

LEADERSHIP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SYSTEM INTEGRATION INITIATIVE
NOVEMBER 20, 2008

SUMMARY

Attending: Kathy Keller, Ron Cohen, Egon Jensen, Sandy Loomis, John Fox, Lisa Morris, Pam Kuczkowski, Eric Borrin, Kevin Smith, Rich Moed, Betty Anson, Lori Krueger, Karen Welford, Rob O'Hannon, Judy Buswell, Alan Robichaud. **Consultant:** John Tuell.

Grant Announcement –SAMHSA System of Care

Egon Jensen announced that SAMHSA has issued a Request for Applicants (RFA) for a 6 year System of Care planning grant focused on children with mental health needs in the juvenile justice system and minority populations who are refugees. Seventeen awards will be made from a potential pool of over 500 applicants. The Endowment for Health will put up resources to engage the Institute of Disability as the grant writer. The application is due January 15, 2009 for a potential award next spring and implementation perhaps in October. Egon has invited Belknap County to be the pilot site for the grant citing such endeavors as this service integration initiative as evidence of community readiness. The grant will require match but that may be in the form of in-kind contributions. Meetings to further discuss the grant will be held next week.

Charter Agreement

Alan Robichaud announced that the Belknap County Commissioners have signed the Charter and asked other agencies to forward their agencies charters if approved by signature. To date, the following agencies have signed on: Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families, Belknap County Commission, New Beginnings, Child and Family Services of New Hampshire, Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health, Lakes Region Community Services, and FamilyStrength. Others were asked to complete and submit their agencies' approval to Alan prior to the end of November.

Action Kathy Keller will facilitate the Governor's Task Force on Domestic and Sexual Violence while Egon Jensen will coordinate with DHHS for several signatures within that organization. Alan Robichaud will contact the remaining organizations.

Initiative Updates

There was ample discussion and feedback on the Hypothesis statement. Some members felt there needed to more specificity with the "If" statements. Some felt the statement was fine as written and others expressed a need for further development of timelines, logic model and the like. The committee agreed that we need to get clarity of the above but that we are still in early stages of development as we continue to recruit representatives and explore data possibilities. It was reiterated that this initiative needs to be considered as something we all own and not that there is a smaller interest group that is carrying the workload. If system change is going to occur, it needs a strong investment of everyone and everyone's organization represented around the table. This is not a process of simply coming to meetings and critiquing the work of others. Additional resources will be required all along the way if we are to succeed in the systems integration we are working toward.

Action A smaller work group (Betty, Sandy, Rich, Pam, Alan) of the committee will meet to develop timelines and other tools for the group's input. Anyone who wishes to participate and contribute to this process is welcomed. Please call Alan (528-3185) to add your assistance.

Process Mapping

Betty and Pam have completed initial interviews with Genesis, DJJS and DCFY to develop mapping of processes, key decision points, tools used, and other elements for defining how clients access services.

Preliminary process maps will be returned to these agencies for verification and accuracy of interpretation. Final versions will be shared with the LEC at a future meeting. We want to thank Ray Barrett (Genesis), Dan French (DJJS) and Christa Clapp (DCYF) for their assistance in understanding the intricacies of their respective system processes. Additional system components that may need similar illustration include schools, courts, domestic violence, substance abuse and treatment, family organizations, law enforcement, etc. Lori indicated that acquiring school data may be a difficult if not more than what has already been done as the education system uses various systems to collect it data.

Data Committee Report

Sandy Loomis reported for the Data Committee. Substantial work has begun with data provided by Melissa Correia (DCYF) and Eric Borrin (DJJS). Whereas the data for both DCYF and DJJS rests within the Bridges system, we are fortunate to have the expertise and assistance of these two folks in retrieving and interpreting the data. The Data Committee came to agreement on the elements which we need to pursue for our next level of inquiry and Eric will continue to coordinate this effort with Melissa. The approved data sets now being pursued include the following:

All Laconia District Office juvenile justice and/or “screened in” child welfare clients over the past 5 years will be queried by Belknap County zip codes.

Action Eric and Melissa will discuss these parameters and send new files to Pam who will take a lead role in formatting information for use by the Data Committee.

Other Business

Kevin highlighted the need to be aware of and sensitive to political pressure from reduced census within state and contracted residential facilities as a result of success in Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI) and other conditions affording youth community options to placement. Part of our strategies going forward will need to be cognizant of the pressures posed by these factors. John Tuell suggested looking at Youth Re-Investment Act for alternative approaches to detention.

As this initiative picks up and the workload increases, we will need everyone to fully participate in the work tasks between meetings. The purpose of the Charter is not solely to have representation at meetings. Each partner organization has resources which we will need to contribute to the work that needs to be done. All members are asked to continually think of ways these resources can be brought to bear on this initiative.

Sandy indicated that we will need to coordinate the parameters of the System of Care RFA with this initiative. They should serve as parallel processes.

Action Development of work plan for the next meeting and have future discussion relate to the plan to assure progress. (Betty, Sandy, Rich, Pam, Alan)

Action Recruit more members of the initiative to support and serve on the Data and Process Mapping committees in order to share the workload.

NEXT MEETING

DATE: Thursday, January 8, 2009

TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

PLACE: Woodside/Taylor Community