

Minnesota Cognitive Network

Meeting Minutes 10/30/02

Present: Kelly Higgins, Ramsey; Corey Mabis, Washington; Ken Ballard, Washington; Lloyd Rath, Tri-County; Sue EckMahs, Washington, Elizabeth Berke, Hennepin; Katy O'Sullivan, NERCC; Michael Nash, ARC; David Nyquist, ARC; Jack Pearce, ARC; John Kuukari, ARC; Tom Fossum, NERCC; Kelly Noring, Anoka; John Schlichtmann, Anoka; Brian Stamschror, DFO; Eric Johnson, Carver County

The meeting was held at the Department of Correction- Central Office

Introductions were made and updates were given as to the cog activity happening in the respective regions.

Minutes for the 7/26/02 meeting in Duluth were updated on the MACCAC website. The MN CogNet page can be accessed on www.maccac.org. Click on the "Offender Programs" link. Although it has not been fully decided, the network will more than likely be using the website to post more information in the future.

A "Train the Trainer," and "Cog Contact Person List" were generated at the meeting.

Cog 101 was discussed. It has been recognized that Cog 101 has been put on hold for the time being. An announcement was made that Judy Nestrud from the DOC, beginning on 11/15/02, will be the cog person for the DOC. Deb Hennen, who is the DOC liaison for the network, will talk with Judy about obtaining the information that was generated through the eight-point-plan focus group that covered the topic of cognitive skills.

We had a brainstorming session regarding ways in which we can promote cog in our agencies. The following are the ways that were presented:

- 1) Updates at staff meetings
- 2) E-mail updates about client progress to supervising agents
- 3) Brief training regarding cog
- 4) Invite agents to sit in on cog groups
- 5) Invite agents to graduation
- 6) Share small successes
- 7) Publish outcomes
- 8) Film offenders post-graduation comments about the cog group
- 9) Prevention- promoting cog in other settings (schools, social services, etc.....)
- 10) Promote cog to other "players" (judges, attorneys, etc.....)

It was discussed that, within the network, we may have members that are involved in professional organizations such as MCA, MACPO, MACCAC, etc..... These members are encouraged to put in a "plug" for training related to cog when the organizations are

planning their training (Dave Nyquist- MCA, Kelly Noring, Multiple DWI Network, Tom Adkins, MACCAC, APPA).

A letter from Mark Carey, Deputy Commissioner of Corrections was passed around to the attendees. The letter pointed out the importance of the small networks that are being formed throughout the state, but encouraged the network not to become involved in legislative issues, etc, as we are not a “formal” professional organization. All members agreed that the mission and intent of the network was more for support and information sharing than taking positions on corrections issues.

Next meetings agenda:

Anoka Tour- presentation

“Moving On” graduates

Elections for chair, co-chair(s) and information coordinator

Cog 101 update/DOC update

Outcome measures

Intake

Breakout Sessions

Cog presentations- what do we want to present?

Next meeting dates/sites:

January 22, 2002- Anoka (directions to be announced)

April 3, 2003- Carver County

July 3, 2003-

October 3, 2003-