

MINNESOTA COGNITIVE NETWORK

Meeting Notes

April 14, 2009

Dakota County

I. Welcome! Introductions and Updates:

Present: Ashley Johnson, Nicollet Co.; Dori Maddox, independent; Richard Tieden, Hennepin Co.; Frank Barr, DOC – Lino Lakes; Kathy Klatt, Dakota Co.; Eric Johnson, Carver Co.; John Klavins, Carver Co.; Brian Pfeiffer, Dakota Co.; Laura Weber, Dakota Co.; T.J. Nelson, Dakota Co.; Corey Mabis, Washington Co.; Katy O’Sullivan, NERCC/ARC; and Evonn Westcott, Brown Co.

II. Training Announcements and Requests:

DFO is sponsoring a T4C training in late April and currently has 3 openings. Contact Shelley McBride, MS, DFO Community Corrections, Fourth Floor Government Center Rochester, MN 55904, ph: 507-328-7219 fx: 507-328-7952.

III. Training Component: *Truthought Corrective Thinking process*

Joyce Griffiths provided a thorough presentation on the Truthought corrective thinking approach to understanding the irresponsible thinker and how this process is being used in her area. Truthought was founded in 1995 by Rogie Spon. Information can be obtained at www.truthought.com. Discussion included TruThought being a thinking error-based approach/philosophy, versus a manualized cognitive skills curriculum.” Joyce provided many handouts including areas such as barriers, tactics, thinking steps and thinking reports.

IV. Think Tank:

a. Cog Policy: T.J. distributed a rough (nearly complete!) draft of the proposed *Minnesota Cognitive Behavior Network Cognitive Skills Policy Recommendations* for all to review. This proposed blanket policy is designed for any agency to use. Once the group approves this policy it will be forwarded to the EBP committee.

John and Eric will continue to finalize a section on Outcome Measurement. Eric described a measurement outcome study he completed for T4C juveniles from 2005 – 2007 using a control group and this difficult process.

T.J. will add a bit more to the ‘Quality Assurance’ section. A big thank you to the sub committee, T.J. Nelson, John Klavins, Julie Trisko, and Joyce Griffiths that worked on this difficult task!

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b. MACPO Booster Request: John Klavins reported MACPO currently provides a T4C booster training each fall along with boosters in LSI-R/YLS and ECM. MACPO is inquiring if the Cog Net can provide the T4C booster? T.J. and Julie Trisko are finalizing a one day booster training, hopefully complete by fall. Demand will be high and their ability to train elsewhere may be minimal.

V. Next Cog Net Meeting:

T.J. will arrange a meeting place in Dakota County for the July 14, 2009 meeting. Watch the MACCAC website:

http://www.maccac.org/Offender_Programs/MN_Cog_Net/MN_Cog_Behavior_Net.htm
for more location information!!