

Inter Agency Collaboration
Committee
June 8, 2006 Premiere Meeting

“I’d like the IAC to...”

Participants’ Input as recorded on easel sheets.

Sheet # 1

- Youth have authoritative opinion/voice
- Communication – computer – information sharing systems
- Less clinical, more peer
- Choices, alternatives paid for
- Analyze existing programs group homes, hospitals, community centers (users evaluate services)
- Youth and adult boards to evaluate
- Philosophy open door
- We can help, provide hope
- Bring people in charge to the area to hear directly (from users)

Sheet # 2

- Maine Care to more, more access for physicals, more than one per year
- Access for people who are immigrants
- A place for youth/families to go, housing
- Positive outlets for youth. A place to talk, a chance.
- Kids have a place to go to do stuff, no cost
- Community centers, activities, place to express themselves

- Open doors for more kids with special needs, places to go, programs, mentors (existing programs don't accept youth with special needs)

Sheet # 3

- Outreach and education about mental health issues
- Get rid of cultural language barriers
- Less paperwork!!!
- Agencies work together, talk with each other, tell story
- Safety and confidentiality
- Help for me
- School trust, less restrictions

Sheet # 4

- Educators must be here (at this committee)
- Alternative funding to Maine Care
- Give on schools part – communication (among education/providers)
- Look at infant/toddler years
- Children at risk, clinical in home services without diagnosing, labeling the child
- Not have to have diagnosis label for care
- Individually analyzed
- Several structures/programs communication

Sheet #5

- Umbrella programs
- Streamline entry to programs really needed
- Testing, find out early on/help with school (ADD not recognized 'til 10th grade)
- Head Start/Child Care need help with services
- Budget for buying services, choose from anywhere not services not needed (voucher)

- Individual needs
- Community understanding of trauma
- Who in the area works with trauma survivors

Sheet # 6

- Youth voice to agencies
- United Way 211 Directory – name

Next meeting: Thursday, June 29, 2006.

At: Lewiston High, Lew. Library, Auburn Library, Aub. Middle Schl, Collaborative School, YWCA, YMCA.

Contact method: E-mail; blog

Attendance

Total: 30

Youth: 12 (8 from New Beginnings)

Parents: 2 (Anissa, Kathy)

Adult Survivor and Advocate: 1

State agency reps: 4

Other agencies: 4

TCMHS staff: 7