

MINNESOTA COG. NETWORK MEETING FROM 04032003

1. Brief report from all in attendance as to how they are using cog skills in their specific programming. Presentation by Scott and Carver Counties on ABC model and Moving On curriculum. Use of the pre- and post testing for this curriculum was also discussed.
2. Budget Cuts- Some counties reported they have to share resources and duties. Specifically, individuals who were solely cog. Skills now have to carry a caseload or have other duties assigned to them. These changes have increased the task load for workers, and not provided them with new resources. Some agencies have been, or will be looking at the use of interns to help deliver various cog. programs. Most counties report that there has been resistance to cutting any of the cog. programming.
3. Cog 101- Susan Stacey the new DOC liaison brought materials from the head office, which included some of the original documents. This will be compiled in the next few months and will be put on the web page. It will cover the overview of what Cog. Is really about, and would be a useful tool for someone trying to learn about it.
4. Sub. Committees- Attendance at this meeting did not allow for much discussion or updates from the committees.
5. Cog. skills evaluations- Most agencies are not evaluating there programs, but will need to start looking to do so as the state will be looking for supportive data in the future. Washington co. is at 13% recidivism from there R&R program. Carver co. has created an eval tool that they are revising into a measurement tool. Bemidji is planning to partner with an independent contractor to evaluate their cog. group.
6. MN DOC Partnership- there was discussion on how the state can continue to collaborate with the network. They would like to look at the following areas; standardizing evaluation tools; cog 101/201; and a comprehensive list of trainers and the curriculum they can train others in.
7. Schedule of Cog. Meeting dates for 2003.

| Date                      | Site    | Contact        |
|---------------------------|---------|----------------|
| July 18                   | Duluth  | Jon Kuukari    |
| Oct. 03                   | Bemidji | Scott Nyegaard |
| Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup> 2004 | Ramsey  | Julie Jordan   |