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**COORDINATED SERVICES TEAM (CST) COMMITTEE
Minutes for December 14, 2012**

PRESENT: Gabrielle Berget, Marci Bullen, Tina Day, Kelley Fearn, Jamie Fugate, Amanda Galaviz, Julie Heim, Heather Helgestad, Steve Howland, Lance Horozewski, Alicia Oczus, Jennifer Patridge, Carol Plante, Cheri Salava, Barb Werfal, and Greg Winkler

ABSENT: Tera O'Connor, Beth Blum, John Dalee, Jessica DuBois, Jennifer Fay, Michael Gray, Nancy Hagen, Misty Frutiger, Don Oswald, Carol Trout, Rebecca Westrick, John Weber, and Teresa Hermanson

GUEST: Navana Winston, Rock Communities Youth Network director

Call to Order

Chairperson Horozewski called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Day moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Winkler. Carried

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Patridge moved to approve the minutes submitted, seconded by Ms. Berget. Carried.

Citizen Participation and Announcements

Ms. Winston was invited to share more information on the grant mentioned at the September meeting. She is director of Rock Communities Youth Network, a program developed to meet the needs of youth with early intervention or prevention of serious delinquency problems. It began with the truancy portion at the Beloit high school and charter school level, and spread from there, to include working with the Juvenile Justice Diversion Program out of Janesville now. Referrals come from the youth themselves or their friends, some join to pay legal fines while others join voluntarily for the community service. Youth at risk brainstorm peer-to-peer on skills to avoid problems. She shared a newspaper story on their cooperative work with other groups creating a native species garden. Included was her interview further explaining the program benefits; a community service activity as part of participation requirements. For more information, her email address is rc.youth.network@charter.net.

Review of Interagency Agreement

Chairperson Horozewski requested formation of a core group to meet, draft, and get information on our values to schools and agencies that could help promote the team's efforts

to kids we want to serve. Ms. O'Connor is willing to help but unable to lead due to other obligations. A leader is asked to keep the meetings going and progress moving forward. Mr. Winkler volunteered to lead, requesting emails of those offering to serve with him, for ease in setting up the meetings. Others identified are Ms. Berget, Ms. Bullen, Ms. Fearn, Chairman Horozewski, and Ms. O'Connor. The Administrative Assistant followed up with the emails.

Approval of CST Referral Form

Item tabled when form wasn't found with provided information.

Update from the Rock County BHRSC

Chairman Horozewski promised email updates to the committee on next steps recommended by consultants for the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee (BHRSC). These consultants plan to return in two months to follow up on recommended ten priorities to move Rock County forward in treating clients with mental health or alcohol and drug dependencies.

Discussion about Parent Peer Support Development

While no structure for creation of this support group in Rock County exists, there are statewide organizations to coach or guide, for a fee, which Rock County is unable to financially support at this time. Chairman Horozewski offered other counties for a sampling of efforts: Jefferson contracts with the state, while Waushara has a volunteer group begun by parents. Even unpaid volunteer groups need policies and procedures, boundaries for confidentiality and background checks for working with children. In times when it is difficult to balance how to protect their child while not enabling the behavior, parents need a view from parents who have survived a child's troubled times. Parents face difficulty understanding a child's special needs, and ever more complicated acronyms used by the law, the schools and medical professionals. The team wondered if an organization might already exist in Rock County that has not come to our attention. A workgroup formed to help reach out to potential parents and resources includes Ms. Galaviz, Ms. Day, Ms. Salava, Ms. Fearn, and Ms. Fugate.

CIT for Youth

Website for handout:

http://www.nami.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Find_Support/Child_and_Teen_Support/CIT_for_Youth/CITYouthWorkbook_Web.pdf

Training in Crisis Intervention Technology focuses primarily on law enforcement involved with adults experiencing mental health crises. Working with these evidence-based models for change, a Pennsylvania source developed similar training focusing on school resource officers. A Pennsylvania consultant would train a core team to continue training of local experts. Rock County would be first to offer this, if a grant or other funding option is secured to cover costs, mostly that of officers' time.

Program Spotlight

Juvenile Diversion brochures were distributed. Ms. Galaviz explained the Diversion unit is one component of 3 servicing youth, shared with Youth Services Center and law enforcement. The Juvenile Diversion unit began in Beloit funded by a grant, but expanded to focus on all youth, first those on probation, and then those at risk. Most referrals come from the mental health department or Child Protective Services. There is a group for girls, and interest in

beginning a boys group. A 10-week independent living component was designed for those leaving foster care, but as resources are available more are able to participate, and this fills a gap even parents observe, in teaching life skills, knowing where to go and what skills to teach. If it grows to too big a group, the program can reach out to volunteers and interns for help. New in January are plans for a parent support group (a possible ideal link for the parent peer support group discussed earlier).

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be March 8th at 8:30 a.m. at the Rock County Job Center, exact room to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant
(for Diana Daley, Administrative Assistant for ASC/CST)

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cc: Committee Members
Mai Zong Vue