

## **Consortium March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

### **HRDC Fireside Room 12:00pm**

Danielle Golie opened the meeting and talked about the addition of Open Gym to Consortium. Open Gym is a task group developed about 4 years ago and is now getting started back up with the help of Lindsey Brandt who is also the head of Havre Trails. The Open Gym task group will meet at Consortium with the rest of the groups. Danielle explained that they are working with Havre Trails at the moment to improve the sidewalks and trails around town and have recently submitted a grant to improvements to the US Bank trail for an expansion along with paving and benches.

#### **Old Business**

Danielle talked once again about creating a logo for Consortium. She asked if a group or one person would take charge of putting something together. With an official logo in place it would make writing for grants by the task groups, etc. look much more professional. Lynn Nash said her daughter is very creative and would have her work on some ideas to present at the next meeting.

#### **New Business**

Karen Thomas along with Danielle talked about the new referral system that will be put in place soon. This system will allow for all agencies to use one program to make the referring of clients go more smoothly and also to be able to follow up on those referrals to see if appropriate ones are being made. A consent and release of information would be signed by the client which be kept electronically in the system. The cost of the system will be \$5000 to start and \$100 per user per year which is overall very inexpensive. The startup fee will be split between all agencies using the system, unless one agency with the funds is willing to take on the cost all together. All in all this will be great for agencies and clients alike to get referred to the proper place more efficiently.

Next the task groups gave their updates.

#### **Mental Health**

Amber Spring reported on the task group and how they are creating some subcommittees with her group. They will include community engagement, which will try to find additional consumers to join the group. Another, developing peer support, will look to have someone far enough along in their own recovery to try helping others. The group is also looking for some additional funding opportunities, and getting involved more with the schools. Amber explained the group had partnered with Key Club in the past for suicide prevention and is hoping to do a walk with the club in September to raise awareness. Amber also informed

everyone that Dr. Gone from Ft. Belknap will be speaking about mental health on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Technical Science Center and everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Substance Abuse**

Amanda Christofferson reported on the task group and how they are trying to get more awareness out there. They are doing the Every 15 Minute program which features mock accidents and obituary reading of students in schools to show that every 15 minutes someone dies of a substance abuse related accident. Rocky Boy is on board with this but they are still trying to get the Havre Public Schools to participate.

### **Teen Pregnancy**

Amy Ferguson reported on the group and how they will be putting on another series of "Have You Had the Talk" classes next month. They will run again from 6:30 to 8pm and will held this time at Northern Montana Hospital. They will be the last three Thursdays in April and Janet Tretheway and Darlene Sellars will be teaching them again, with some revisions depending on the audience they get. Amy also talked about how the group had tried to apply for a grant this month. The grant is called the TOPS program dealing in youth development and making the right choices in life, not just teen pregnancy general. It is a five year grant with the first year dealing with the implementation of the grant and the next four years actually putting into place in the schools. Janet Tretheway was taking the lead in the writing of the grant and contacting the schools, but ran into the issue of a very short time frame of applying for it, and in the end the schools opted out of being involved.

A week or so later, Amy and Jessica had a conference call with the State and realized they were applying for the exact same grant. The State is using four different counties in Montana with high risk populations, and will contact the school administration to hopefully get them on board. So with the help of the State the grant is now moving forward and the group will wait and see what happens.

No further discussion.

Meeting adjourned.