

**BELKNAP COUNTY SERVICE INTEGRATION INITIATIVE  
RESOURCE INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2009**

**SUMMARY**

**Attending:** Lisa Morris, Ron Garnett, Sue Cagle, Scott Meyer, Deb Rosato, Jack Terrill, Jessica Blais, Betty Anson, Dan French.

**Consultant:** John Tuell

**Staff:** Judy Buswell , Alan Robichaud

NTTAC Evaluation Feedback forms were distributed and participants were asked to complete them on the session before leaving the meeting.

Lisa Morris reviewed the status of the committee work plan recapping that process maps were in process following interviews by committee members to members of identified service sectors. Information obtained from interviews was transformed using process mapping software and vetted back to informants for accuracy. They are then slated for further review by a subcommittee.

Simultaneously, Kerri Lowe, Intern with the Lakes Region United Way, performed additional inquiries of agency information pertaining to missions, targeted populations served, service provision, assessments used, etc. There was a component relating to evidence-based practice that was not completed at the time of interviews which we need to now accomplish.

Partially completed process maps were distributed and discussion followed. Future iterations of the maps should allow for easier reading (e.g. larger font size) and contain a glossary of the terms and acronyms used by agencies. The group was briefed on the status of each map and what needs to be performed in order to complete them.

The group also discussed the definition of “evidence-based practice” so that there is a common understanding (i.e. is it that which is supported by SAMHSA, OJJDP, etc.?). Discussion included whether or not administrative agencies approved certain practices; distinction between best practices, promising practices, etc.; and whether we might simply ask people about their goals, what objectives they are striving for and how they will evaluate their performances. Other ways of asking questions might include: what percent of your time do you employ evidence-based practice; what percent of staff have been trained in evidence-based practice; and do you evaluate your outcomes against evidenced-based practice?

John discussed a likely intervention phase as being that which occurs at the pre-dispositional phase (adjudication and disposition) for DJJS cases with prior founded abuse/neglect involvement. What we would be looking at for outcomes include multi-agency case planning and coordination based on prior treatment, family dynamics, prior

mental health and substance abuse involvement, education achievement, and other base characteristics of the youth and family.

From the process maps, we need to get an understanding of key decision points, assessment and treatment approaches, and sanctions and accountabilities - what was done, what was successful, etc.

Other discussion followed on the need to compile a resource listing of evidence-based practices (EBP). John identified the following examples of EBP used with children and families: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Functional Family Therapy (FFT), and Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST).

**Action** Process maps need to be completed along with glossaries and perhaps, where needed, narrative descriptions of processes.

**Action** Lisa suggested that some members of the RI&A Committee convene members of selected agencies to address the question of EBP within their agencies. A conference call with John will be held to lay the ground work for convening the agency representatives.

**Action** We will need to develop and bring forward recommendations to the Leadership Executive Committee at its next meeting.