

Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP)
Outcome Monitoring Program (OMP) Implementation Workgroup (IWG) Meeting
SUMMARY
Friday, April 8, 2005
1 P.M. – 3 P.M.

Participants

ADP Staff:

Paul Brower
Sue Cote
Michael Cunningham
George Lembi
Marjorie McKisson
Jon Meltzer
Rachelle Repace
Edith Thacher
Inna Tysoe
Alice Van Ommeren

External Participants:

Tom Avey
Adrienne Buckle
Yolanda Cordero
Bill Crane
Gino Giannavola
Jason Kletter
Ken Nyberg
Joel Phillips
Al Rodriguez
Jim Sorg
Wayne Sugita
David Wong
Loretta Worthington

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review – Michael Cunningham

Michael opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for participating. Michael reviewed the agenda with the members.

2. Treatment Sub Work Group Update – Jim Sorg

Jim Sorg provided an update from the March 16, 2005 Treatment Sub Work Group conference call. During the conference call the success criteria for CalOMS Phase 1 was discussed and input was provided by the group on the success criteria. In addition, Alice Van Ommeren presented a paper on matched and unmatched records.

Currently in CADDs changes can be made to unmatched records up until December 20 following the end of the fiscal year. ADP is proposing allowing changes to be made to matched records up until December 20 following the fiscal year, as well as continuing to allow changes to be made to unmatched records up to December 20 of the following fiscal year. The group agreed this should be the process used in CalOMS.

Finally, the group discussed expansion/rotation of the existing membership and eventually agreed the Treatment Sub Workgroup should be dissolved. The rationale for this decision is that many of the active Treatment Sub Workgroup members also participate in the IWG; there is redundancy between the two meetings. The group decided it will only meet on an as

needed basis in the future.

3. Prevention Update – Paul Brower

Paul updated the group on the status of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the CalOMS prevention data collection service. Paul emphasized the RFP is to obtain a data collection service, not to develop software for prevention data collection. Paul announced the RFP was released on Friday, April 8, 2005. The Prevention Branch hopes to have a contract in place by July 1, 2005 and have the service operational by July 1, 2006. Finally, Paul announced there will be a Prevention Sub Workgroup meeting on April 25, 2005.

4. Outreach Activities – Edith Thacher

Edith provided an update to members about the county implementation assistance activities. Edith announced that a WITS demonstration will be held via web-x on April 16, 2005 for counties interested in WITS. In addition, Edith is putting together implementation tools and will have something to forward to those interested in WITS by April 18, 2005. Edith also requested volunteers to review the implementation tools she is preparing as well as a document she prepared about fundamental issues.

5. CalOMS Software Development – George Lembi

George announced that ADP has completed its procurement process and has a contract in place with Hubbert/Natoma to develop ADP's CalOMS Software. ADP needs a state-level system in order to receive county/direct provider files. Over the next six months the following activities will occur pursuant to the contract with Hubbert/Natoma: system design, construction of the CalOMS system, system testing, and system approval.

The first deliverables are the project schedule and plan, which are expected within three weeks. Once the schedule and plan are approved, the format and data instructions layout (file specification) will be developed.

There was also some discussion about which types of reports will be available to whom. For example, the county administrator will receive reports for their county. The administrator will in turn forward the providers' reports to the providers. Discussion was focused on ways to enable providers to obtain their own reports as this can improve data quality; i.e. providers can see their data and make corrections or to improve services.

Some of the participants on the call argued that in order to improve service delivery counties and providers both need to access their data. This led to some discussion about potential privacy issues. ADP will send the planned

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report format to the IWG and discuss this issue in more detail at the next IWG meeting.

6. California Outcome Monitoring Program (CalOMP) – Michael Cunningham

Michael briefly discussed the distinction between CalOMS and CalOMP. CalOMS is the data collection and dissemination mechanism; it is strictly information management. CalOMP is the CalOMS overlay; it is the overall effort of ADP, counties, and providers to identify outcomes we feel are critical to improving services.

ADP, counties, and providers must be able to determine the indicators of outcomes, their implications, how they are analyzed, and how they are used to determine what leads to success and for policy decisions to make changes. ADP will present thoughts on the developmental process of CalOMP that's useful at all levels of service delivery.

7. Next Meeting

Topics of discussion will include CalOMS report formats and access to CalOMS data and CalOMP. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2005, from 1 – 3 PM and will be held via conference call.