



Co-Occurring Joint Action Council (COJAC) Workgroup Meeting Minutes, October 4, 2006

Participants:

Policy Council Co-Chairs: Michael Cunningham (ADP), Carmen Delgado (ADP)

Workgroup Co-Chairs: Cheryl Trenwith and Marvin Southard

Workgroup: Dave Neilsen (DMH), Ruby Smith (ADP), Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar, Jim O'Connell, Albert Senella, Terry Robinson, Vivian Brown, Carol Wilkins, and Alice J. Washington

Guest: John Challis, SAMHSA/COCE

Welcome and Introductions

The Workgroup Co-chairs opened the meeting at 10:00 am. The members introduced themselves as there was someone from COCE in attendance.

Review of the Minutes

The minutes from August 23, 2006, were reviewed. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Review of the Agenda

John Challis from the COCE, a SAMHSA Center for Excellence in co-occurring disorders, will add feedback on the ADP survey and the reports from the subcommittees. He will provide technical assistance and share examples and information from other states.

State Report

The State Report from **DMH** was given by Dave Neilsen, Chief, Children and Family Program Policy.

A. He stated that the MOU with ADP includes a partnership for curriculum and training for MHSAs Full Service Partnerships which encompasses all ages. The curriculum and training will include COD.

The Workgroup members had the following **questions and issues**:

1. What is in the curriculum for FSP and COD?

2. The curriculum should include tools on screening and assessment.
3. The curriculum should identify Brief Interventions to be used for COD.
4. How do we get providers to the training especially those who are not funded?
5. Can ADP have the Director send invitations to the AOD administrators asking them to attend the MHSA implementation trainings?

COCE provided the following **information**:

1. The TIP 42 is now a full curriculum/training with modules. It is available from ATTC, http://coce.samhsa.gov/cod_resources/index.aspx?obj=23.
2. There are other EBP trainings that are in content development.
3. In order to get providers to the table, there is a need to assess competences and skills in COD and then target trainings to help those w/o.

These questions may be addressed with the following **next steps**:

1. DMH and ADP are committed to working with the Workgroup members during this process.
2. DMH and ADP will take recommendations for trainers to be included in the CIMH/DMH trainings, so as to help roll-in any content that is necessary for COD.
3. DMH and ADP will look at how we use the MHSA in developing competencies and skills for COD in the workforce especially using the FSP/COD curriculum and training.

B. Other comments from the DMH representative:

1. There are about 48 CSS plans that have been approved.
2. DMH is working with CMHDA to make the CSS updates doable while getting DMH the information they need, and balancing what is wanted in the local planning processes.

A suggested **next step** is that the Workgroup would like to see AOD in this process.

The State Report from **ADP** was given by Carmen Delgado, Assistant Deputy Director.

1. She supported the DMH report about the training and curriculum for FSP/COD.
2. She reported that the Action Plan will be supported with technical assistance by the COCE effective October 4, 2006. The COCE will assist the subcommittees and with the development of the ADP survey for a product, a directory of COD programs.
3. She provided the Workgroup with materials and information that were requested from the last meeting. The packet included:
 - Structure of COJAC
 - Membership list
 - MOU
 - Action Plan with status and benchmarks
 - Products from the Licensing and Certification subcommittee
4. They are working on a calendar that will be posted on the website. The calendar will include:

- COJAC meetings
- Policy Council meetings
- Tentative meeting dates with the Policy Council and the two directors

The Workgroup members had the following **questions and issues**:

How will products be approved? ADP responded that it depends on what it is and who will need to review and provide approval.

The **next steps** are:

The ADP staff will develop the other processes for the next meeting. The information will be put into binders along with the history, work, and products as they are finalized.

Michael Cunningham, Deputy Director, ADP, brought **information** to the Workgroup.

1. He spoke about the reengineering that is occurring at ADP. Phase One has been released and it includes COD. This information can be accessed on the ADP website. As this happens, they would welcome comments and suggestions.
2. At the Federal level, there will be changes in the billing codes for the Medicaid system. This will happen in January 2007. This is an opportunity to look at MH/AOD/COD changes for CA Drug Medi-Cal. They will disseminate information as it occurs.

Subcommittee Updates & Outcomes

Funding

This subcommittee did not meet. Carmen stated that this subcommittee will be working with the COCE.

The **questions and issues** from the Workgroup members were:

1. Are the charges for the workgroup:
 - How to help others understand that EPSDT is a source of substance use treatment for the needs of children?
 - What do we want done with restructurings Drug Medi-Cal?

The responses were:

1. These activities can be addressed in the Action Plan under 2.1 and 2.2.
2. Look at AB 2968 from Leno, which may be a new way to look at Medi-Cal benefits for COD and housing.

COCE provided the following **information**:

The need is to be able to blend funding streams for COD. When the funding streams for MH and AOD are identified, the answer is how to bring them together for COD services.

The Workgroup made the following suggestion for **next steps**:

The Policy Council should provide direction on how to use EPSDT. A statement should be developed that states this is a viable funding stream for substance use treatment for children, outline the identified barriers and gaps, provide vignettes and recommendations for enhancing these services, and assist with technical assistance so that practices are changed.

Partnerships: Terry Robinson

The following report was made even though the subcommittee has not met. It includes **next steps**.

1. CiMH/ADPI is working on the draft policy paper regarding Prop. 36/63.
2. The one year accomplishment paper is complete, but it will need to include the suggestions made at the last COJAC meeting. After that, it will be ready for distribution and can be put on the website.
3. There has been a new representative from DMH added to this subcommittee. It may be dave neilsen, but this needs to be confirmed.

Licensing and Certification: Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar

The subcommittee reported that their work cannot be done since there are no resources to assist with completion of the Action Plan items.

Action Item: *The Policy Council will address the issues.*

Screening Subcommittee: Vivian Brown

The draft COD screening survey incorporated the suggestions made by the Workgroup members. The subcommittee needs approval to move onto the next step-piloting the instrument.

Action Items:

1. *The COD screening tool was approved with one change-it will only use the GAIN if the screener determines there is a need for assessment.*
2. *The COD screening tool will be used in the ER during the first visit. Any 'yes' answer will raise the issue.*
3. *A statement should be developed so others can understand the screener.*

The **next steps** are to pilot the COD screening instrument. Some of Workgroup members volunteered their programs as pilots: Phoenix House, Tarzana Treatment Centers, a LA prostitute program, and the LA Mental Health Programs.

Housing: Carol Wilkins

The subcommittee did not meet, but there was a report on several activities that can inform the work of the subcommittee.

1. The next draft of the SAMHSA EBP Supported Housing Toolkit is moving forward and will have a field test.
2. Carol is assisting with a draft paper for the HUD/HHS research symposium. It has information about single adults with COD.

Other

1. Please provide input on the housing compendium.
2. CSH is working with DMH to resolve questions on the use of MHSA monies for housing and its policy statements about Capital Facilities which is still in draft.

ADP Survey

Carmen reported that the draft ADP survey for a directory of COD services was shared with CADPAAC who provided input.

There was also input from COCE. Their representative shared information about a survey, DDCAT, which is being used in other states. It was developed at Dartmouth and is based on the IDDT Fidelity scales. It has two versions AOD and MH. The other states are adapting it. There is no need for a lot of training to administer it. There is also a draft manual which is not available for distribution at this time.

Action Item: There will be a full discussion with COCE about this instrument at the next COJAC meeting. The following will occur:

1. *There will be a teleconference with the developer.*
2. *It will be determined how the instrument is being used in other states.*
3. *This information will be brought back to COJAC with recommendation for utilization in California.*
4. *The ADP draft survey will be put on hold until next steps are determined.*

Old Business

The Workgroup Co-Chair referred the members to the Action Item chart. He stated that one month from the next scheduled meeting, this chart will be distributed and the responsible parties will update the status of the items and put in due dates.

New Business

None

Next Meetings

CiMH will poll the members for new COJAC meeting dates for 2007-January, March, May, July, September, and November.