

Detox Provider Meeting Notes
8-13-09
FADAA Annual Conference, Orlando

In Attendance: Richard Brown, Vinnie Garcia, Asha Terminello, Connie Reilly, Karen Rogers, Richard Anderson, Nancy Hamilton, Bob Rihn, Stacy Seikel, Diane Reese, Lin Lindsay, Don Reimer, Marlene Minzey, Nancy Page, Elaine Caryn, Linda McKinnon, Benny Haimovitz, Robert Boxley, Jacque Henderson, Equilla Cherry, Sydney Treadwell-Haskell, Dick Jacobs, Kevin Lewis, Polly Ryan.

The notes from the Detox Symposium held on 2-20-09 were distributed.

Meeting called to order at 5:45 by Kevin Lewis and Dick Jacobs who asked participants to identify themselves, state their affiliation and what issues you are currently struggling with regarding detox.

Issues listed included:

- ✓ Contraband getting on units
 - ✓ Nursing shortage
 - ✓ Not enough involuntary beds
 - ✓ Funding for medications
 - ✓ Billing
 - ✓ Co-occurring
 - ✓ RX abuse, Benzos = long detox
 - ✓ Co-location of detox and community mental health centers
 - ✓ Flow from access center to detox
 - ✓ Transportation
 - ✓ Screening – front-end to catch health issues (the flu)
 - ✓ Low census
 - ✓ AMA
 - ✓ Capacity
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- Web page on FADAA’s website discussed. Interest in the blog expressed as a way to communicate possible approaches to some of the issues stated.
 - Issue of nursing shortage discussed. DCF Substance Abuse office has secured a Medical Director. This group may be able to access the Medical Director to assist with some issues. A possible meeting of detox unit medical staff with the state medical director was proposed.
 - The Florida Learning System’s Detox to Treatment Initiative discussed. The initiative is still going, just stalled a bit. The initiative would open up data resources to those who come on board.
 - Discussion on issues around the flu and vaccinations of clients and staff.
 - Suggestion was made to have this group take the lead on developing a nursing pool of detox nurses based on geographic area served. Also suggested that a nurse

supervisor / manager be available to consult with providers regarding needs of provider nursing staff.

- Consensus reached to continue to meet as a group and to schedule another symposium to continue to address the issues raised today.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.