

“Belknap County is a safe community where children and families can live with dignity and respect.”

Director's Report... 05/01/02 - 05/10/02

Reflections

Outreach contacts during this reporting period have included the following:

5/3 – Interview with Bob Champlin, SAU #30 Superintendent

5/7 – Asset-Based Community Development session w/multi-agency providers.

5/9 – Interviewed potential candidate for future position in Belknap County Juvenile Justice services system.

5/9 – Discussion with Community Technical College regarding fall Community Justice Institute.

Presentations during this time have included the following:

5/2 - Video showing and discussion with the LRGH Medical Safety and Healthcare Management Department.

5/2 – LRGH Medical Safety and Healthcare Management (Laconia and Franklin Hospital staff (20).

5/8- Presentation to Meredith Rotary Club (50).

Administrative

The Belknap County Commissioners approved the policies submitted to them by the Council. Policy areas included Conflict of Interest, Council Support of Grant Applications, and Support for Training and Education. They also approved the transfer use of Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block grant funds from the Youth Services Bureau Upswing Program to the Belknap County Juvenile Offender Locater Team (JOLT).

On May 1, a conference call was conducted with two members of the Deschutes County Professional Advisory Council re: operational procedures, relationships, membership, etc. Participating in the call for the Council were Gil Schohan and Alida Millham, staff members Judy Buswell and Alan Robichaud and Ray Barrett representing Upstream. Purpose of the call was to help frame the discussion of creating a professional advisory body for the Citizens Council.

As part of the Council's implementation of an integrated data system, staff received a demonstration of the Bridges system by Jay Apicelli of the local District Office of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services. We also conducted our first steering committee

meeting of the Children and Families Integrated Information System on May 3rd. This group will be expanded at a follow-up meeting scheduled for May 20th. The purpose of the group is to identify, coordinate and analyze data pertaining to children and families in order to identify service gaps and needs; define means to affect efficient interagency collaboration; determine effectiveness of current services; and to plan for future capacity which is data-supported and research-based.

Staff met with Maria Gagnon, newly appointed Director of the Robert Wood Johnson grant, *Reclaiming Futures* acquired through the New Hampshire District Court System. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the role Belknap County Citizens Council will play in the development of the grant as it pertains to this region.

The Council convened its monthly meeting on May 10. Highlighting the meeting was a presentation by Jim Carroll regarding the PACT organization and its many start-up programs and services for youth and families over the past several years.

Judy Buswell has been working diligently on reformulating the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) proposal to provide a Juvenile Offender Locator Team program among law enforcement agencies and Juvenile Probation and Parole Officers throughout Belknap County.

Looking Ahead

Scheduled meetings and presentations for the upcoming days include:
Meetings with the site review team of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – *Reclaiming Futures* grant;
Meeting with the President of the Belknap County Police Chiefs association for involvement in Council projects;
Presentation to the Lakes Region Superintendents' Association;
Attend Youth Services Bureau Board meeting to discuss feasibility of Mediation Program coordination;
One on one interviews with John Graziano, Superintendent of Newfound School District, Laurie LaTrude, Special Needs Coordinator of Laconia School District, and Dottie Treisner, Executive Director of Spaulding Youth Center;
Community Technical College Craft Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood Development; and
Convening of the Council Executive Committee (Committee assignments, Professional Advisory Committee, etc.)

Please call the Council office (528-3185) should you have any questions or wish to have additional information and any of the above items.

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