

Advisory Committee Meeting

February 2, 2012 10:00 AM

Present: Lois Kiester, DMACC, Des Moines; Kim Oaks, SWCC, Creston; Marcia Oltrogge, NE IA MHC, Decorah; Jeff Frank, Iowa Central CC, Fort Dodge; Cara Herr, Edge of Recovery, Oskaloosa; Deborah Kay, Edge of Recovery, Oskaloosa; Nancy Tegeler, Addiction Recovery Services, Knoxville; Barbara Ledvina, Dept of Education, Des Moines; Janine Johnson, Dept of Education, Des Moines

Present via Conference Call: Diane Thomas, Substance Abuse Center, Dubuque; Michelle Cherrier, Kirkwood CC, Cedar Rapids, Kim Gamm, Behavioral Services, Hazleton;

Present via PolyCom: Tracy Schmidt, Hawkeye CC, Cedar Falls

Announcements: Barbara announced that Richard Swanson, Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Burlington will be joining our committee.

Handouts: copies of the Committee Guidelines, OWI comparisons by State

1. Guidelines: Barbara had previously distributed copies of committee guidelines, and asked at this meeting if there were any additions or corrections needed. None noted, so guidelines will remain as presented. Regular attendance at committee meetings is needed.
2. Treatment in Lieu of DDS: Barbara presented this to get committee thoughts on this. All agencies present were strongly in agreement that we should not accept treatment in lieu of the 12 hour class.
3. Minors attending classes: per the Iowa code, minors are supposed to take their classes at a licensed treatment facility, and not at a community college. Lois recalled that many years ago, minors could go to a community college if it caused a hardship to the person to get to a treatment facility. At the last meeting Kathy Stone, IDPH, stated that there should be no exceptions to the law. Much discussion ensued at this meeting regarding this situation. All members of the committee were in agreement that this should be changed. "If the intent of the law was to separate minors from the adults, then we are not following it now, because we mix minors and adults in private provider classes now." We simply do not have enough minors to hold a minors only class, even if we were to wait for 3 months to have the class. Barb will start looking into this with the Department of Education legal staff.
4. Concerns for the DOT: since Brandie could not be in attendance at this meeting, she asked for concerns from the committee. Several committee members stated that they are receiving complaints from people who have been cleared by the providers, but not cleared at the DOT. Barb will talk to Brandie about this.
5. Advanced education for Multiple offenders: This idea was mentioned, but the general consensus of the committee was that it is not necessary at this time, and would cause more problems; typically the court system will grant a 1st offense to an individual with a 2nd OWI, if the time frame is short between the two. However, the person still has 2 OWI's with the DOT.
6. Next meeting Date and Location: Kirkwood College will host the next meeting on May 3, 2012 at 10:00 AM. Michelle Cherrier will send out directions for getting to Kirkwood.