



Evaluation Work Group Meeting Agenda

February 22, 2007

Location: Family & Children's Services

Attendance

National evaluation:

Staffing updates:

- We have hired a bilingual counseling student as another potential interviewer; 3 others have expressed interest in an interview position as well. (One will not be available until summer).
- Angela S will be hired 10 hours a week to help schedule interviews, give reminder letters to families, and enter data into tracking database.
- Vickie C will enter EDIF data and help train interviewers.

We are still having problems scheduling interviews. More staffing, functional databases, and stronger protocol at our end should help. We are following up so we don't lose more opportunities in the process.

Unfortunately, the start of service dates must be the very first time a wraparound, PMTO, F&CS, or ICT clinician meets with the family. Therefore, the clinician must introduce the evaluation at the FIRST meeting.

Discussion items:

1) Follow up re locales:

- Paramount: no go
- WMU counseling rooms:
- Boys & Girls Club:
- GKUW:

2) One change to the protocol is that families will have a choice as to whether they want to be contacted directly by an interviewer, or have a welcome meeting.

The issue: So far we have had VERY difficult times trying to reach people by phone when we need to reschedule a meeting. Often families do not have answering machines or even a phone of their own; they must go through a 3rd party.

We could encourage families to select the welcome meeting as a “back up” plan; however, it’s not fair to keep clinicians or interviewers on hold until we determine whether or not a welcome meeting is necessary. Could we have the clinicians schedule a time for the interviewer to call or even stop by?

Any other suggestions?

Cost study:

This is another crucial part of the national evaluation. We are hoping to set up a meeting between Jodi B, myself, and PIs/PDs re how to capture and analyze this data.

One conundrum: We may need HSIRB approval before we start collecting data. However, we’ll need to write a proposal re how exactly this is going to be used, but particulars are not known at this point.

Local evaluation:

- 1) On 2-21-07, we had our full board HSIRB review for the loosely structured youth interviews (primarily for youth who don’t qualify for the national study but still want to participate). A few changes are required but it should be approved soon.
- 2) “Targeted Parent Assistance” (TPA) is looking ore like a possibility at ASK. I recommended a phone conference among ASK staff, myself, and other KWraps representatives
- 3) Carolyn has a meeting on 3-1-07 with Mary B of KRESA regarding collecting baseline SWIS data from PBIS schools. Mary has requested suspension/expulsion rates, esp for students with IEPs, from participating principals for the 1st semester of the 2006-2007 school year.
- 4) Carolyn will follow up with Steve C. re JJ data

Upcoming meetings:

Thurs, Mar 15: 6:00-7:30pm at F&CS