

Prevention and Crisis Stabilization, Services and Support

Task Force Meeting, Hope Station – March 12, 2007 @ 12:00 PM

Attendees

Ruth Peoples, Paulette White, Scott Mullis, Pam Kesegi, Gerald Whitley, Theresa Edmondson, Monica Raynor, Margaret Dixon, Carlton Williams, Earl Phipps, Margaret Blackmon, Anthony Meachem, Kathy Castillo, Gary Leonhardth, Cassandra Campbell, Cheryl, Walters, Frank Dawkins, Kelly Ayscue

Ruth Peoples welcomed everyone, gave an introduction and outlined the Agenda for the meeting.

She then noted that Theresa Edmondson has agreed to serve as Chair of this committee.

The Agenda Items for the other Subcommittees were reviewed. Ruth mentioned the need to establish broad goals and objectives for next week's meeting Task Force Meeting. She then reviewed the agenda timelines (last page of handout).

Paulette White reviewed the Key Points of the first meeting of the Prevention and Crisis Stabilization Subcommittee and reviewed the items discussed during that meeting

Ruth Peoples: Discharge planning and Access to information sharing are possible focus areas for our goals.

Margaret Dixon reviewed the Key Points of first Services and Support meeting. Where can a person go to find out about an array services; Coordination of services seems to be an issue; Note was made of database being developed to list services by Real Crisis Center with United Way Support.

Continued discussion on Lack of Coordination; Clearing house needs to be developed. Information is not accessible or not known by the individuals who need it at the time it is needed.

Ruth Peoples: Three Broad Goals seem to be emerging from the discussion. They are the following:

- Discharge planning
- Access to Information / Information Sharing amongst providers
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse

The group discussed whether or not Mental Health should be a subgroup of discharge planning.

Theresa Edmonson mentioned noted that Case management is a critical issue.

Pam Kesegi suggested that we add physical health to the Goal title. It was agreed that the Goal would be rewritten to read "Mental and Physical Health and Substance Abuse".

Theresa Edmonson and Gary Leonhardth agreed to draft a goal statement for Mental and Physical Health and Substance Abuse.

Paulette White suggested we use some of the verbiage listed in the handout to craft our goal statement for Discharge Planning:

Goal Statement for Discharge Planning: Prevent individuals and families in Pitt County from becoming homeless through comprehensive discharge planning, targeted resources, research, and advocacy.

The group brainstormed various goal statements for "Access to Information" Some of the thoughts included - To enhance of access and coordination to information, Promotion of information that all providers know and Collaboration of existing resources etc.

Goal Statement for Access to Information: Enhance access and coordination of services for professionals and clients.

Ruth Peoples: Think about measureable outcomes as you are developing strategies to address the goals. She reviewed process for developing goals, outcomes and strategies. Strategies are action steps. There still needs to be a single outcome for every strategy.

Theresa Edmondson: suggested that the different "Best Practices" be assigned, reviewed and reported at a future meeting. Margaret Dixon mentioned that we should use our collective experience and areas of expertise and report back to the committee

The group agreed to divide into three groups to review the Best Practice material as it relates to our goals. We are to read the best practice information provided on the website and each write down strategies within the goal assigned. We will report these back to the group at the next meeting.

The following is the various groups that were formed.

Mental Health

Theresa Edmondson, Margaret Blackmon, Gary Leonhardth, Cassandra L. Campbell, Frank Dawkins, Kelly Ayscue

Discharge Planning

Gerald Whitley, Pam Kesegi

Information Access

Scott Mullis, Monica Raynor, Carlton Williams, Earl Phipps, Anthony Meachem, Kathy Castillo, Cheryl Walters

A note was made of the next Blue Ribbon Task Force Meeting on March 20th at Jarvis at 8:30 AM.

Kelly Ayscue volunteered to become Co-Chair of the Committee.

The next meeting was set for March 26th, at 12:00 PM....Bring your own lunch.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Scott Mullis