

Drug Demand Reduction Coalition (DDRC) - Treatment Team

MINUTES

Wednesday January 16, 2013

9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Location: NORAPC - 2601 Tulane Ave., Ste. 400, NOLA 70119

Attendees:

Erika Sugimori (New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council)

Kelli Bertrand (MHSD)

Bob Gallati (Consultant)

Richard LaPratt (Via Link)

Eric Odom (Addiction Resources)

Amy Schuten (Magellan)

Debra Morton (RSD)

Chris Gunther (Violence & Behavioral Health Program Lead,
New Orleans Health Department)

Anthony D. Wickramasekera (LA Commission on Addictive
Disorders)

Stephanie Haynes (GNODDRC – Implementation Chair)

Else Pedersen (Bridge House / Grace House)

Major Donna Jones (Counterdrug Task Force) - participating by phone

Facilitator: Eric Odom

Topic – Goal 3:

- **Data Base –**
 - Who do we want to help – clients or professionals?
 - Debra Morton identified the target audience as the professionals. This is to promote communications and build capacity between the agencies
 - Who should we charge with the responsibility of being the repository of information? Who should we approach?
 - Chris Gunther volunteered that the New Orleans Health Department could expand the current database to include substance abuse. He mentioned that there may be funding available through the Kellogg Foundation. He mentioned that the repository should be user friendly and have a staff to administer. The documentation of resources can happen right away. The next level of collecting other types of data is more complicated. Eric Odom suggested that as a long-term goal longitudinal case management would be useful for clients that cycle in and out of the system. Debra Morton suggested that initially the system could work as a “clearing house” for agencies so when a client presents we can direct them to a resource, then gradually add pieces to that system.
 - Pertinent questions –
 - Via- Link. Eric Odom recognized that this is in their wheel house, but perhaps do not have the resources to do it.
 - If this is set up by the city, will it survive the current administration? Chris said there is no guarantee but is trying to build sustainability into the plan. Debra

suggested that the DDRC do work to see that the system would become institutionalized.

- Erika inquired if there were any current or intended discussions to partner with Via-Link. Chris was not aware of any. He mentioned that Natasha Dowell is currently gathering the data for the Health Department.

- **NSAT Survey –**

Bob recommended that we get as many known agencies to complete the NSAT Survey (to be released on March 31) as possible. He proposed that we not only encourage providers to complete the survey, but to give us a copy with some supplemental information. At the next meeting we should develop a strategy to reach out to other programs to accomplish this goal.

- **Define and Clarify the scope of the data – Start with collecting within the identified region - a consensus was reached to include Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemine Parishes**

Deborah posed the following questions:

What will the construction of the system look like?

What is in the immediate area?

How do we capture it and where does it go?

What agencies, what do they provide, at what capacity?

- **Via Link and the City of New Orleans will provide their lists of providers, Erika will provide a list of Magellan providers and Bob will cross reference / coordinate the lists.**

Else – after the lists are coordinated - divide and conquer to get information. Erika suggested that we get interns to implement the survey.

Questions to be added to Bob's survey –

- 1.) Are you serving consumers outside of your region?
- 2.) Do you refer consumers to services outside of your region?

Magellan asked if we were going to determine levels of care.

Conclusions – task list:

- 1.) **Coordinate lists – include Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemine Parishes. (Goal 3 of strategic plan) Erika will provide the lists submitted by Tony Wick and Bob will coordinate the lists.**
- 2.) **Bob will add the two extra questions to the survey – undetermined about levels of care – will this be included too?**
- 3.) **Chris Gunther will dialogue with Via-Link to see if and how coordination would evolve.**
- 4.) **Define the role of interns – recruit. Erika will send out request for interns.**
The NSAT surveys are released on March 31 – in addition to our survey we want a copy of the NSAT –

Next Meeting: February 20, 2013 - same location – NORAPC 2601 Tulane Ave. NOLA 70119

