

ENROLLMENT ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 17, 2013

Participants: Debbie Dawes, Barbara Dorsett, Ed.D., Li Fang, Ph.D., and Bob Kurtz, Ph.D.

Bob said that we would find out about the annual grantee meeting in Bethesda by Friday. The project officer said that the sequester may affect whether or not it occurs. It is unclear as the feds are approving travel sometimes at the last minute. If the meeting does occur, only Bob, Sean, Leah, and Debbie would attend.

Dave Morrissette is still planning to conduct a conference call on April 26 at 11 am. PRA cannot participate so it is possible that the call will be postponed. Possible topics include staffing; enrollment, follow-ups, and reassessment; trauma; and peers' update on a statewide rollout. Dave also wanted to determine whether the project had any TA needs.

Darby Penny is expected to conduct a site visit on June 25-26. Bob will attend the meeting on the 25th. Barbara would like to simplify the goals but isn't clear as to what to prepare for the meeting. Should the goals be broken down by year? The 2010 strategic plan contains the goals. Debbie thought that Karen had been updating the timeline related to the goals as the project progressed. Barbara will share the timeline with staff. She then questioned which goals the project was addressing. Bob confirmed that all goals, including the ones for the Sequential Intercept model, need to be updated and requested that an update be done. Barbara would like to begin preparing for the meeting and asked about specific documents to review and prepare related to the agenda. Bob felt that we should allow Ms. Penny to provide the agenda. Debbie had asked for a copy of the report from the last site visit, but PRA declined to share what they considered to be an internal report. They did send a project profile, which Debbie shared with staff.

Bob thought that site visitors would ask what we are doing in terms of promoting and training on trauma-informed care. While they have provided training on Seeking Safety, Bob said that the feds encouraged the project to address this topic more. Barbara stated that she would follow-up with Sarah about any specific plans in Grant Year 4 in terms of OR promoting and sponsoring training on trauma-informed care for Mecklenburg County community partners.

Barbara said that no plans are in place for program sustainability. Bob asked whether there was any local money to support the activities of the project. We need to discuss this further as it is unlikely that the county will be able to pick up any salaries of project staff once the grant ends.

Bob has sent out an email about program dissemination. It is likely that a meeting will occur on April 29 at 1:30 (call number 919/233-3810). Committee members include Ken Blackman, Barbara Dorsett, Li Fang, Sam Hargrove, Allison Jourdan, Bob Kurtz, Lea Glaze, Sarah Greene, and Mike McMichael. Debbie plans to join the meeting.

In terms of diversion, Debbie provided the latest numbers (through the end of March 2013). To date, OR has diverted 52 clients and enrolled 48 in the evaluation (3 were hospitalized so not enrolled in the evaluation and 1 refused). Since the targets were revised at the start of Grant Year 4, the table indicates monthly enrollments compared to monthly targets.

There is a discrepancy for March, in that Barbara said that 2 veterans were enrolled resulting in 7 actual enrollments for quarter 2 and 18 for FY 2013 to date.

Month	Target Enrollments	Actual Enrollments
October 2012	4	5
November 2012	4	2
December 2012	4	4
Quarter 1	12	11
January 2013	4	2
February 2013	6	3
March 2013	6	1
Quarter 2	16	6
April 2013	6	
May 2013	6	
June 2013	8	
Quarter 3	20	
July 2013	8	
August 2013	8	
September 2013	8	
Quarter 4	24	
Year 4 Total	72	17

The number of those eligible during the initial screen was 25 in quarter 1 and 39 in quarter 2 of this year. At subsequent screen, there were 25 during the first quarter and 35 in quarter 2. Debbie asked how many are in the pipeline; Barbara said about 30 were waiting for court dates. Barbara also mentioned that some individuals diverted may not choose to complete a baseline interview for enrollment and some who initially agree to do an interview do not complete them. Barbara will check into these issues. OR is also trying to coordinate an effort with the Charlotte School of Law to use student volunteers at the court house to identify veterans so that they can be referred to the project.

OR is discussing plans with Mecklenburg's Promise to offer space for OR program participant group meetings. In addition, they are considering one-stop shop access to OR and other community services at Mecklenburg's Promise tentatively beginning in May 2013.

The OR program is currently fully staffed. After screening, Linda is in the process of doing the front end of developing diversion plans and linkage for eligible veterans, as well as continuing with follow-up linkage and coordination of services at the back end for those diverted. The one-stop shop will facilitate folks meeting with OR staff for service coordination and linkage.

OR staff participated in a TBI Training at AHEC on February 25, 2013 entitled *Creating Trauma-Informed Systems of Care for Human Services Settings*. Lea is attending the training at a different location today. OR staff also invited their partners to attend this training.

The SAC Veteran Volunteers subcommittee is continuing to discuss ways to increase the number of veteran volunteers. Sean Fucci, OR Veteran Specialist, is trying to establish a list of veterans willing to volunteer, and the county has designated a PSO volunteer coordinator to direct this group on county requirements for volunteers.

The meeting with the DA office will occur on Monday, April 22, at 11 am, to share ideas about whether there is an ability to schedule OR clients in District Court. Bob asked for an update after the meeting.

Barbara provided an update on the meeting with the VA. At the meeting, VA representatives agreed to continue with two days of supportive services per week provided by the VJO. This time would be to 1½ days weekly at the JDTR office and a half day for the VJO to be able to see those in jail in Mecklenburg County. All participants agreed that the support provided by the VJO is a benefit to veterans served as well as to Mecklenburg County. Jeff Doyle, Regional Coordinator for the Veteran Justice Outreach effort, expressed interest to participate in meetings with Mecklenburg County criminal justice partners to help strengthen and support discussion about veteran docket scheduling in District Court. Jeff also stated that he would like to ask the national VJO Director make a presentation in Mecklenburg County concerning Veterans Courts. The VA staff reported that the grant was awarded for the proposed "VA Supercenter in Charlotte. However, they are still waiting on specifics of the grant, which will likely take some time, with a projection of 1½ years before the supercenter is started. VA staff also stated that they were envisioning possibly having space for community partners to provide a more centralized "one stop shop" for Veterans.

Li asked if anyone was attending the VA meeting in Cherokee on May 7-8 as veterans courts will be discussed at that meeting. John Harris is attending so Barbara will talk with him about a summary after the meeting.

Barbara and Sarah will discuss having a retreat for OR team. Currently, it is not on the schedule. Bob asked that he be informed of the date if they decide to schedule it.

Debbie followed up with Joli Brown about other grantees conducting focus groups. She found out that Stephanie Hartwell in MA has had experience so Debbie will contact her.

Barbara said that they are considering forming a community partners committee to replace the existing Providers Committee. She also mentioned that they are continuing to try to increase their enrollments and increase the number of peer volunteers.

The next meeting of the Enrollment Enhancement Committee will be on Wednesday, May 15, from 1 to 2 pm. Debbie will provide a call line.