

Co-Occurring Joint Action Council (COJAC) Work Group Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2008

Participants

Policy Council Co-Chairs: Marjorie McKisson (ADP)

Workgroup Co-Chairs: Cheryl Trenwith (CADPAAC) and Marvin Southard (CMHDA)

Workgroup: Dave Neilsen (DMH), Jim O'Connell (SMRS), Carol Wilkins (CSH), Victor Kogler (ADPI), Sandra Naylor Goodwin (CiMH), Vivian Brown (Prototypes), Albert Senella (Tarzana), Mary Hale (CADPAAC), Madelyn Schaeffer (CADPAAC), Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar (Phoenix)

Other COJAC Staff: Alice Trujillo (ADP), Darien De Lu (ADP) on the phone, Alice Washington (CiMH), Renee Zito (ADP) on the phone

Guest: Dan Chandler (Project Evaluator, IDDT), Karin Kalk (CiMH) Cassandra Loch (Prototypes)

Welcome and Introductions

The COJAC Workgroup Co-chairs, Cheryl Trenwith and Marvin Southard, opened the meeting at 10:15 am.

Renee Zito, Director of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) introduced herself to the Workgroup and provided a summary of ADP's support for the work of COJAC.

Review Agenda

Victor Kogler requested an addition to the agenda. He requested Workgroup discussion regarding the subject matter of the next ADPI COD white paper.

The minutes from October 24, 2007 were approved.

IDDT Presentation

Dr. Goodwin introduced the Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment presenters. Dan Chandler and Karin Kalk presented on the SAMHS IDDT Evaluation Project that was completed with DMH, ADP and CiMH. They highlighted the Ventura County program which received a national award from SAMHSA for its work.

The most important issue that arose during the evaluation:

- How to sustain EBP implementation when there is workforce turnover.

Lessons learned and recommendations given by Karin Kalk:

- Case management load is an important component in the system
- Must be done from a continuous quality improvement approach with outcome measurement
- Sustained leadership so that program does not fail with change
- Clinical supervision

Dan Chandler stated that the evaluation sites uniformly thought the project was valuable for clinicians and programs.

Sandra Goodwin stated that the lessons learned conference provided feedback, stating that IDDT is good practice and congruent with their school education.

The Workgroup encouraged the broadening of pilots for IDDT.

Please refer to the attached slides to view the presentation.

Strategic Planning

Challenges

1. Constant reinterpretation of the charter
2. What can COJAC say? Do? Who approves?
3. Who is a member? Or not? Do we have the right people? Attendance is not what it needs to be-need mental health providers and CMHDA.
4. MH/SA systems mistrust other and thus the relationships get 'vague'
5. Not mandated/political issues/no authority
6. Do not know what to do with recommendations and ideas? Where does it go?
7. The structure is broken because of bureaucracy related to recommendations which go into a 'hole'
8. Structure is confused: Just advise the Department Directors? Workgroup and the products are in an advisory role?-contradictory
9. Departments need to understand COJAC shares their agenda
10. Responsibility, authority and the power are not lined up
11. Has become a bureaucracy used to protect departments and directors
12. Need directors to provide authority to implement actions
13. Need to clarify how COJAC presents information to the department directors and how the directors respond to recommendations
14. Need to clarify what can be published by COJAC—who owns the logo and what can be put on the website?
15. Resistance to change/fear
16. Public relations awareness problem- on the MH/AOD sides
 - Most to lose?

- We are them?
 - Need to let people know what we are doing
17. Must have process to get information out to the field in a timely way

Opportunities

1. Work products should go from COJAC to the directors with recommendations, then the directors should draft and send joint letters to each system -related to trust
 - Policy Council addresses questions, not screen and slow down the process
2. Get clear lines of authority and responsibility-need to eliminate vagueness (State, counties and providers)
3. If in advisory role –advise directors and de-bureaucratize about policy
4. Eliminate Policy Council and have the directors come twice a year so that members can directly advise them
5. COJAC is responsible for implementing action plan
6. COJAC must speak action to own constituent groups
7. Draft letters to director to send out in order to support actions
8. Collect, centralize and disseminate good information
9. Need vehicle for communication
10. Tools and resources to send out information faster
11. Change agenda to clarify outcomes of each item-advisory and action

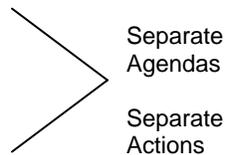
Successes

1. Work products have been appreciated and well received by stakeholders

Review COJAC Charter

Possibilities

1. Clearly separate councils (State and County)
 - Advisory functions
 - Action functions
 - Organizations work together



Co-occurring Action Joint Council

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Co-occurring Advisory Joint Council

?-Departments continue to support/funds/ in-kind

1. COJAC meetings (State)
 - New organization
 - Would address membership-CMHDA, CADPAAC, consumer and family members
 - Process to change the structure
 - Meet with directors-internal conversation with them
 - Amended charter (Advisory and Action) (Membership Work with Partnership Committee to develop)—focus on advocacy and address EBP and best practices
 - Frequency of meetings-minimum would be every other month

2. LOJAC meetings (Counties)
 - 2 action plans-sorted by responsibility/authority
 - Risk that departments will resist losing control
 - May allow issues to move that Departments cannot

Other proposals

1. COJAC becomes a 'joint venue' of state, counties, etc.
 - Does not speak for state
 - May add complications

Communication-new web site

Action Item: CiMH and ADPI will do the first take at the revised charters. Institutes will sort the action plans according to recommendations

- Expand the section related to responsibilities with specifics about them, make sure it is the right responsibilities and the authority exists to complete the actions
- What really belongs?
- Frequency of meetings
 - Current schedule be the minimum (every two months)
 - Meet on the phone in between
 - Live meetings
- Address EBPs, promising practices

Committee Reports

Certification/Licensing

Inactive action plan items

Department continues to work/study the pilot data and there will be some follow-up when resources become available.

Screening

White paper-ADPI

The topic of the next white paper will be trauma informed treatment..

Next steps-LA COD Conference

- COJAC Screening will be presented at a workshop
- DDCAT will be introduced in that workshop

LA County

- Other counties have asked for the screener
- CASTE meeting-shared with 6 other directors-disseminated it to them
- MH-COD training-Jan. 24th-UCLA, MATRIX, Pacific Clinics and Prototypes—will include screener
- ADP study-item by item analysis

Future for action plan item-

- Training & technical assistance
Identified other screeners and use the past Zoomerang survey results with this work
- New-Start a CQI process in counties and assess use of the screener.

Funding

1. Reviewed (Mental Health) EPSDT fact sheet with workgroup

- Give to CADPAAC and CMHDA members to review
- Should be issued to ADPI and CiMH once approved
Available on their websites

2. Funding Matrices-Includes funding all sources for AOD & Mental Health

- Give to CADPAAC and CMHDA members
Get recommendations and advisory items

Suggestions--Use items in one document and continue adding to it
Suggestions-Add descriptions to programs

3. The subcommittee does not recommend keeping *all* items in the action plan. Need to make action plan items that are doable and achievable...simplify.

Housing

Update on action plan items

- Update and put models that were identified in the compendium into format that would be useful for others

- The concept paper related to the Housing Initiatives is in suspense at this time. There is a need a legislative champion.

New action plan items

- Identify best practices to create better information about money management and identify housing that use integrated models
- Identify those resources that are new for communities in the Federal budget. These resources will provide new housing vouchers for homeless veteran's and establish integrated housing models.—the question is how to get the money out to providers.

Partnership

Meet to talk about the update

Workforce Development section needs to be resourced

- Looking at CiMH projects for where COD fits and looking at FSP/Crosswalk to identify resources
- Bring players to the table who at colleges, etc.-how to connect these players with civil service jobs—identify county models that have been successful
- Develop a fact sheet on competencies

New action plan items

- Marvin Southard suggested having joint meetings with both associations. How to do this on a regular basis? The co-chairs can work on this with both Executive Committees from the associations. The standing agenda item would be to look at action items that come out of COJAC and give to them at this meeting.

Next Meeting

April 16, 2008
10:00 to 3:00 pm
CiMH Offices