



WRAPAROUND MILWAUKEE

Child & Adolescent Services Branch

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From the Director...



St. Charles Day Treatment Program Moves into Former BHD Day Hospital Building

We are pleased to welcome St. Charles Youth & Family Services and their Day Treatment program into the space previously occupied by the Behavioral Health Division's (BHD) Adult Day Treatment program. St. Charles is operating the same medical day treatment program that the BHD Children's Branch operated in conjunction with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) about 10 years ago.

The St. Charles program will serve an average daily census of about 40-50 youth with serious behavioral and emotional needs, who are referred from the MPS school system, Child Welfare, our Child & Adolescent Inpatient Services (CAIS) program and other sources. St. Charles will also have access to our Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT), if needed.

Wraparound Milwaukee and St. Charles are also planning to work together to offer some of the model apartment and recreation space in the St. Charles area for use as the "Club House" or resource center for youth and young adults in the Project O'YEAH program. That will be developed later this year. Space in this area may also be used in the future for the Youth Council meetings.

For future reference, the new area occupied by St. Charles from the door adjoining the entrance to the Psychiatric Hospital and Information Desk, east to the Wraparound Administration offices, will no longer be referred to as the day hospital building, but rather the 9201 Community Service Center.

Welcome to Our New Youth Transitional Specialists

Wraparound Milwaukee is pleased to welcome our three new Youth Transitional Specialists for the Healthy Transitions program and Project O'YEAH. Chi Sayaovang, Nate Lindsay and Guy Paoletti are now on board and going through initial orientation and training. They will be working under the supervision of Owen Felix, who is the Program Coordinator for this Project.

The Transitional Specialists will serve as consultants to the Care Coordinators and Child & Family Teams for youth 16½ or older, when the Team may need some additional resources to develop transitional plans for these young persons. They will also screen and

assess for services those youth over 16½, who may need more direct intervention and care coordination services, and finally they will serve as ongoing "care coordinators" for young adult enrollees over the age of 19 (or possibly 18), who need help and support to effectively transition to adulthood.

The Project O'YEAH office – Room 619 – is located on the second floor of the 9201 Community Service Center in the southwest corner of the building and adjacent to the My Home, Your Home and Willowglen offices.

Bruce Kamradt, Director

Wraparound Success Story...

Maria was enrolled in Wraparound Milwaukee in October 2008. At the time of enrollment, Maria fought with her siblings on a daily basis in an attempt to gain more attention from her mother. She also displayed negative behaviors, such as talking back to adults and being verbally and physically aggressive towards her peers. These behaviors often lead to suspension from school and getting kicked off of the school bus.*

Maria had a very dedicated Child and Family Team that worked hard to support her as she learned more positive behaviors and ways of dealing with the situations she faced on a daily basis. In addition, Maria also had several personal strengths that she was able to build on as she gained a more positive self-image. These strengths included that she enjoys reading, is a talented singer, is very artistic and is willing to try new things.

Throughout Maria's enrollment, she learned to make appropriate decisions and learned coping skills that she can now use when she is experiencing various emotions. The Team also worked with Maria to help her learn more positive ways that she can use to gain attention from her mother. She learned to turn to her family supports when she needs help and also gained a support system at her local Boys and Girls Club.

Maria started attending a new school in 2009, at which she formed a helpful relationship with her teacher, who was available to redirect and advocate for her when needed. Maria was disenrolled from the Wraparound REACH program in May 2010 and her



family felt confident that she will have a successful future. (* Name changed for confidentiality.)

Submitted by REACH - LaCausa, Inc.



Youth Council...

The Wraparound Milwaukee Youth Council, along with Families United and the Care Coordination Agencies, held their annual picnic in June. The picnic was held at an area park and there were over 450 family members in attendance. There was a D.J., games, pie toss, picture taking and food. The Youth Council used this time to reach out to other youth and to try and get new participation in the Youth Council. The event was a huge success!!!

The Youth Council also held a Bake Sale at Children's Court. This event raised money to help pay for activities that the Council has planned for this summer. The bake sale brought in over \$200.

Throughout the summer, the Youth Council is planning activities that include laser tag, a trip to the zoo, sailing/boating, a car wash and other community service options.

Brian McBride, St Charles Youth & Family

State News...



Special Committee to Review Emergency Detention and Admission of Minors Under Chapter 51

The Wisconsin Legislative Council has established a **Special Committee on Review of Emergency Detention and Admission of Minors Under Chapter 51**. The Committee, which is being chaired by Representative Sandy Pasch, is directed to review the following provisions in Chapter 51, Stats: (a) the appropriateness of and inconsistencies in, the utilization of emergency detention procedures under s.51.15 across the State, and availability and cost of emergency detention facilities; (b) the inconsistent statutory approaches to emergency detention between Milwaukee County and other counties in the State; and (c) the inconsistent application of procedures relating to the admission of minors under s.51.13, State, as modified by 2005 Wisconsin Act 444.

Wisconsin Act 444 nullified the right of youth, 14 or older, to have to consent to treatment, regardless of parent's wishes. While most public facilities are complying with the changes under Act 444, some private facilities are implementing internal policies more consistent with the old law, and are refusing to treat minors who do not consent to treatment. There are arguments to be made on both sides of this issue.

Dr. Chris Morano, Director of the Mobile Urgent Treatment Team, has been selected to serve as a Milwaukee County representative on this committee. Dr. Morano will keep us posted on issues being discussed in the committee meetings.

Juvenile Corrections Review Committee Recommends Consolidation of State Juvenile Correctional Facilities

A special committee appointed in April by the Governor's Office has recommended the consolidation of the two Division of Corrections State Juvenile facilities for Boys. The committee, made up of citizens with varied expertise and perspectives on juvenile justice, recommended in their June 2010 report that "it is not fiscally or programmatically feasible to continue to operate two male juvenile correctional institutions..." This is due to a declining number of youth being committed to the state correctional facilities and not staying as long as in the past.

The committee also recommended that emphasis should be placed in the institutions on promoting programming that encourages the following:

- 1) Successful and effective re-entry/re-integration of youth.
- 2) Better mental health and AODA assessment and treatment.
- 3) Better engagement and involvement of families while the youth is in placement, and to help prepare them for return to the community.
- 4) Supporting an institutional environment that emphasizes safety and positive nature of staff – youth interactions.
- 5) Programming that is culturally competent.

Which institutions should be closed? While the vote was not binding, in a five-to-three vote the committee recommended closing Ethan Allen versus Lincoln Hills. This reflected that the Lincoln Hills facility is newer, the programming there was felt to be somewhat stronger and the location better for most of the northern counties. The recommendation around this option also involved moving the reception function and re-entry programming to unused space at Southern Oaks, now exclusively serving girls.

The recommendation of the Juvenile Corrections Review Committee now moves to the Governor to determine what action his office will take. There is not a specific timeline for how fast this issue will move forward, although it has significant budgetary implications for the State.

Bruce Kamradt, Director



Mobile Crisis...



In June, the Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT) participated in the Wraparound Milwaukee Provider Resource Fair at the Zoofari Conference Center. This was a great opportunity to share information with our partners and families. Thanks to all who helped out!! MUTT was also present at the annual Youth Council picnic, where many witnessed me getting numerous pies in the face – some said, “Just what he deserved!” The smiles and joy in the faces of the children at the picnic were incredible.

MUTT-TFC (for Treatment Foster Care) recently collaborated with Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin to talk about how best to work together. MUTT-MPS (for Milwaukee Public Schools) is working on a project tracking outcomes and linkages for all the youth they served this past school year.

Finally, MUTT is very pleased to welcome St. Charles Day Treatment program and youth to the Behavioral Health Division – day hospital building. We are getting to know each other and working out a schedule for MUTT to support St. Charles staff in their efforts.

Dr. Chris Morano, Mobile Crisis Director

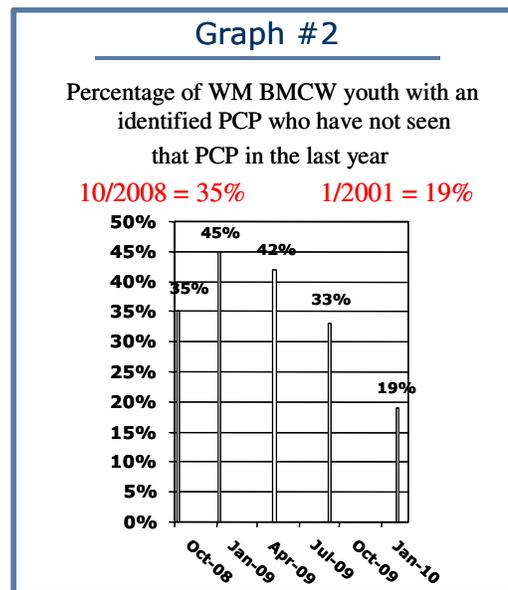
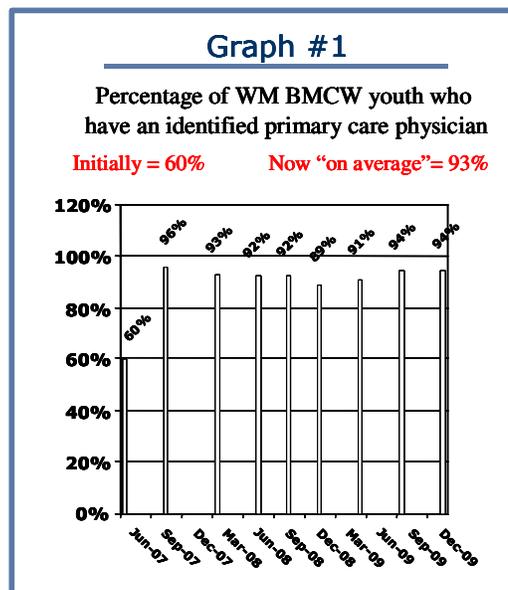
Quality Assurance...



Improving Outcomes for BMCW Youth Involved in Wraparound Milwaukee

For over 3 years Wraparound Milwaukee has been engaging with the Center for Healthcare Strategies in a national initiative to improve outcomes for youth involved in the Child Welfare system. Wraparound Milwaukee’s project has focused on ensuring that 80% or more of the Wraparound Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) youth have an identified Primary Care Physician (PCP) within the first 3 months of enrollment and secondarily, for 100% of Wraparound BMCW youth who have an identified PCP, are on 3 or more psychotropic medications and who have not seen their PCP in the last year, that they make and keep an appointment with that PCP.

Wraparound Milwaukee created a tracking database within our IT System and Plan of Care process to gather the necessary information to ensure PCP identification and appointment follow-through. Referenced below are a couple of graphs that indicate significant change after the implementation of this process:



The processes that have been implemented will be sustainable beyond the initiative. The Center for Health Care Strategies is in the process of creating a “Toolkit” that will summarize the outcomes of not only Wraparound Milwaukee’s initiative, but of the other projects that were congruently implemented by other states. Upon completion of the toolkit, I will link you to their website for viewing.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to give me a call at (414) 257-7608 or email me at pam.erdman@milwcnty.com.

Pamela Erdman, QA/QI Director



Upcoming Events...



AUGUST 2010

- Aug. 3** **ARB Meetings**
9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Aug. 4** **DHHS Centralized QA Mtg.**
9:00-11:00am WM – Room 212
- Aug. 5** **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**
8:15-10:00am WM – Room 416
- Aug. 5** **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Aug. 5** **Monthly Care Coordinator Mtg.**
1:00-3:00pm CHP Auditorium
- Aug. 9** **Group Home Meeting**
10:00-12:00pm WM – Room 416
- Aug. 11** **Child Psych. Cons. – Alternatives**
12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Aug. 12** **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Aug. 17** **ARB Meetings**
9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Aug. 19** **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**
8:15-10:00am WM – Room 416
- Aug. 19** **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Aug. 25** **Child Psych. Cons. – R-AJA**
12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Aug. 26** **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Aug. 28** **FAMILY ORIENTATION**
11:00-12:30pm WM - Cafeteria

Quality Quote of the Month
“Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow.”
 - Plato (427 BC – 347 BC)



Announcements...

Positive Recognition Awards

The following have been recipients of “Positive Recognition” awards:

Christine Kosobucki – LaCausa

Nominated by Lisa Patton - Parent

“She is very understanding and easy to deal with. Christine truly cares about what she is doing and she truly knows how to diffuse difficult situations. I am comfortable and confident about her skills.”

Keone Battle – My Home, Your Home

Nominated by Brooke Mortag – AJA Counseling Center

“Keone is dependable and consistent. He is always available and keeps his schedule flexible to accommodate the needs of the youth in a timely manner. The youth always looks forward to meeting with Keone and is comfortable with him.”



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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

7/8-7/11	Bastille Days	East Town	(414) 271-7400
7/9-7/10	Gathering on the Green	Rotary Park, Mequon	(262) 242-6187
7/15-7/18	Festa Italiana	Henry Maier Festival Park	(414) 223-2193
TBA	Kohler Intl. Challenge – Brian Redman	Elkhart Lake’s Road America	(800) 365-RACE
7/17	Garfield Ave. Blues, Gosp. & Arts Fest.	Garfield Avenue, 4 th -7 th Sts.	(414) 297-9787
7/19	Juneteenth Day	Martin Luther King Drive	(414) 372-3770
7/23-7/25	German Fest	Henry Maier Festival Park	(414) 464-9444
7/26-8/1	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI	(920) 426-4800
8/5-8/15	Wisconsin State Fair	Wisconsin State Fair Park	(800) 884-FAIR

