

**Drug Demand Reduction Coalition (DDRC) - Treatment Team**

**MINUTES**

Wednesday 3/20/13

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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

Attendees: Amy Schuten (Magellan), Natasha Dowell (New Orleans Health Department), Debra Morton (Recovery School District), Erika Sugimori (New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council), Bob Gallati (MHSD - Needs Assessment Subcontractor), Anthony Wick (Governor's Commission on Addictive Disorders), Peter Winsauer (LSU Health Sciences Center), Richard LaPratt (ViaLink)

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Review of Agenda

3. N-SSATS Participant Recruitment

A. Letter and signatures – Gallati reviewed the importance of the outreach/data collection effort: 1. Federal level N-SSATS data is far from complete for the New Orleans metro area due to poor participation of area providers, and 2. While local areas can request N-SSATS data, it does not include facility level data that would be helpful for planning. Therefore, the information requested will allow the DDRC to access further information for planning purposes.

As per his research, for the 4 parish region, approximately 30 facilities are listed in the Inventory of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (I-SATS). This number approximates the number of the N-SSATS entries.

Since the last Treatment Team meeting he compared this number with the Health Department's Resource Guide (HDRG) which listed 84 facilities. He noted, however, the HDRG had more expansive inclusion criteria. He presented the letter drafted for outreach to treatment facilities encouraging participation in the N-SSATS. The group adjusted the letter according to feedback received and discussed the addition of a contact. It was decided that the DDRC website was not ideal as it was not up to date. The group suggested the Board revisit the website. Timing for the mail, snail mail and intern solicitations were discussed.

The group discussed other opportunities for outreach. Morton noted a provider meeting and offered to make an announcement at their upcoming meeting. Addition in a newsletter produced by Magellan was also mentioned – or a mass alert email. Of note, however, was certain providers not in those networks would be missed.

B. Intern recruitment – Sugimori would send the solicitation at the end of the following week.

4. Action Plan – The plan was reviewed. Sugimori offered to make updates as discussed.

5. New Business – It had been requested by Major Donna Jones for each committee to distil their team goals to common terms. The group provided input into how the goals should be presented.

6. Announcements – None

7. Next Meeting Date – The group discussed the possibility of moving the meeting to Thursdays, but did not reach consensus. The whole group should be polled. Sugimori would ask the group via email.

8. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM