

Community Mental Health Affiliation of Mid-Michigan
Jail Diversion Meeting
Minutes
June 2, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Judi Cates, Julie Vermett, Brian Dykes, Cam Greening, Dave Marshall, Alan Platt, Darren Lubbers, Mark Nelson

ABSENT: Michael Brashears

MINUTES: The minutes from April 14, 2004, were approved. The May meeting was canceled.

NEW BUSINESS: Job Description

Judi distributed a rough draft of an Emergency Services Mental Health Job Description that she is preparing. She also distributed copies of CEI CMH Procedures used in the Ingham County Jail for Suicidal cases and Emergency Services/Crisis Intervention.

Echo Update

Manistee/Benzie has been using Echo since 1996/1997. Ionia began using Echo several months ago. CEI CMH plans to be up and running with it in January, 2005.

Case Management Screening Tools

The team reviewed the three different forms used by CEI CMH, Ionia and Newaygo. Gratiot uses the same form as Ionia. Manistee/Benzie does not currently have a specified jail diversion staff person. Therefore, they use the same forms for all of their services (JD, SA, MI, DD, Children). The CEI team will review Ionia's form at tomorrow's team meeting for possible transition and implementation.

Decision Referral Scale

The team reviewed the national form and narrative recently received via email. The team was disappointed in its brevity. It cannot be used as a mental health screening nor for determination of Jail Diversion appropriateness. It can be used as a flag for need for further services.

Jail Diversion Criteria

The team discussed the criteria for Jail Diversion: in addition to mental illness diagnosis and charge of misdemeanor or non-violent felony, client must have low rate of recidivism/repeat offenses, use of flow chart/decision tree and use of assessment with diagnostic impression to determine appropriateness. The team also discussed the different county jails' computerized and other tools for flagging inmates who may need mental health services. Even if the client meets criteria, client willingness to participate in diversion is vital.

GAINS Conference Briefing

Judi briefly gave overview of the conference and distributed a lot of printed material obtained from the conference.

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NEW BUSINESS: Review Oakland County Forms
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Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time. Judi will follow-up with Brent Worth regarding a Jail Diversion video.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. None.

COUNTY QUICK HITS:

A. Deferred due to lack of time.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M. The team discussed a Summit meeting July 7, 2004, to refine work on projects. Manistee/Benzie offered to host the Summit. Once details have been established, the team will be notified.

Respectfully Submitted,

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