests: Barbara Pue, Reckitt Benchises, Bill Lemp, Wasco County.

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Introductions:	Ann Uhler, Chair GCA&DAP			
Purpose of visit:	Ann Uhler, Chair GCA&DAP Thanked Hood River County for hosting the Council. Gave an overview of the statutory requirement to report to the Governor on alcohol and drug policy. Refer to the Domino Effect and Effectiveness reports on line at: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/publications/07-09businessplan.pdf and http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/gov_council/effectivenessrpt_0307.pdf			

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Overview of County services:	<p>Sharon Guidera, Executive Director Mid Columbia Center for Living</p> <p>Handout</p> <p>Provided a county overview including demographics population, geographics.</p> <p><u>Challenge:</u> How to cover the entire 4300 square miles with accessible services.</p> <p>Welcomed the Council and congratulated them on Domino Effect report.</p> <p>Provided a handout outlining the programs, system and outcome measures.</p> <p>Reported their involvement in the National Institute on Addiction Treatment (NIATx) project has been most efficient.</p> <p>Would like a detoxification center locally.</p> <p>Currently clients travel to Pendleton or Baker City.</p> <p><u>Policy recommendation:</u> Would like the state to build a system of care that includes housing, family intervention, vocation, and a continuum of care.</p>			
Co-occurring Disorders	<p>Rodney McDowell, Mental Health Clinical Services Manger</p> <p>Handout</p> <p><u>Challenges:</u> Inadequate system caused by funding and paperwork silos, detoxification centers are ill equipped to deal with mental health symptoms, hospitals refer substance abusers to jail. Currently no funding for the</p>			

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	<p>mental health providers to conduct urinary analysis nor funding for psychotropic medications for the addictions providers. Estimates 20-30% of clients have need for services for both mental health and substance use disorders.</p> <p>Karen Wheeler offered that a doctor from the Blue Mountain Recovery Center observed that 70% of those civilly committed have a substance use problem.</p>			
<p>STEP Youth Programs, STAR NIATx Process Improvement Outcomes & Lessons:</p>	<p>Rachel Spigal Handout Gave a power point presentation covering the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Youth and adult addictions are different and require different treatment models 2) Barriers for youth accessing treatment include stigma, and adult attitude toward referring youth. <p>Presented the STEP program. Reported that Columbia Gorge has more liquor retail outlets per capita than any other county in Oregon. Provided promising outcome data. <u>Needs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Increase funding---relying on grant only 2) Recognize difference between youth & adults. 3) Improve leadership to reduce stigma. 	<p>Provide resource to members.</p>	<p>Rachel Spigal</p>	

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	<p>4) Increase community education regarding the nature of addiction.</p> <p>Laura suggested capturing cost offsets in community as tool to gain credibility.</p> <p>Presented the process improvement project (NAITx).</p> <p><u>Needs:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Training and support. 2) Improve efficiency at the state level to decrease paperwork, improve the OAR's and decrease system barriers. 			
<p>Capacity & Continuum of Services and Gaps & Barriers:</p>	<p>Todd Jacobson, & Pepe Quintanilla Presented on the Drug Court system including outcome measures.</p> <p>Stated their opinion that the laws that require 90 day treatment are too lax.</p> <p>Ann explained that the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) assessment placement criteria can extend length of treatment, and the laws do not need to change to be able to place individuals in longer treatment.</p> <p>Karen updated that there is a recommendation for the new DUII treatment rule to include one year monitoring.</p> <p>Pepe discussed the DUII process improvement method and identified discrepancy between how different evaluators respond to DUII clients who want to re-engage in treatment.</p> <p>Accessing employment opportunities with</p>	<p>Provide policy guidance.</p>	<p>Karen Wheeler</p>	

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	<p>criminal histories id difficult for clients. Ann mentioned Multnomah County’s efforts to provide employment support through policy change.</p> <p><u>Presented on gambling services:</u> The LPSC identified that the #1 unmet need in the school system is treatment for gambling addiction. This is an epidemic in the school district and community.</p>	<p>Provide contact information.</p>	<p>Ann Uhler</p>	
<p>Hood River County Prevention:</p>	<p>Maija Yasui, Hood River County Prevention Specialist Handout Congratulated the Council on the Domino Effect report. Provided an overview of the prevention efforts including successes, funding and gaps. Provided an example of an advertising campaign with disease model message. Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Limit exposure to alcohol advertising. 2) Use data and outcome driven information. 3) Initiate the Oregon Healthy Teens Survey at the sixth grade. 4) Develop detoxification for the local area. 5) Improve system collaboration between law enforcement and hospital in regard to Response to substance abusers. 			

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Community Impact	<p>Chief Bruce Ludwig, Hood River Police Department</p> <p>Handout</p> <p>Voiced concern about the free give aways of alcohol samples during the First Friday celebration. Because these are free, there is no OLCC regulation required.</p> <p>Suggest the Council promote education to all elected official addressing the social and community norms about alcohol.</p>			
Lunch with Elected Officials	<p>Judge Crowley</p> <p>Commissioner Barbara Briggs, Hood River County</p>			
Beuphenorphine Education	<p>Barbara, Clinical Liaison, Educator</p> <p>Presented the manual on Suboxone titled “Embrace Treatment, Regain Control.</p>			
Law Enforcement	<p>Lieutenant Ashmour, Oregon State Police</p> <p>Discussed the following key points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Believes addiction starts with the family and young peer association. 2) Family intervention is necessary. 3) Many have a “poverty mentality”. 4) Youth are unable to chose their future even at 15-16 years old. <p>Steve inquired about the meth lab situation locally. The small manufacturers are depleted.</p> <p>Karen Wheeler added that the entire state has</p>			

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	<p>seen zero small labs in the past three months. Lietenant Ashmour is concerned that the meth prices are lower, but the purity is higher.</p>			
<p>Wasco County Prevention Coalition:</p>	<p>Sherry Call, Wasco County Prevention Coalition, Executive Committee member</p> <p>Handout</p> <p>Gave an overview if the prevention initiatives in Wasco county including Project Alert, life skills program in elementary schools, diversity program in high schools, health class partnering, town hall forums and a DVED production. Described the Yahhoo= Youth Advocates Helping Others Overcome program.</p>			
<p>Treatment Courts</p>	<p>Chuck Wall, Circuit Court Administrator, 7th Judicial District</p> <p>Presented on the treatment courts for the mid-Columbia counties.</p> <p><u>Needs:</u> More resources and wrap around services.</p> <p>Karen Wheeler asked about asset forfeiture money that is ear marked to support treatment courts.</p> <p>Chuck responded that they may have an opportunity soon that could be \$20-30 thousand. Ann reported that the \$3.5 million for treatment courts is still being finalized. She recommends a higher rate be paid to providers for intensive out</p>			

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	<p>patient services necessary for the treatment court population.</p> <p>Stephanie reported that over lunch Judge Crowley recommended raising the unitary assessment fee to increase funding.</p>			
<p>Some Si Se Puede (Yes We Can) Panel</p>	<p>Claudia Montano, Yesenia Castro, Elvia Santillan, & Carolina Rodriguez, Next Door</p> <p>Handouts and Power Point Presentation</p> <p>Presented the Drugfree Community Support Plan</p> <p><u>Goals:</u> Substance Abuse Prevention Collaboration</p> <p>Gave an overview of the service delivery activities funded with a \$1000,000 federal grant.</p> <p><u>Identified GAPS:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Alcohol & drug education. 2) Parental involvement. 3) Parental skills. 4) Receive no academic credit for being involved in school and community leadership activities. 5) After school activities including a teen center. 6) More male student involvement. 7) Random drug testing in school. <p><u>Recommendations:</u></p> <p>Pass a local beer and wine tax.</p> <p>Fine the adult serving minors alcohol for EACH minor served.</p> <p>Take school credit off for MIP classes.</p>			

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	Increase homeowners insurance for adults convicted of serving minors alcohol. Steph-apply for a Bricks and Mortars foundation grant.			