



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

**May 11, 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 May 11, 2016 at 1700 Washington Street, Suite 230 Phoenix Arizona, 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (8)	
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	
Staff/Guests Present (2)	Members Absent (3)
Alexandra O'Hannon , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	Jeff Taylor , Salvation Army
Sharon Flanagan-Hyde , Flanagan-Hyde Associates	Debbie Moak , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
Steve Selover , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	Kate Brophy-McGee , Legislator

A. Call to Order

Facilitator **Sharon Flanagan-Hyde**, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

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. 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 May 25, 2016. **Sherry Candelaria** offered to provide the updates.

D. Presentation on Prevention and Assessment

Guests **Jennifer Ortiz** and **Steve Tyrrell** presented on the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI).

E. Question and Answer Session

Work Group members had the opportunity to ask the presenters questions.

Deb Gullett asked for a definition of what detention is. It was explained that detention is the equivalent of jail for minors.

Steve reported it is important to get kids to the most appropriate level of treatment and intervening early is the key to achieving positive outcomes. He encouraged the elimination of duplicative processes such as repeating screenings and assessments. **Deb** suggested he reach out to Medicaid providers to assist him with this.

Deb asked the presenters how the Arizona Substance Abuse Task Force can help them to expand the JDAI program to other counties. **Jennifer** responded it depends on whether the program is mandated or not. She does not believe mandating these types of programs is beneficial because it compromises buy-in from the counties as well as those who implement the program.

Cindy Beckett acknowledged the work the JDAI is doing and asked whether the tool they used was validated for each ethnic/cultural group. **Jennifer** reported the tool is presently being evaluated for this.

In regards to the qualifications of staff, officers do not provide treatment so they need not be licensed. They provide simple screenings for needs. Also, all patients must be medically cleared prior to entering the facility; detention is not being utilized as a detox facility.

Participants can find additional information about JDAI at JDAIHelpdesk.org

JDAI gathers its data from each jurisdiction. Of 194 kids who went to the Hope Assessment Center in Yuma, only sixteen came back on another referral. The Hope Assessment Center is voluntary. Minors can be referred by police, parents or guardians, teachers, or can walk into the Center on their own. The Center is available 24/7 and has a welcoming atmosphere. The goal is to front-load services in the community before problems escalate to the need for detention.

Jennifer invited the work group members to see the facility in Yuma. **Alexandra O'Hannon** will coordinate these efforts.

E. Discussion

Sharon asked members how the JDAI's presentation might impact the recommendations they make.

Members talked about the need for simple services such as respite that can reduce the number of kids who require justice system or Department of Child Safety (DCS) involvement. **Michael Carr** substantiated this by adding DCS often sees misuse of inpatient treatment because parents are overwhelmed and fatigued. He added that a lot of kids enter the DCS system solely for substance abuse and mental health services.

There are opportunities to collaborate with AHCCCS, the RBHAs, and Medicaid health plans.

Deb noted there are extraordinary opportunities to partner with JDAI and rethink how dollars are being used as well as how they can be repurposed to proactive programming. She acknowledged the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family as having effectively applied for grants so that programs can be funded, and that they may be helpful in drawing funds needed to expand programs like the Hope Assessment Center.

The current lower numbers of minors in detention in Arizona means that there is open space in buildings. This infrastructure capacity could be used for other purposes, such as increasing the number of beds available for substance abuse treatment.

F. Review of Questions/Key Information

Sharon reviewed the key elements the members identified at the first work group meeting and asked whether there were any points they wished to revisit.

Claire Scheuren inquired about what schools are doing to educate students and parents about substance abuse and mental health. **Deborrah Miller**, GOYFF Special Projects Manager, was asked to join the meeting to respond to this question. **Deborrah** reported that mandating such curriculum would need to come from the State Board of Education and statute. In absence of statute, schools have autonomy about what they choose to teach. **Claire** and **Deb** agreed to research the statutes and report back to the work group at the June meeting.

Deborrah provided a list of schools who were awarded Safety Programs that was later distributed to members via email.

F. Call to the Public

There were no members of the public at the Work Group; subsequently, there were no requests to speak.

G. Adjourn

Sharon adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Dated May 11, 2016
Prevention and Early Intervention Work Group
Respectfully Submitted By:
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