

RCC Provider Meeting Tuesday May 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Participants: Deborah Craig, Courtney King, Eric Boyer, Diane Martinez, Rick Driscoll, Doug Miller, Steve Sundby, Kelly Eggleston, Tammy Bidwell, Reshia Dunbar, Ryan Haug, Nathan Madsen, Jaimie Kassman, Ryan Wheeler, Mark Malone, Mary Bowen, Lorie Morris, Lance Johnson, Karen Uhl-Sours

Welcome to our newest provider: Nome Children's Home (Lance Johnson)

1. RCCYP – New BRS Handbook goes in to effect July 1, 2009
<http://www.hss.state.ak.us/ocs/ResidentialCare/>
Gentle reminder to **review the new BRS Handbook on line for changes** from the 2005 version to service provision and that forms are on the online site as well. Thanks to all for making sure bed count data is updated on a regular basis.
2. RCCYP Training Grant Update – Eric Boyer
Eric has completed the online site and Deb is reviewing.

Upcoming events including:

- FASD – Kotzebue and Palmer
- RCYCP – Anchorage
- MAB – Barrow

Please let Eric know if you want to participate in a training even if it's not in your community.

Eric will continue to provide email updates for training opportunities and will use a subject line protocol to help providers identify these emails.

Training Staff are also working on Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention for Youth in Residential Care Training Component– this training should be available soon – Eric will keep us updated.

Eric also shared the recent Training Survey Results and will follow with a more indepth report. Providers indicated:

- 75% value keeping staff training updated and appreciate training opportunities
- 75% requested support for supervisory skills training
- 50% wanted training in specific strategies for dealing with FASD, SA, etc.
- 25% wanted more options for core training
- 25% wanted a refresher on dealing with aggressive children/youth

You input is essential so **please respond to the survey if you've not done so yet!**

3. Quarterly Report Team Update – Deb Craig
Providers were sent an email on May 6 with a subject line of “Ak Aims Reporting Inquiry – Need Your Input!!!”, requesting their views on AK Aims as a quarterly report mechanism – **PLEASE respond if you've not done so yet....** Your input is crucial to this decision. I've heard from Salvation Army, AFS, Maniilaq, JYS, KPCCC and RYC.
4. AAHC Update – Jordan Nigro/Lorie Morris

The next AAHC meeting is September 14-16 in Fairbanks – Boys and Girls Home. Make reservations now – no hotel specified – training focus will be Leadership Development.

5. DHSS RCC Site Review Schedule:
 - a. Deb out of state June 4-12
 - b. Juneau – JYS - August 17-21
6. Partner Updates
 - a. DBH – Bradley Grigg – no updates
 - b. DJJ - Courtney King – See Transitional Age Youth
7. Transitional Age Youth – the BTKH Team is discussing how to better serve this population and Deb will be sending out an email requesting provider input on what is needed. Based on provider expertise and current services, please outline mechanisms for working with this population such as pilot projects, ISA \$, billable services, etc. **Please help us identify ways we can better serve this population.**
8. Request from Reshia Dunbar re H1N1 Virus - PLEASE discuss admissions where the possibility of the Swine flu virus may be an issue. Are we expected to take emergency admissions when the CDC is saying anyone displaying symptoms should stay home to reduce spread of the virus and the possibility of affecting staff and other children is great?

Alaska has not had any confirmed cases of H1N1- one case arrive via cruise ship in Sitka and Juneau but the individual was from Washington and it is counted in his home state.

Please see the DHSS website regarding current advice for dealing with suspected cases of H1N1 and the states recommendations for child care facilities and schools:

<http://www.epi.alaska.gov/id/influenza/swineflu.htm>

If an organization is concerned about the health of a child based on the parameters outlined in the above referenced guidance, medical attention may be sought prior to entrance to the program.

Parking Lot Issues

1. Serving 18 year old youth (TAY)
2. Number of beds on Website

As always, please let me know if there are any corrections or additions.

THANKS!

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