

Prevention and Crisis Stabilization and Services and Support

Task Force Meeting

Hope Station – April 9, 2008

Attendees

Scott Mullis, Gary Leonhardt, Theresa Edmonson, Kelly Ayscue, Monica Raynor, Laurie Nelson, Trudy Halstead, Frank Dawkins, Amy Modlin, Margaret Blackmon, Cynthia Manning.

Theresa Edmondson reviewed minutes for last meeting. Pam Kesegi noted the need to complete a sentence within the minutes. Meeting minutes were accepted with change noted.

Theresa asked for ideas of how to share best practice readings. She noted that time might be an issue. We agreed to hear some of the reports of “best practices” from committee members this meeting and some at the next meeting.

Frank Hawkins presented his assignment on Integrated Services – Key Concepts

Pam Kesegi presented her assignment on Discharge Planning and Key Concepts

Kelly Ayscue asked, do we have children in Pitt County who are aging out of foster care into homelessness? There have been some steps taken in Pitt County to address minors who are aging out of Foster Care using the LINKS program with financial and other assistance.

Theresa Edmondson presented her assignment on Service Plan examples: She noted that the problems noted in Atlanta are very similar to problems here in Pitt County.

We then broke up into small groups to brainstorm strategies within each Goal Statement:

These small groups presented their potential strategies within their Goal Statement:

Kelly Ayscue presented strategies

Scott Mullis presented potential strategies for “Access to Information”

Strategies:

- Develop a web based database for professionals and service providers to access information of resources available
- Create a highly recognizable telephone number like ‘911’ where potential clients could access information about services available.
- Create a centralized clearinghouse of available services to reduce duplication of services to the same individuals.

He noted that one issue seemed to be Centralization of resources.

Pam Kesegi presented strategies for “Discharge Planning”.

Strategies:

- Develop & implement plan that increases collaboration among facilities in discharge planning.
- Discourage publicly funded agencies and facilities from discharging any individual to the streets.
- Create “alternative level of care” transitional beds to provide a few day or weeks of respite care to disabled and medically frail individuals awaiting placement into permanent housing.
- Provide interim transitional placements to provide a few days lodging to recently discharged individuals while they await placement in transitional programs or permanent housing.
- Identify and define criteria for adult family care homes for those that are aging out of foster care or those that might be elderly, have MH/DD/SA issues or are medically frail.

Ruth Peoples:

3 goals emerging:

Discharge planning

Access to Information / Information Sharing amongst providers

Mental and Physical Health and Substance Abuse? Should this be a subgroup of discharge planning.

Teresa: Case management noted as a critical issue.

Pam: Should we add physical health to the Mental Health goal?

Should Goal statements be drafted or should they be assigned as work outside the committee meeting?

Teresa and Dr. Linhart agreed to draft a goal statement for Mental Health / Substance Abuse and discharge planning.

Paulette suggested we use 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.

Goal Statement for Access to Information: Brainstorming - To enhance of access and coordination to information, Promotion of information that all providers know and

Collaboration of existing resources.....

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.

Teresa: Should the different "Best Practices" be assigned, reviewed and reported on at a future meeting.

Ruth: Reviewed process for developing goals, outcomes and strategies. Strategies are action steps. There still needs to be a single outcome for every strategy.

Assignment:

Margaret Dixon: Brainstorm strategies using our collective experience and report back to the committee

Read Best Practices and divide up the material as it relates to the three goals

Break up into three groups to work on strategies:

Mental Health

Theresa Edmondson, Margaret Blackmon, Gary Leonhardt, 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

Blue Ribbon Task Force Meeting is March 20th at Jarvis at 8:30 AM.

Kelly Ascue has volunteered to become Co-Chair of the Committee

Next Meeting Set for March 26th, at 12:00 PM....Bring your own lunch