

Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP)
Outcome Monitoring Program (OMP) Implementation Workgroup (IWG) Meeting
SUMMARY
Friday, May 13, 2005
1 P.M. – 3 P.M.

Participants

ADP Staff:

Paul Brower
Larry Carr
Sue Cote
Michael Cunningham
Karen DeVoe
Ann Drolette
George Lembi
Marjorie McKisson
Claudio Mejia
Jon Meltzer
Rachelle Repace
Inna Tysoe
Alice Van Ommeren

External Participants:

Scott Belfield
Yolanda Cordero
Bill Crane
Gino Giannavola
David Hong
Tim Kendall
Patty Madison
Irene Martinez
Rosaland McNeely
Toni Moore
Joel Phillips
Rick Rawson
Jim Sorg
Wayne Sugita
David Wong
Loretta Worthington
Nancy Young

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. Prevention Update – George Feicht and Paul Brower

George Feicht and Paul Brower provided an update on the activities of the Prevention Sub Workgroup. The group met May 13, 2005 at ADP and will meet again next week and again at the end of June.

The Request for Applications (RFA) for data collection service for prevention CalOMS was released last month and applications are due Monday, May 16, 2005. The Prevention Sub Workgroup is now looking at what will be done with the data once it comes in. In addition the group is discussing possibly adding some environmental components.

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The data collection service is expected to be online July, 2006. Therefore, the last PADS reports will be for April, May, and June, 2006. The data collection service will be customized for California prevention data collection needs. ADP will be working with counties to determine how the system will look (screens), which types of reports will be generated, and accessibility of the data.

3. Treatment Update – Marjorie McKisson, George Lembi, and Ann Drolette

Marjorie opened by thanking those who provided feedback on the CalOMS implementation tool document distributed by Edith Thacher in April. This tool will be used to assist counties with CalOMS implementation. The implementation tool includes shorter monthly status reports for counties to ADP throughout the coming year.

This month the CalOMS team is focused on identifying questions and issues that need to be resolved/finalized for ADP CalOMS system design. Some of these include T3/follow-up and annual updates for NTP clients. In addition, Marjorie requested volunteers to review ADP's data quality standards for CalOMS treatment data. Marjorie will email the document following the meeting. Gino Giannavola, Jim Sorg, and John Bacon/Scott Belfield volunteered to review the document. Finally, Marjorie announced there will be a CalOMS presentation at CADPAAC on May 18, 2005. The presentation will include presentations by Lilly Alvarez and April Dunham.

Next, George Lembi provided an update on software development activities. The Hubbert/Natoma software development team has five staff working at ADP and began work last month. The Hubbert/Natoma team is working on three deliverables at present: 1. project plan and schedule, 2. conceptual design, and 3. documentation and instruction for counties for data files. The third deliverable includes file layout and technical information, and should be drafted by May 20, 2005. Once the third deliverable is final it will be reviewed internally and distributed to counties by June, 2006.

ADP will begin systems testing the CalOMS system in October 2006 with one county and one direct provider. After this initial testing has been completed, ADP will be able to receive live data. Each county and direct provider must test their system with ADP's system prior to submitting data. The deadline to report the January 2006 data is March 15, 2006. Submission of live data will be available after the system is tested and installed in production.

Finally, George reported that ADP has been working internally on the CalOMS data matrix, identifying individual field edits and cross-field relational edits; e.g. if male is entered for gender, then pregnancy questions should not be yes. The CalOMS team finalized the data matrix today and it will be

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included in the final file layout, which will be released in June. The final CalOMS data matrix will be posted on the ADP website within a couple weeks and an email will be sent announcing when it has been posted.

Following George's update there was discussion about the components that should be included in the CalOMS county reports. It was requested that source of referral be added, as it is not currently included. In addition, there was discussion about looking into adding questions related to TANF and child welfare to the CalOMS data matrix. George then provided a brief overview the CalOMS reports documents distributed via email on April 12, 2005.

Next, Ann Drolette announced ADP will be conducting regional CalOMS meetings beginning in June. ADP will hold these meetings in three to four different sites in the last two weeks of June and is also looking in to holding a webinar June 20, 2005. The first series of regional meetings will have a technical focus (i.e. IT strategies) as well as a focus on communication plans and tools. Two more series of regional meetings will be held, also in three to four sites, in September and December. The second series will be focused on implementation issues.

Finally, Michael announced ADP will be bringing issues and/or questions to the IWG in the coming months. These will be framed as questions and background will be provided. Michael explained this will serve as an expeditious way to get guidance and input for necessary decisions so as to stay on schedule. Correspondence will include items relating to business rules and system design.

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

Michael provided an overview of the framework for the CalOMP. Questions that must be considered are what will the data be used for; who will use the data; which outcomes will the system be based on; what are the targets and, when the data comes in, did we achieve the targets; and how can the information be used to improve services?

ADP will be framing out the CalOMP over the next several months. ADP's plan includes: develop overall framework, solicit input from IWG, engage the IWG each step of the way, determine the necessary resources, and determine how to apply OMP in both prevention and treatment as there will only be on OMP. Michael then discussed the risks associated with developing the OMP framework simultaneous to the CalOMS system design. Such risks include using resources dedicated to CalOMS (could jeopardize CalOMS or delay implementation) and the need for a definition of OMP. ADP will develop a strategy to mitigate these risks.

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ADP will prepare a framework for CalOMP for the IWG to respond to by the next IWG meeting. Marjorie McKisson will develop a list of possible IWG roles for OMP as well as for CalOMS (the CalOMS list will be comprised of more IT focused individuals). It was recommended that legislative staff be included on the OMP list to enable us to identify what the Legislature expects in terms of data.

Finally, Michael announced that SAMHSA will be holding a regional workshop in Seattle in July. Each state can bring two to three representatives. This workshop will inform participants of the final National Outcome Measures. ADP will distribute the current National Outcomes Measures information to the IWG.

5. Next Meeting

Topics of discussion will include CalOMP. The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2005, from 1 – 3 PM and will be held via conference call.