

Minutes

Members Present: Terry Peterson, Larry Sundberg, Lisa Moschkau, Carole Iten, Sandie Murray, Sara Dahlquist, Mary Bonlender, Mary Jo Verschay

- 1. Approval of minutes:** Minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes.
- 2. National Evaluation participation update (handout):** Evaluation participation continues to increase rapidly due in part to the families referred by county social workers. Seventy-seven families are enrolled in the Longitudinal Study. A new Data Support Specialist position has been posted. This part-time position will assist with the input of data for the National Evaluation. Committee members were asked to refer any qualified candidates that they are aware of in the Monticello area. Recommendations were made to provide clarification on the National Evaluation Update report (clarify acronyms & abbreviations).

Evaluators are developing a report schedule for data dissemination. Additional funding was requested for the upcoming budget year to allow us to create and publish comprehensive and quality reports to key stakeholders. We will work closely with the Communication Coordinator to determine how best to present data to the community.

- 3. Wraparound training evaluation results (handout):** STARS hired an expert in Wraparound to conduct training for care coordinators, county social workers, and county supervisors. The evaluation for the wraparound training event was robust. Results were reviewed of the wraparound evaluation. The results suggested that county social workers have a high level of interest in wraparound, but they are not yet feeling confident in their abilities to implement the practice. They indicated a desire for more training.
- 4. Out of home placement data (handout):** Children's mental health out-of-home placement data was requested, received, and aggregated from each of the four counties. The report was reviewed by the committee. The accuracy of the data was not verifiable, but the report was a good starting point for discussion. Counties will need to standardize the process for obtaining these numbers to ensure a higher level of accuracy. Modifications to the report presentation were suggested. It was agreed that tracking out-of-home placement will be helpful to us in helping track progress toward achieving our goals over time.
- 5. Role of Field Interviewers and parent support:** Discussion took place regarding the how Field Interviewers should be involved in parent support. The administration of the National Evaluation, in itself, provides a support to parents in helping them to verbalize some of the

challenges and successes they are experiencing. STARS is seeking to hire a Parent Support person. Discussion took place as to how best to encourage parents. The committee discussed one possible model of interviewers acting as a bridge to introduce parents to the parent support person. Evaluation team members are part of a workgroup created to help design and implement a workable model for parent support.

6. **Other:** Evaluators will be continuing local evaluation efforts in regard to the pending school-based initiative. Using state and STARS money, the plan is to ensure that each of the twenty-six school districts has a fulltime mental health worker on site. Evaluators are also interested in a more comprehensive evaluation of Mobile Crisis. Discussion took place regarding gift cards given to youth participating in the National Evaluation. It was decided that youth who turn eighteen during the course of their participation in the National Evaluation would received atwenty dollar gift card rather than a fifteen dollar gift card.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: March 20, 2008 at 2:00 pm @ CMMHC St. Cloud