

Services for Adults with FASD Workgroup Meeting

December 17, 2012

- One of our major accomplishments of 2012 was development of the List of Helpful Resources. That information was forwarded to the Mental Health Board and is being transformed into a RESOURCE DIRECTORY. It will likely be organized into several sections to include: Diagnosis; Treatment & Interventions; General Listing of Providers; etc.
- The group discussed the three goals of the Workgroup. Deciding to focus on the first goal as stated: Goal 1- improve access and expand services for adults with FASD transition from foster care, secondary education, and correction systems – including assistance with housing, treatment, medication, employment, training, education, case management, etc.
- The emphasis of the group will be to determine HOW THE GOALS Can BE ACCOMPLISHED? WHAT STRATEGIES NEED TO BE EMPLOYED TO MAKE SURE THE GOAL IS ACCOMPLISHED?
- A good deal of discussion was provided regarding the Goal 3 – expand the diagnosis for Adults. Any number of barriers were raised as to working with TBI, ABI(Acquired Brain Injury) or CBI (Congenital Brain Injury)
- Some discussion about FASD falling under the Developmental Disability grouping. Many barriers raised related to the use of such a strategy. 70 IQ issues? Not a beneficiary group for the MHTA. Art will provide information regarding AS 47.80.900 definition of a person with a developmental disabilities.
- Teri pointed out the Partnership Steering Committee was exploring the DD end of things as well. She would report back to us regarding the information being gathered by Diane Casto.
- Teri took meeting notes as well and will provide them to Art....Teri's notes will be incorporated and simply added to the end of the notes dependent upon receipt.
- **Our next meeting** is set for January 21 (MY ERROR- that would be a holiday). So let's meet **on January 22, 2013 9:00 am to 10 am**
- I will forward Teri's notes once I receive them.
- Please make any additions that I may have missed and send it on to us.

Have the Merriest of Christmas' and the Happiest of New Years! See you next year. By phone....

1-888-354-0094 Participant Code 3911086# January 22, 2013. Agenda will be forwarded in January.

Submitted by Art Arnold