

Sitka Behavioral Health Continuum of Care Meeting Summary Thursday – March 3, 2005

The Continuum of Care Group participants included Janie Hogue – SCPS, Louise Brady – STA, Chris Bauman – SAFV, Steve Bradshaw – SSD, Clint Wantanabe – OCS, David Sleifert – SEARHC, Curt Ledford – Community Schools, Barb Morse – BBBS, Chris Dunbar – FJC, & Tom Clarke - DJJ

Agenda Items

1. Discussion of how this group fits with AOY

AOY is currently in limbo without a coordinator but the family focus meetings and flexible funding has continued. Curt agreed to advertise again but stated that he did not receive any applications from the last posting. Steve stated that he could look into pooling funds from another grant to offer a full time position with benefits. The job duties would include both AOY duties and responsibilities from the other grant. Curt and Steve will work out the details and Curt will re-advertise the position. Once a coordinator is hired, a discussion will be held regarding how the two groups could be melded or at a minimum collaborate

2. Community Prevention RFP

Janie informed the group that the substance abuse community prevention grant will require a group submittal. Current grantees – SCPS, SAFV, and BBBS will work together to complete the grant process. If additional funds are available per the substance abuse prevention supplemental moving through the legislature, SCPS will apply for a High School and possible elementary school student assistance prevention counselor identified as a needed service in the continuum of care document. Curt reported that SSD was awarded a \$25,000 grant for alternative school prevention and will discuss the grant with SCPS.

3. Support for Agency Grants

The group discussed agencies providing grant support letters for each other. All agreed to provide each other with program information to assist in the letter writing process & utilize email as much as possible.

4. Collaborative Grant Opportunities

Louise discussed a collaborative grant opportunity - Cooperative Agreements for the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program -These cooperative agreements will support States, political subdivisions within States, the District of Columbia, territories, Native American tribes and tribal organizations, in developing integrated home and community-based services and supports for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families by encouraging the development and expansion of effective and enduring systems of care. Approximately \$24 million will be available to fund up to 24 awards in FY 2005. The maximum allowable award is: Year 1 – 1 mil, Yr 2 – 1.5m, Yr 3 – 2 m, Yr 4 – 2m, Yr 5 – 1.5m, Yr 6 – 1m. Those interested will meet to discuss whether Sitka can meet the requirements to apply.

Chris Bauman discussed a planning grant for women's transitional housing. Those interested will assist and collaborate.

5. Updates to Continuum of Care Document – None Reported

6. Email Updates – Please forward additional email addresses to Janie by responding to this email

7. Other –

Dave reported that SEARHC has brought on the Neuro-developmental Clinic as a core service. The services will expand with the addition of an OT & Speech Therapist and Case manager.

Dave also brought up the issue of the possibility of YAS losing their Medicaid number. Janie reported that DBH was probably not going to make a decision regarding that issue this year or during the 06 grant year.

All present discussed sharing statistics and data for grants. Dave will look into whether the AOY website is functional and what it will take to post data to the website so all can access the information as needed.

Steve stated that the school will complete the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and is tracking height/weight for the EARTH in collaboration with SEARHC for the EARTH grant.

Chris Dunbar – Family Justice Center will be conducting a domestic violence victim needs assessment and focus groups. He will keep all informed of dates/locations and disseminate the survey.

Monthly meetings will continue until an AOY coordinator is hired and then a joint meeting will occur to discuss next steps.

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 7th from 1:30 -3pm at Centennial – (First Thursday of the month at 1:30)