

DUII Advisory Group Minutes  
9/26/08

Attendance: David Hickerson, Bobby Harris, Ann Uhler, Peggy Gorciack Nancy Macklin, Mary Sykes, Richard Drandoff, Don Ziegler, Karen Wheeler, Kevin Grant, Robert Ryan, heather Warren Kirby, Suzy Patterson, Teresa Douglas.

Introductions were made and handouts were provided by AMH.

AMH staff discussed the purpose of the committee as well as the advisory groups role and responsibility in providing feedback to the Division. Discussed process and procedures to move the group forward in obtaining feedback toward rule revision. Suggested we look at large policy picture and brainstorm ways to improve the system, making changes to the rules that would help move us in that direction. Begin brainstorm list of the roles of ADES. Had general discussion as to whether ADES were needed as part of the DUII system (see strengths under ADES strengths and weaknesses). Generally the group felt that the ADES was necessary to the system.

Other issues discussed:

1. Inconsistency among both providers and evaluators.
2. Benefits of Washington State model of deferred prosecution.
3. Address mental health issues of DUII offenders
4. Treat as a chronic illness and address public safety issues.

ADES-Strengths:

Prepare clients for treatment  
Describe treatment options and treatment providers  
Referral and monitoring  
Track out of state DUII offenders  
Opportunity for intervention and assist offenders in getting back on track with treatment program.  
In absence of any other tracking system ADES is necessary.

Weaknesses:

Burn out

Terminology of screening vs. assessment

Consistency/lack of in practices

Need appointment made at time of evaluation

Need to define consistent role and practice

AMH needs to provide more monitoring of the ADES system

Outdated screening tools

Lack of training

Meeting concluded at 12:00 and will resume discussion of ADES role at the next meeting.

Next meeting on October 10, 2008 at the Parkway Building from 9:30-12:00 PM.

Minutes done by Jim Bradshaw.