

PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES – 8/7/06

In attendance: Brad Forth, Virgie Arambarri, Frances Lunney, Mechelle Wilson, Lorrie Breshears, Megan Anthony, Carla Dvoracek, Jim Gentry, Mardell Nelson, Jeremy Player, Rosio Gonzalez, Julie Stevens

Absent: Mike Starnes, Robin Sanchez

Rosio Gonzalez was introduced as potential new member to the group. She is a foster parent, an adoptive parent, and the former director of CASI so she brings a wealth of expertise related to adoptions. She has also been exploring the creation of an Idaho Best Practice Advisory Committee for Foster Care and Adoptions: Domestic and International. There are obvious parallels with the work we are doing and expansion we need to be doing, therefore, we specifically included adoptions in our charter.

Mickey Harmer was suggested to the group as a potential new member given her knowledge and ability to represent the needs of children and youth in residential care facilities. The need to address this population has been discussed at previous meetings. Given the groups approval, Julie will proceed with inviting her to join our Board.

Jeremy discussed his involvement in a Residential Care Committee that is addressing scope of work. There will be a pilot project in Region I and Region III. Expectations include discharge planning in the first 30 days and contact with families (justification if there is no contact made). Megan suggested that it might also benefit our board to include a representative from the residential care community (e.g. IYR).

We had a discussion about how TAP is evolving and the plan for funds to be loaded soon in the state's budget. Given the fact that DHW is not able to produce outcome indicator data that has been requested by CFP, the plan is to have a sample population (10%) from which to pull that data. Concerns about flexibility and integrity of funding led to the following plan:

- Work group needs to be formed to address integration of TAP funding to ensure integrity and flexibility of utilization (focus on foster youth and foster families)
 - Form a work group to include experienced TAP workers/supervisors from DHW and CFP, budget professionals from DHW, and alumni and foster parents served by TAP funds. Familiarity with practice standards will be helpful. (Brad, Virgie/Lisa, Mike, Roxanne, Julie, Megan, Ike, Jeremy, Mechelle)
 - Schedule conference August 31, 2006 10:00 – 12:00 MDT
 - Questions for consideration
 - Regional or statewide budget?
 - Distribution of funds to promote consistent implementation?

The disproportionality work group shared work they had done on the charter.

The TAP work group developed a listing of the REAL cost of placement that was shared as context setting for the charter and the crisis we are facing related to out of home placements for youth in our care. In discussing the charter today, it was recommended that breakout sessions related to practice be held at conferences and that there is a saturation of TAP through multiple forums.

The remaining work groups had a difficult time tending to the scope of the assignment on the phone so it was decided that work would be put on hold until today's convening even though great discussions were had by some of the groups.

Editing of the charter continued and the outcomes for all areas were revised again. **Between now and October 26, 2006, it is expected that work groups will convene to solidify outcome measures in their respective areas.** The goal is to have our charter completed (which only includes outcomes and outcome measures) by the end of our meeting on 10/26/06. After the completion of our charter, we will fully develop the work plan (which includes tasks and the criteria for measuring the tasks).

- Rosio, Virgie and Julie will make up the adoption work group

Given our meeting this month, *our conference call on 8/15/06 is cancelled.*

Our next Board convening will be Thursday, October 26, 2006 at Casey Family Programs.

The next Idaho Child Welfare Partnership meeting will be scheduled in November.

Evaluation of the meeting including the comments listed below:

- Struggling to get focused on task
- Need to define or not use acronyms
- A sense of community is being to develop amongst Board members - know more of the group – consistent membership
- Data projector helpful when working on charter
- Able to define clear direction
- Appreciative of breaks
- Meeting at Casey Family Programs is good
- 9:00 – 3:30
- Representation of broad interests on Board