

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 18, 2007

### **SUMMARY NOTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Bob Banks, Sharon Braddock, Cynthia Creswell,  
Linda Dudley, Charlie McMordie, Chess Grant, Jim Cameron,  
Jerry Moller

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Banks

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Bob asked each member to introduce themselves and explain their job duties and other information of interest to the Board.

- Cynthia Creswell, Amarillo Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, said that they are the keeper of the records for The Havens and Faith City. They have a full staff of interns who are working very hard.
- Sharon Braddock, Genesis House, said they finally have an LCDC on staff after a year.
- Linda Dudley, Managed Care Center, described the Managed Care Center as an adolescent out-patient program. They work with high risk high school students ages 14-17. This is a free service and includes the Panhandle and also children's homes. They have no practicum students at the present time.
- Charlie McMordie has been in Austin helping to pass a bill that will benefit treatment centers. This will lower the CE requirements among other things. The John Pena Scholarship applications must be received by May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Chess Grant, Community Supervision and Corrections Department, works with outpatients and referrals. Not having in-patient substance abuse services to refer people to is one of their biggest problems. He is involved with the SCRAM program which is an ankle monitor that detects alcohol consumption.
- Jim Cameron, Youth Center of the High Plains, works with 10-17 year olds and they're currently over capacity. They have family weekends and family nights to include the whole family in the treatment. Jim is President of the Amarillo Association of Addiction Professional.

### **NAADAC MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Sue Banks explained the need for all DAAC students to have membership in NAADAC and liability insurance. Jerry Moller said that possibly this can be included in the AC fee for the courses that all students must pay. The committee agreed this would be beneficial.

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING COURSE INFORMATION

Bob said that the program has good enrollment right now. He is concerned because there more questions on the LCDC exam concerning Alcoholics Anonymous. He will require the students to attend more AA meetings and write reports, etc. The program is still a viable one due in part to Bob teaching psychology classes in addition to the DAAC courses. Jerry said that we now offer fewer sections with basically the same number of students so we're still meeting student needs.

### OTHER DISCUSSION

Bob asked the committee how he can enhance the pass rate for the LCDC exam. Tim said he will be glad to teach a special class on the LCDC exam for the practicum students.

cg

**Minutes taken by:** Cheryl Gailey