

Wraparound Maine Leadership Council Meeting  
December 15, 2009

**Attended:** Roger Wentworth, Bev Baker, Kim Wallace, Barry Stoodley, Colby Seams, Paul Vestal, Jim Beougher, Marie Kelly, Chris Radke, Sheryl Davis, Sara Paton, Dave Simpson, Jeff Wahlstrom, Kane Loukas (co-facilitator), Frances Ryan (co-facilitator), Sue McKenzie (via phone) and Theresa Barrows (via phone)

Much appreciation to Chris for providing coffee!

### Welcome and introductions

Introductory Activity: Break into small groups to explore similarities we all have and what might make us different. Groups were decided by what month your birthday is in (Jan.-March was one group). Groups reported out that it was a good opportunity to get to know one another...a few groups wished there could have been a bit more time to continue.

Mission was read and desired outcomes of the meeting were reviewed. Agenda for the meeting was available to all in attendance and reviewed.

### Work Plan Review (see attachment for details)

**Goal # 1: Effectively educate people in Maine about HFWA and communicate our success stories.**

- First two action steps have been achieved.
- Action Step #3 (**Explore options for collecting success stories directly from families and youth-find means to capture and share what wraparound can do**) is a top priority with an amended anticipated completion date of 9/2010.

**Goal #2: Develop a high quality and sustainable training process/system for Wraparound Maine staff and volunteers.**

- Trainer Group: Meets monthly and nominated Troy Varney, DOC, to be chair (he agreed). Has created a rolling enrollment for the wrap 101 (Team Training) with a schedule for all trainers to rotate training responsibilities.
- Group also has been given permission from John Vandenberg to host a Train the Trainer training which will be scheduled for late winter or early spring 2010. This training will support new trainers in Maine with opportunity to apprentice with credentialed trainers and earn credentialing in state.

**Goal #3: Ensure that there is a successful system of family and youth support partners in place in every Wraparound Maine community**

- Bev Baker reported her workgroup has started with focus on the Family Support Partner job description and is now beginning to develop a training curriculum. Members of this work group include Parent Organizations, MPF, parents, GEAR, State and others. Working with Doug Patrick on how to secure Medicaid funding for the FSP position. Progress in getting Mainecare to fund FSP position. Work group is sending out a questionnaire to other states asking how they address areas such as training supervision, and reimbursement rates. Pat Miles did a training

for Maine a bit ago. No clear best practice model that supports best outcomes. Biggest question is supervision. Maine has a lot of information on the FSP already.

**Goal #4: Ensure that there is a vigorous and successful community mobilization team in place in every Wraparound Maine Community.**

- Mobilization Specialists will start meeting twice a month in person rather than by conference call so as to encourage increased support and networking between sites.
- A review of the Community Board Meeting Schedules was provided to all in attendance including dates, times and membership for each board. As a quality control tool, each board provides to OCFS their monthly agenda, minutes, plan and attendance. We want to assure participation from key stakeholders especially parents and youth.
- Some questions that were asked with much discussion:
  - How is each board structured?
  - Are boards managed similarly
  - How do boards address poor/low attendance?
  - How do they address lack of diversity?
  - Jim B.- Do the minutes from the board meetings reflect what the state is asking them to do; are contractual obligations being met?
  - Some tasks of all boards include gate keeping, managing flex funds, addressing barriers the Child and Family Team's may be facing.
  - Community Boards must see their task of stabilizing the community and identifying resources as a desired outcome versus just utilizing flex dollars.

**Goal #5: Achieve measure and report on successful outcomes.**

- Web based data system will be rolling out January 2010. Other action steps under this goal include:
- Establish means for regular outcome reports to key stakeholders
- Consider establishment of Evaluation and Quality Assurance Workgroup-specifically involve youth, family and community members.

<b>Items for subcommittee or task force work</b>
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- Several items have come (membership criteria and terms)- Frances proposes these be addressed by re- convening the workgroup that met last spring to draft the Leadership Council Guidelines.
- An additional item for further definition is how best the Council can support the Community Boards/teams

**Next Steps:**

Group agreed that both areas would be better addressed with work groups rather than Council as a whole.

1. Frances will send out a survey for Mobilization Specialists to in turn share with Boards
2. It was further agreed that we need to develop a clear charge- Cheryl Davis and Sarah Paton volunteered to help develop the charge - then we will seek diverse membership for a larger workgroup - Council, Agencies, Boards to address "Support for the Community Boards/Teams)

3. Frances will reconvene the group that worked on the Guidelines: Kane Roger, Paul, Sarah D. Cheryl will join this group and a community member will also be recruited. This group will address membership criteria and terms.
4. Frances will follow up with Leadership Council members who have not been able to attend to determine whether they will be able to continue or if we need to recruit others.

### **Flex Funds**

We were led by Jeff and Frances in a rich activity that addressed flex funds. In small groups we reviewed a de-identified, brief description of a family where the Team was asking to utilize flex funds. Groups were asked to document struggles we came across, issues that were raised and what our final decision was (approve/disapprove the request). This was a challenging exercise for all....

### **Supporting the work of the Juvenile Justice task Force**

Barry reported out on the recent Juvenile Justice Task Force and we explored how Wraparound Maine has the opportunity to support this task force on reaching some of their desired outcomes. All of the information from the recent Juvenile Justice Task Force may be reviewed on the Muskie Website.

Barry will bring the message back to the JJ Task Force that Wraparound Maine is very interested in supporting the work of the task force!

### **Wraparound Story and Meeting Wrap-up**

Sarah Paton shared a success story about the Lewiston/Auburn Community Board. This board said no to a recent referral based on the identified safety needs of the youth which were significant. The board decided to find out what the community and the board needed so when a similar referral was received they could say yes!!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 1 to 4 @ 442 Civic Center Drive