

# SERVING THE INCARCERATED AND RECENTLY RELEASED STAKEHOLDER MEETING

9:00 a.m. Wednesday January 27, 2010

## Meeting Overview

### Members Present

Adams, Sonya	Henley, Charles	Parkinson-Windross, Diana
Arscott, Kristina	Jacobs, Veronica	Paul, Michelle
Asomani-Nyarko, Mary	Johnson, Donald	Reed, Ann
Bueno, Francis	Lackins, Billie	Rosas, Ruben
Campbell, Jeffery	Lopez, Solomon	Ruggerio, Michael
Delgado, Art	Loyd, Bill	Tootle, Lisa
Fontenette-Yates, Peggy	Malone, Ken	Walker, Timeka
Garza, Joaquin	Macias, Ernesto	Watkins, Alan
Gilbert Garcia	Meade, Dawn	Williams, Tori
Gittens, Ryland	Megdal, Tina	Young, Maxine
James Gonzalez	Mitchell, Dominique	
Hatton, Makibea	Novoa, Dan	

### Others Present

Anna Langford

Patrick Martin

### **Meeting Business:**

1. Call To Order
  - a. Meeting started at 9:10
2. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Overview of proposed calendar of future meetings
    - Group will meet until 11:00 a.m. 6/23, 7/28, 10/27
    - Group will meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in August on 8/17
    - Group will not meet in November 2010
    - Group will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds in December on 12/15
  - b. Review of SIRR Homepage Template
    - Obtained written permission to publish names and contact information
    - Suggestion (by Sonya A.) to put HCSO link of website
3. Review of Program Information Form
  - a. Demographic error to be fixed
  - b. Add "Bilingual staff" option suggested (by Ernesto M).
  - c. Add "Multiple Contact" options suggested (by Ryland G).
  - d. Add "Serve All" category suggested (by Tori W).
4. Review of Ground Rules
  - a. Safe Place
  - b. Respect
  - c. No Cross Talk
  - d. Respect of time (Brevity is a virtue)
5. Review of Standards of Care- Early Intervention Services
6. Review of Current System

- a. Sam L. briefed the group on the four ways individuals can be linked into care while incarcerated at HCSO.
  - i. Self disclosure upon admission and/or during physical.
  - ii. Individual is in the CPCDMS system already, and is a repeat offender.
  - iii. Blood test (Opt-In HIV test) during 14 day physical.
  - iv. Community partners notify HCSO of client information while incarcerated.
- b. While incarcerated, care coordinators at HCSO assist in THMP applications, and enter clients into CPCDMS data entry system. Also provide referrals and resources for outside agencies for discharge planning purposes.

7. Identifying gaps in system (Hot Topics)

**a. Medication**

- i. HIV medication supply upon release is based on the available amount of prescription that is left.
- ii. HIV medications are typically “Keep On Person” and whatever is left upon release can go with the individual.
- iii. Psychotropic medications are not “Keep On Person”, and are not able to be taken upon discharge.
  - 1. MHMRA has a contact for HCSO that assists with all psychotropic medications and referrals
  - 2. George Bement Houston Healthcare for the Homeless is a good reference for MSMRA (Sonya A., MaKieba H.)
  - 3. Staff from MHMRA should be present at SIRR meetings (Francis B. recommends)
  - 4. Current pilot project offers referrals for all MHMRA individuals (per Tina M.)
- iv. Possibility of scripts being issues upon release recommended (by Kristin A.)
- v. Duplication of Texas Medication Program applications for individuals who are already on the program, duplicate application being made by Care Coordinators congesting the system? (Makieba H.)
- vi. Breaks in medication can be detrimental to the health of the client, causing long term health concerns (Ruben R.)

**b. Discharge Referrals:** Who is being referred and how?

- 1. Creating a uniform, standard way of documenting referrals between all agencies with all needed information. HACS/Legacy and HCSO will share forms to create that continuity.
- 2. Joaquin G. indicates that more agencies need to be present in the jail to with d/c.
- 3. Lisa T. asked about statistics of how many individuals are on parole unable to track numbers of those paroled or transferred to Texas Criminal Justice system at this time.
- 4. (Makieba H.) suggested linking with the HCSO Chaplain Tracy Dudley as a resource for linkage

**c. Transportation:** How to get where their going upon discharge

**d. Re-Entry Center:** Where to live upon discharge, where to be linked into supportive services such as food pantries. “Linkage of short term services between jail and the free world”.

- i. Eligibility for supportive services without proper documentation

**e. HCSO issued Identification-** is it possible?

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8. Next Meeting:

February 24, 9-12 a.m. at the United Way

9. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 p.m.