

MINNESOTA COGNITIVE NETWORK

Meeting Notes

July 14, 2009

Dakota County

I. Welcome! Introductions and Updates:

Present: Ashley Johnson, Nicollet Co.; Dori Maddox, independent; Eric Johnson, Carver Co.; T.J. Nelson, Dakota Co.; Corey Mabis, Washington Co.; Evonn Westcott, Brown Co.; Scott Nyegaard, NMJC; Swantje Willers, DOC; Jen Abbas, Dakota Co.; Reginald Prince, Ramsey Co.; Julie Trisko, Hennepin Co.; Hal Palmer, Dakota Co.; Duane Stanley, Mower Co.

II. Training Announcements and Requests:

Ramsey Co. may be offering a fall T4C training.

Corey reported Hazeldon is purchasing the "Moving On" program. Discussion followed about Hazeldon possibly changing the curricula by reducing the number of weeks from the original format.

A JV Driving With Care curricula is in its final stages.

Julie Trisko with Hennepin Co. will be offering a T4C one day skill booster trng. for current facilitators. It may be opened to folks outside of Hennepin Co. after 8/18/09. Julie will share her activities as they are developed for this new training.

TJ Nelson reported Dakota Co. is holding a one day T4C training for non facilitators, however it is not open to outside agencies.

III. Goals:

The team reviewed the status of goals set in previous years –

1. Complete first periodic newsletter to be distributed to stakeholders.

This goal was completed by having two newsletters completed so far. Corey Mabis volunteered to complete the next newsletter for the end of the '09 year.

2. Complete at least 2 curricula training events within the next year.

Two T4C trainings were completed in Dakota County and a DWC in Wash. Co.

3. Continue the enhancement of evaluation tools as they relate to measuring outcomes of specific cog programs.

Corey has developed a database to track risk and recidivism rates. Email Corey at Corey.mabis@co.carver.mn.us for access.

4. Complete the Cog 101 power point training (with lesson plans). Completed.

IV. Think Tank:

Cog Policy: T.J. distributed a 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 as a guideline. Once the group approves this policy it will be forwarded to the EBP committee. Members are requested to review the draft and email TJ of any changes ASAP.

V. Marketing:

Corey will present the DWC Program at a break out session at the MCA fall conference in October. Everyone is encouraged to attend and give Corey a hard time.

VI. Discussion Items:

- Swantje reported on the pending bills in the Legislature re. imminent changes in probation. The legislature is requesting input from the EBP team. The EBP team may need assistance from the Cog group. No details yet but this will be a great opportunity to make an impact with the legislature.
- There was discussion on changing the Cog quarterly meeting time and dates to coordinate with six other groups also meeting on different dates. The group was open to making these changes so members can attend multiple meetings on the same date at the same location if this can all be coordinated.
- Swantje reported on the DVS group which pulled together representatives from CD TX, LE, Courts, corrections, MADD, etc. The goal is to reduce DWI recidivism and what impacts offenders. Rather than suspending driving privileges use other options such as Ignition Interlock and DWC.
- All agreed that the current “Cog Program Directory” is out of date. We will take this resource off of the web page and update the current “Program Contacts” list.

VII. Next Cog Net Meeting:

The next meeting is set to take place in Duluth on October 6, 2009. Watch the MACCAC website for details on the exact location. Hope to see you there!!

http://www.maccac.org/Offender_Programs/MN_Cog_Net/MN_Cog_Behavior_Net.htm