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Planning & Funding Committee Meeting August 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Duncan ShROUT; Karen Kinsey; Irene Secora (by phone); Brian Dean; Todd Campbell (arrived 10:30 am).

Excused: Sally Tess

Guests: Norman Briggs; Roger Frings

Staff: Mike Derr

Call to Order:

The meeting was not initially called to order at 9:30 a.m., as Committee interim chair Duncan ShROUT awaited a quorum to show up before the committee would move on to business. Meeting was officially called to order at 10:38 a.m. after Todd Campbell arrived and Karen Kinsey returned from being called away. Prior to then, committee members discussed the committee's 2016-17 Annual Report, and various steps for revitalizing the committee.

2016-17 Planning & Funding Committee Annual Report:

Duncan ShROUT offered several comments, mostly regarding the committee plan and what its focus should be over next several years. The attendees reviewed the draft Annual Report. Duncan stated that Row Nos. 3, 4 and 5 be stricken, and that Row No. 2 be modified to state as the Goal "Committee hosted a public forum at the Oct. 2016 Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Recovery Conference to gather key stakeholder input on SUD issues." ShROUT and other attendees shared other ideas on what the committee should focus on: (1) Exploring and tracking programs funded not only with SABG money, but also other grant sources, and offer suggestions on how SUD funds should be spent. (2) Increasing its level of community engagement (particularly with sub-groups), and help other parties to become more competent in engagement, to better learn about SUD needs and match those needs with available funding that can support customer-focused, community-based needs. (3) Assisting providers and stakeholders with focusing better on outcomes generated from grant-funded projects. (4) Developing a multi-year future plan of action that identifies customers, funding sources to work with, and challenges to be met. (5) Increasing the level of legislator involvement in policy and program planning within the SUD field.

Also, ShROUT updated committee members that Kathy Divine (Rep. Billings' aide) cannot join this committee, and that Joe Hoey (Sen. Bewley's aide) is considering it. In addition, Sally Tess cannot make Thursday meetings, so she is resigning committee. Sally suggested a person from one of the DOC regions outside of Madison. Todd Campbell suggested that someone from one of the problem courts can be appointed – possibly a TAD person. Karen Kinsey suggested

eventually someone from DHS' STR grant program, whoever is coordinating it. David Nelson, the DHS substance abuse treatment specialist with the Bureau of Prevention Treatment & Recovery, was suggested.

Office of Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) Survey:

Roger Frings passed out the *Report of the Survey of Opioid Addiction Treatment Coverage*, and a printout of PowerPoint slides, then proceeded to discuss and highlight both documents. Among the highlights: 94% of respondents do restrict treatment and counseling coverage in some form and amount. Also, 75% of respondents state that they place no time limitations on hospital treatment placements. (Norman Briggs questioned this, noting that the average length of hospital treatment stays has decreased dramatically over the years, from 28 to 3 days.)

Frings summarized the surveying process employed by OCI. He noted the great response rate from insurance companies. This was the first time a survey ever sent out regarding opiates treatment coverage. The survey was driven in part by complaints from insureds about coverage limitations. Duncan ShROUT asked whether insurance companies make a special distinction with opioid use/coverage, and Frings answered No. OCI and trade groups have been communicating with the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse on the survey results, and the findings were presented at the 7/14/17 Task Force meeting. OCI wants to work with Task Force and others in crafting solutions and responses to the survey findings, and also work with consumer groups and create a one-stop resource for providing information. One example is to create a toll-free number to provide insurance information, and answer consumer questions regarding where they can go for insurance coverage information. A big problem for consumers is facing long waits for services, so they instead go to ER. Any response for opioid treatment should not normally be "go to ER."

Norman Briggs and Todd Campbell referenced the ED Recovery Program, which provides peer recovery support in ER to help direct consumers. The "Mari Program" is the law enforcement version of ED Recovery Program. Karen Kinsey and Roger Frings noted that Dane County has a major problem with long waits for treatment. Duncan ShROUT mentioned that the Milwaukee Co. CART teams (which include police and social workers) work with arrestees and others to access needed SUD treatment within 24 hours. Fifty percent of persons CART teams work with will be placed in a hospital. Otherwise, medication and services are provided to folks through program. ShROUT asked that for the 9/8/17 SCAODA meeting, someone present summarize on the survey findings, as Frings will be gone.

Workforce Development Ad Hoc Committee Update:

Norman Briggs handed out most current, updated version of the *Report on the Workforce for the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders in Wisconsin*. He noted that the Ad Hoc Committee met on 8/9/17 to complete some final editing and wordsmithing. Briggs mentioned that the Committee is awaiting the DSPS administrative rule 160-168 workgroup's completion of its recommendations for rules changes. He also mentioned that the final version of this *Report* removed some text contained in the previous draft, is more consistent with the new SABG Needs Assessment, and references Bureau of Labor Statistics figures, which tend to fluctuate more quickly. Briggs shared that the Intervention & Treatment Committee approved a motion recommending that SCAODA approve the *Workforce Report*. After further discussion among

attendees, Todd Campbell moved that the Planning & Funding Committee recommend the State Council's approval of the *Report*. Brian Dean seconded the motion, and Committee members present unanimously approved the motion.

Review of May 18, 2017 and July 13, 2017 meeting minutes:

The Committee approved both sets of minutes, based on Brian Dean's motion that both minutes be approved.

Public Comment: None

FFY 2018-19 SABG Application and Plan Update:

Mike Derr gave very brief update on the Application, noting that the final draft is now complete and is being reviewed and vetted within the DHS Secretary's Office. The Application will be submitted to SAMHSA prior to 9/1/17.

Miscellaneous:

Mike Derr described SUD prevention contract project presentations that are scheduled for the 9/8/17 State Council meeting. Derr was asked whether the SCAODA Public Forum scheduled on 10/24/17 at the State Mental Health and SUD Recovery Conference is facing any other competing sessions. Derr will check. (Note: There is a concurrent listening session scheduled, where the administrators for the DHS Division of Care & Treatment are available to hear comments and suggestions from conference attendees on various topics and programs that the Division oversee and address.)

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

