

REINVESTMENT 2010 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT CJMHSA PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2012 MCSO Headquarters Conference Room

ATTENDANCE

CJMHSA Planning Council Members/Alternates:

Tommy Taylor

Jane Isherwood

Sandy Pearce

Joe Laino

Nadine Hood

Sylvia Murphy

Lourdes Badia

Bob Audette

Karen Knight

Steve Torrence

Staff: MCSO CJMHSA Diversion Program Director Edie Hambright
MCSO Grants Manager Tamara Snider
Monroe County Grants Manager Lisa Tennyson

Minutes prepared by: Carol Peterson

CALL TO ORDER

CJMHSA Planning Council meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Tommy Taylor.

MINUTES

As a quorum was not in attendance, the minutes of May 15, 2012 were not approved.

PROGRAM REPORT from Director Edie Hambright

- New reentry coordinator is actively recruiting individuals for the program and meeting with community groups for possible referrals of individuals. We are receiving referrals and conducted approximately 15 screenings in May but none of those individuals were workable and 30 screenings so far in June with six individuals scheduled to start within the next five weeks. Two individuals currently in the program and doing well.

Request made by Jane Isherwood for a written summary report of the statistics. Edie will do and email with the minutes and have the numbers available at the monthly meetings.

- CIT training still scheduled as previously reported. Folks have begun to register.
- Goals and Objectives are basically complete. No major changes.
- Grant requirement is 48 individuals complete program by Mar 31, 2013.

Hood: Offender Reentry Grant is coming to an end - once that happens, you will have a population that can possibly be served by this Grant. Our completion rates are 78% at 3 months, 71% at 6 months and about 60% at the year follow-up. We serve between 45 – 55 people a year but this program was designed for felons where the CJMHSA grant is designed for individuals with misdemeanors. It is designed to be a much more intense treatment program.

Taylor: When we were putting this grant together, the population out there with

misdemeanors who were not being served was large so we focused on those people. Unfortunately things have shifted and now there are more people with felonies.

Isherwood: Does the Grant state 'no felonies'?

Hambright: The judicial committee agreed on targeting the people with misdemeanors and the grant was written with those individuals in mind.

Isherwood: But this may be the only way we can get the numbers

Laino: At some point we need to look at the fact that we need to have greater numbers per month. How can we expand to reach more people in order to reach our numbers?

Taylor: We are doing things like interviewing 60 people but when only 5 meet the criteria there isn't much else we can do.

Hambright: I've had additional meetings over the past month with FKOC, Samuel's House, Heron Peacock Apartments and a Positive Step. I'm hoping now that we're reaching the community and receiving more provider referrals, the numbers may increase.

Taylor: At some point we are going to take a look at the numbers and decide whether we need to change course.

Murphy: What happens when people don't complete?

Hambright: DCF realizes that is a real challenge with this group of people but the goal is to get these folks into the program and try to make a difference. This population is very difficult to manage and DCF recognizes that.

Audette: Have you ever explored adjusting the length of your program and increasing the intensity to get success rates? I believe 4 months is too long to expect your clients to complete the program. It could be one month to get better numbers.

Hood: I would say the length of time is at a minimum now. You might get your numbers but you might not make a difference in the lives of these people.

Discussion about why no individuals have completed the program – is it the program or the individuals we're trying to get into the program?

Isherwood: The treatment that we have going on right now is not working. We need to do an assessment and come up with some type of treatment modality that will work with this clientele. You are not going to get them to change. You have to change the treatment to fit them.

Taylor: When we laid this criteria out it was based on those with misdemeanors and their problems. We didn't just say this is what we're going to do. We did an evaluation on it and determined what these people needed. That's why this program was brought on board.

Hambright: This is meant to be an entry level treatment. We do the best we can in our

assessments and screenings and believe the treatment will fit those folks we try to get in. The treatment is doing well for the two folks who are in the program. Hopefully with the increased folks coming, there is good potential the program will work for successful completion in the four month program. Maybe we can adjust it as we see more folks coming into the program but I think longer, not less, treatment will be needed.

Hood: There is an organization called NIATx that has a model called the rapid cycle change model that gets you to look at numbers and the data to see why things are happening as they are. It is public on the internet and tells you how to do this. I'll be happy to help if that's what it takes.

Taylor: We need to set up a committee to do an assessment as to why people are dropping out of the program and bring that info back to the Council. Nadine, would you do this?

Hood: Yes

Torrence: We have to be fiscally responsible as to the amount of money we are spending for the number of people we are getting through the program

Taylor: Nadine to chair an assessment committee. We have to find out who drops out, when and why? Edie and Karen volunteered to be on the committee.

Taylor: If we were to change the direction of this grant, we will have to start all over again, get agreement from the Planning Council, get BOCC approval and get DCF to approve.

FINANCIAL REPORT from Tamara Snider

Account detail reflects the new budget numbers subject to approval by DCF and the expenses for April and May 2012.

ONGOING BUSINESS – Sustainability Committee

Laino: Nothing new - I want to thank Sylvia and Lisa for their help with the SOAR meeting. We trained 26 people. A recording is available if anyone would like to use it along with the manual. Cindy Schwartz would be glad to come to any meeting and tell us of the successes they have had.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ROUNDTABLE - Nothing

NEXT MEETING is scheduled for August 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Chief Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.