

Minutes

Members Present: Terry Peterson, Larry Sundberg, Mary Christen-Czech, Trisha Graves Petron, Carole Iten, Susan Pauly, Diane Rohloff, Hugh Knox

- 1. Approval of minutes:** Previous meeting minutes were reviewed with no changes.
- 2. National Evaluation Update:** The committee discussed a huge spike in national evaluation enrollment in recent months. Current interviewers are near maximum capacity. We are in the process of hiring one or two new interviewers. Current enrollment numbers were also reviewed.
- 3. Wraparound evaluation update:** Terry and Larry recently presented findings to the four county children's mental health supervisors from the Wraparound baseline assessment. The findings indicated the level of county services resembled the ten principles and four phases of Wraparound – prior to Wraparound implementation. The supervisors were each given a county-specific report. The supervisors requested that we conduct a follow-up evaluation and analysis using the WFI 4.0 to begin sometime in early fall.
- 4. Excellence in evaluation:** STARS evaluation has submitted an entry for recognition in the “2009 Excellence in Evaluation” event. The awards will be presented to communities at the summer system of care conference. The submission was distributed to the committee. The submission category we entered was “Evaluation Data Use and Dissemination”. Highlighted projects include the Individualized Family Report and the School Outreach Newsletter.
- 5. Evaluation Staffing Plans:** Discussed above
- 6. Youth Empowerment Survey:** Terry met with both Central Minnesota youth boards to discuss youth involvement in evaluation. The youth are interested in working together with evaluators in conducting conference sessions using anecdotal stories as well as evaluation data that STARS gathering. Youth also reviewed and edited a local Youth Empowerment Instrument that evaluation had drafted. The committee also reviewed the instrument and made further revisions.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: May 21, 2009 CMMHC St. Cloud, MN 2:00 pm