



ARIZONA SUBSTANCE ABUSE TASK FORCE
Arizona Prevention and Early Intervention Work Group

June 8, 2016
3:00 p.m.
Governor's Executive Tower
Suite 230
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Prevention and Early Intervention Work Group was convened on June 8, 2016 at 1700 W. Washington Street, Suite 230 Phoenix Arizona, 85007, notice having been duly given. The following Work Group members were present and absent:

Members Present (12)	
Sherry Candelaria , MIKID	
Michael Carr , Department of Child Safety	
Jennifer Carussetta , Health System Alliance of Arizona	
Deb Gullett , Arizona Association of Health Plans	
Mary Hunt , Maricopa Integrated Health System	
Jonathan Maitem , Honor Health	
Dawn Scanlon , Community Member	
Claire Scheuren , The Partnership	
Cindy Beckett , Flagstaff Medical Center	
Jeff Taylor , Salvation Army	
Debbie Moak , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	
Kate Brophy-McGee , Legislator	
Staff/Guests Present (2)	Members Absent (0)
Alexandra O'Hannon , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	
Sharon Flanagan-Hyde , Flanagan-Hyde Associates	
Shannon Whittaker , Presenter	
Colby Bower , Presenter	

A. Call to Order

Co-Chair, **Debbie Moak** called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. A quorum of twelve (12) members and four (4) staff/guests were present.

B. Welcome and Introductions

Sharon asked the Work Group members to introduce themselves. She reminded the group of their norms which include:

- Members are to speak candidly
- One person should speak at a time
- Be respectful
- Self-monitor to ensure there are no tangents
- Work toward consensus

C. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Members reviewed the meeting minutes for the Work Group meeting that occurred on May 11, 2016. The meeting minutes were accepted without modifications/changes.

D. Volunteer to Report at the Task Force Meeting

Sharon asked for a volunteer to report on the Prevention and Early Intervention Work Group's activities at the Arizona Substance Abuse Task Force meeting that is scheduled to occur on June 22, 2016. **Michael Carr** offered to provide the updates.

E. Presentation on Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Licensure

ADHS guests, **Colby Bower** and **Shannon Whittaker** presented on Licensure. The Work Group members asked several questions, the results for which were:

- Providers cannot be licensed if their service or profession does not require licensing.
- Licensure ranks the severity of infractions to ensure the most critical cases are attended to first.
- ADHS can take a provider through the Administrative Hearing process.
- Administrative Hearings are presided over by a judge; however, it is not a legal court in the traditional sense. The Administrative Hearing is a forum where cases can be discussed. Should a situation be egregious or fail to be resolved at the Administrative Hearing level, the ADHS Director can transfer the case to the superior court.
- The legalization of Medical Marijuana has resulted in numerous challenges.
- There are 130 Medical Marijuana clinics in Arizona.
- The methodology for determining the number of Medical Marijuana clinics permitted in the state is based on the number of traditional pharmacies there are.
- A Medical Marijuana clinic need only commit to a location within the specific Community Health Analysis Area (CHAA) for a period of three (3) years. Once that time period is over, they may move to an alternative location within the state.
- When Medical Marijuana clinics relocate to urban locations, it allows public citizens in rural communities to grow their own marijuana, because there is no clinic near them to purchase from.

F. Discussion: Presentations-What Stood Out?

Sharon asked the members what their thoughts were about the Sage Counseling Prison Transition Program **Steve Grams** presented on.

Mary Hunt commented on the importance of assisting with the Arizona Health Care Cost

Containment System (AHCCCS) application process. This ensures individuals released from jail/prison can get the medical and behavioral health services they need, without interruption.

Deb Gullett found the information helpful.

Sharon asked the Work Group what their thoughts were about **Karen Hellman's** presentation on the Arizona Department of Corrections' (ADOC) transition program.

Kate Brophy-McGee noted she found the first presentation more helpful because it focused on programmatic and demonstrated the program's positive outcomes, while still sending a clear message that additional transition programs are needed to reduce the number of inmates who return to confinement.

Dawn Scanlon reported the ADOC presentation was agency structure-based.

Debbie reported the difference between the presentations was noted.

Sharon asked the Work Group what their recommendations are on the topic of Transition Programs.

Dawn suggested a prison and jail system that is not influenced by financial gain.

Mary Hunt recommended jails and prisons have to adhere to the same performance-based requirements that hospitals do. Presently, hospitals are penalized if a patient is readmitted for the same diagnosis/reason. She recommended the funding of detention facilities also be adversely impacted when people return to the facility.

Sharon reminded the Work Group members about a discussion that occurred during the Access to Treatment Work Group; specifically, she referenced detention facilities mis-categorizing inmates so they are paid at a higher rate.

Cindy Beckett made the Work Group aware that it had not addressed pregnant women who are in confinement.

Michael brought up the exposure of youth to additional substances while confined. Youth who are confined are leaving the detention facility more addicted than when they entered. Parents have very few options for how to help their youth.

The group collectively expressed concern about how substances are getting into detention facilities.

Debbie informed the members that the system requires a change in culture. Inmates should be given treatment while they are in the facility so they are stable when they leave. The state should be spending resources on the front end. **Cindy** supported Debbie's comment and shared information about programs in California having successfully impacted the recidivism rates by providing services and interrupting the addiction.

Sharon asked the Work Group what their thoughts were about **Vista Thompson's** presentation on Parity.

The Work Group members collectively found the information provided discouraging. The impression had been that mental health and substance abuse treatment would be globally available to all individuals with insurance. This understanding was not accurate. Parity only applies if a health plan or insurance company decides to cover mental health and substance abuse treatment. If an insurance company elects not to provide mental health or substance abuse services, parity does not apply.

F. Review of Integrated Notes

Sharon provided an "Integrated Notes" document for the Work Group's review and consideration. The Work Group members provided recommendations for changes/modifications.

H. What Additional Information Do You Need?

Kate would like to learn about how courts who hear adult cases are working to address recidivism and substance abuse treatment. She stated that Pima County has implemented effective probation programs. **Claire Scheuren** supported **Kate's** comment. She added that **Chief Barbara Broderick** has spoken nationally about Pima County's programs. The judge has also been instrumental in helping those who have been released from detention learn culinary skills. It was noted that Pima County pays restaurant workers more than minimum wage. **Kate** added that detainees are also trained on telemarketing which has the potential to be lucrative. There are some telemarketers that earn over \$100,000.00 a year.

Cindy would like to have additional discussion on how to get inmates on AHCCCS so they can transition without interruption in their medical and behavioral health care.

I. Call to the Public

There were no guests or public present.

J. Adjourn

Debbie adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Dated June 9, 2016
Prevention and Early Intervention Work Group
Respectfully Submitted By:
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