



WRAPAROUND MILWAUKEE

Child & Adolescent Services Branch

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From the Director...

Change to Central Staffing Process

Beginning November 12, 2008, delinquent youth for whom regular Wraparound or FOCUS appear to be a likely consideration will now be staffed through a separate Wraparound Central Staffing. In the past, there have been some incidences of youth being ordered into Wraparound Milwaukee who may not meet the criteria for serious emotional disturbance (SED) or for whom other services offered by Delinquency and Court Services might suffice to meet their treatment or service needs. The significant increase in 2008 in Wraparound enrolled delinquent youth has also put the program close to the State approved limit of 840 youth. This means that Wraparound Milwaukee would otherwise be forced to create a waiting list for enrollment, as Medicaid funding would not be available for the additional youth.

Wraparound Milwaukee managers, along with Eric Meaux and his Delinquency and Court Services staff and the Children's Court Judges, have been working on a new staffing process for the past few months. The Central Staffing process should be an appropriate place to initially discuss planning options for youth adjudicated or being adjudicated delinquent. The process will provide an opportunity to discuss why certain dispositional options not involving Wraparound Milwaukee may have been ruled out and will support all staff in the development of sound dispositional recommendations.

Central Staffing times will initially be held on Tuesday afternoons and will be chaired by the Section manager and will include representatives from Wraparound Milwaukee, as well as Delinquency purchase programs.

Our thanks to Eric Meaux, Laura Falbo and others at Children's Court Center for their considerable efforts in making this Central Staffing process a reality.

Bruce Kamradt, Director

Wraparound Success Story...

Tim and his family were recently successfully disenrolled from Wraparound Milwaukee. Throughout the journey, Tim overcame obstacles and barriers pertaining to alcohol and other drug abuse. Several team members assisted Tim with achieving his success. Tim received encouragement and hope from his grandfather and girlfriend. He developed a consistent rapport with his Care Coordinator and participated with therapeutic supports specific to his behavior.*

Academically, Tim attended public school with the support of an active Individual Education Plan, which assisted him with substantially turning his grades around for the better. Vocationally, Tim continued with his employment with his grandfather and was able to begin saving money after opening a savings account with the assistance of his grandfather.

The team consisted mainly of natural supports that included his friends, family and teachers. These people were instrumental in helping Tim complete his probation, improve in school and resolve an underlying need of discovering that he was a good person and had the ability to achieve good things for himself and others.

(* Name changed for confidentiality.)

Submitted by Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

State News...

Wisconsin Council on Children and Families to Provide Evaluation Services

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families (WCCF) will now be directly providing the evaluation and social marketing tasks for the Wraparound Milwaukee program. WCCF will be furnishing to Wraparound Milwaukee their own evaluator/writer and publishing capability. Mary Adele Revoy, M.S., will be the lead evaluator for WCCF for this new venture. Before joining WCCF as Adolescent Development Specialist, Mary worked with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections as a Program and Planning Analyst, as a Public Education Specialist at the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and also for the Wisconsin Department of Justice.



WCCF will be taking over the writing and publication of the Wraparound Milwaukee Annual Report. They will also be writing at least two issue papers for Wraparound Milwaukee on topics of current importance such as transitional issues for youth moving to adulthood, special treatment issues of girls, school related mental health, etc. WCCF will also be periodically furnishing one to two page briefs/reports on current program updates and on other issues selected by Wraparound Milwaukee. These would be for community distribution.

Eric Seybold, Ph.D., who has been with Wraparound Milwaukee to do evaluation/research, is now devoting most of his time to pursuing his clinical practice. We thank Eric for his years of service in providing evaluation services and analysis for Wraparound Milwaukee.

Our new directions in evaluation of our programs and services will place more emphasis on promoting community awareness of what we do and accomplish at Wraparound Milwaukee every day, and how our program impacts on the families and child-serving systems in Milwaukee County. It will also be used as a vehicle to identify what are the service gaps and what mental health, social, legal and other challenges the families we serve are facing.

Mary Adele Revooy is completing some of her other assignments with WCCF and will be orienting with Wraparound Milwaukee later this month and in December. She will be available 30 hours per week to Wraparound Milwaukee beginning in January 2009.

Bruce Kamradt, Director

about behavioral health and medication strategies for youth.

With regret, MUTT and MUTT-MPS must say goodbye to Alfonzo Watkins. Alfonzo is moving on to take charge of St. Charles' 24-Hour Care System in November. However, we welcome Kenneth White, M.S.W., to the MUTT-MPS team. Ken comes to us with experience in child welfare and probation, and has worked in Milwaukee and Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Chris Morano, Mobile Crisis Director



Provider Network News...

2009 Fee-For-Service Agreements

Wraparound Milwaukee 2009 Fee-for-Service Agreements were mailed to all Vendors providing services through the Wraparound Milwaukee Provider Network in late October. Vendors are asked to review the Agreement for changes and updates. In order to avoid delays in authorizations for 2009 services, signed copies of the Agreement are due back to the Wraparound Milwaukee Provider Network by Wednesday, November 26th. A joint meeting with Milwaukee County Contract Administration, Wisser Choice and Children's Court staff was held for Vendors on October 15th, to review the updates and changes to the 2009 Agreement. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation from the October 15th meeting is available on the Wraparound Milwaukee Provider Network page of the Milwaukee County website. To access the Milwaukee County website go to <http://www.county.milwaukee.gov>. Search for the Provider Network page using the key words **Wraparound Milwaukee Provider Network**.

Jeannine Maher, Provider Network Coordinator

Announcements...

Positive Recognition Awards

The following have been recipients of "Positive Recognition" awards:

**Brian Humphrey – Youth
and Christeen Oberdas – St. Aemilian - Lakeside**
Nominated by Dorothy Sloan - Caregiver



Veteran's Day
November 11th

Mobile Crisis News...

In October, the Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT) has been increasing support of Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), through training activities and crisis intervention. On October 24th, MUTT-MPS met with staff at Madison High School to discuss their role in helping youth in public schools. Dr. Steve Dykstra will meet with the MPS Speech and Language Specialists on November 5th, to talk with them about behavioral issues in youth. Jeff Robertson and I are scheduled to talk with Diagnostic Teachers and Supervisors on November 14th,



“...doing a great job trying to give these young people a chance to get their lives together, so that they can be a part of society as responsible young adults.”

Elizabeth Knenke – St. Aemilian - Lakeside

Nominated by Meghan Refinski – My Home, Your Home

“For bringing a fresh new approach to the team process in order to help reunite a child with her parent. Thank you for holding the team accountable and your dedication to remaining strength-based.”

Zedrick Wiggins – Human Development Center

Nominated by Meghan Refinski – My Home, Your Home

“For being fully engaged in the team process and providing quality, reliable services to a young man in need of positive role models. Thank you for modeling positive behavior and your commitment....”

Dr. Dennis Kozel and Jeff Robinson - Wraparound

Nominated by Christeen Oberdas – St. Aemilian-Lakeside

“...have been continuously striving and succeeding with improving the care provided to youth and families. They have positively impacted many youth through caring conversations during medication reviews. The youth feel comfortable enough to address their concerns, which are empathically addressed, and in turn the youth gain a sense of empowerment because they feel their voice has been heard.”

Darrell Jackson – Human Development Center

Nominated by Dana Fry – St. Aemilian-Lakeside

“...very active in [client’s] life and has established a great rapport... has been efficient in responding to crises and has gone out of his way in order to do so. The family and I are grateful for his willingness and compassion he shows. Keep up the great work!”

Keaton Rice - Human Development Center

Nominated by Dana Fry – St. Aemilian-Lakeside

“...continues to make numerous contacts a week with [client]... assisted [client] in getting a job over the summer and that has provided [client] with a positive activity... also encourages [client] to play basketball and participate in the Elite program. Keaton’s commitment is appreciated by all.”

Anthony Pierson, Ray Arrendondo, Integrity Team

Nominated by Rob Bergeson – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

“...have consistently gone out of their way to help a family safely remain together. Thanks for not giving up!”

Jayne Fuller – Juvenile Probation

Nominated by Rob Bergeson – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

“...extremely helpful at Plan of Care meetings and a strong advocate.”

Upcoming Events...

DECEMBER 2008

- Dec. 2** **Cultural Diversity Meeting**
10:00am BHD-Day Hospital – Room 212
- Dec. 3** **DHHS Centralized QA Mtg.**
9:00am BHD-Day Hospital – Room 212
- Dec. 4** **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**
8:15-10:00am BHD-Day Hospital – Room 212
- Dec. 4** **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm BHD-Day Hospital – Room 253
- Dec. 4** **Monthly Care Coordinator Mtg.**
CANCELLED
- Dec. 5** **WRIT Reviews**
9:00-5:00pm BHD-Day Hospital – Room 253
- Dec. 11** **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm BHD-Day Hospital – Room 253
- Dec. 15** **Youth Council Meeting**
4:00-5:30pm @ Running Rebels Comm. Org.
- Dec. 17** **Child Psych. Cons. – Parent**
12:00-1:00pm BHD-Day Hospital – Room 253
- Dec. 18** **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**
8:15-10:00am at LaCausa
- Dec. 18** **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm BHD-Day Hospital – Room 253
- Dec. 25** **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Office Closed

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For more information on Wraparound Milwaukee, go to our Website at www.county.milwaukee.gov and search using the keywords “Wraparound Milwaukee”.

Greater Milwaukee Major Events

11/16-12/28	Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival	Downtown Milwaukee	(414) 220-4700
11/21-11/23	Holiday Folk Fair International	Wisconsin Exposition Center	(414) 225-6225
11/22	Milwaukee Holiday Parade	Downtown Milwaukee	(262) 377-5935
TBA	Holiday Craft & Gift Show	Wisconsin Exposition Center	(414) 321-2100
11/23-11/25	The Fresh Coast Basketball Classic	Midwest Airlines Center	(414) 908-6001
12/5-12/6	Christmas in the Ward	Historic Third Ward	(414) 273-1173

