

**IPID COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 11, 2010
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Cynthia Koprowski, Susan Andrews, Bernie Mangers, Steve Lindemann, Jose Ruiz, Sandy Adams, Clara Daniels

The meeting called to order at 8:50 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 10, 2009 meeting were approved as read.

PRESENTATION

Bernie Mangers from the Addiction Resource Council (ARC) presented on the Wisconsin Assessment of the Impaired Driver (WAID) and the Drivers Safety Plan. First, he gave some history about drunk driving. 1911 was the first time it was illegal to drive drunk in the State of Wisconsin. In 1945, the Blood Alcohol Level (BAL) needed to be at .15 for evidence of intoxication. That was dropped to .10 in 1973. The Chapter 20 law came into effect in 1981 that required an assessment to be done by a trained assessor. Prior to 1981, you were only assessed or attended treatment if a judge ordered it. In 1993, it was the first time you could get your WAID Assessment prior to your conviction. In Waukesha County all second offense drunk driving are referred to the Wisconsin Community Services Inc. for monitoring prior to conviction. Bernie mentioned that WCS strongly encourages attendance of treatment so most people with more than one OWI are already involved in substance abuse treatment prior to getting their WAID Assessment done at the ARC. A person has 72 hours to call for an assessment appointment after conviction. The ARC has two weeks to complete the assessment. At times, this is difficult due to the volume of people requesting assessments and the number of staff available to perform the assessments. The person then has 72 hours to call to schedule an appointment with either the treatment provider that they are referred to or to schedule attendance of one of the programs at WCTC. WCTC provides Department of Transportation approved education, Group Dynamics and the Multiple Offender Program. The ARC assessor can ask the person for a collateral contact if needed. If they refuse to sign a release for an interview with a collateral contact their drivers license can be suspended indefinitely. The cost of the WAID assessment and developing the Drivers Safety Plan at the ARC is \$205.00. That includes the cost to administer the assessment and the case management that follows. The Drivers Safety Plan is good for 12 months. It can be extended for four more months if a person needs more time to complete treatment. Treatment programs are given follow up forms to complete at admission and at completion of treatment. These forms go to the ARC. Once a person is done with their Drivers Safety Plan they can do an exit interview either by phone or in the office. The committee had many questions and discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

WCTC offers Group Dynamics in Spanish. They have also agreed to offer the Multiple Offender Program (MOP) in Spanish. WCTC is concerned because they do not have enough people being referred to MOP in Spanish to run a group. They have talked to Milwaukee Area Technical College and they no longer run a MOP in Spanish due to the lack of referrals. Bernie stated that the ARC is also low on referrals for Drivers Safety Plans. He thinks the numbers have decreased to about two a month. This issue was tabled at this time and will be brought up again as old business. The committee will ask Claudia Roska, Director of the Addiction Resource Council, to come to the next meeting to help discuss this issue. The committee also agreed to invite Nina Emerson from the OWI Resource Center in Madison come and speak as well.

CHAIR REPORT

Milwaukee County has applied to extend their Access to Recovery Grant. If they get it they can use some of the money to purchase auxiliary services to help people access treatment. The first group of people to be helped will be Veterans and participants in the Alcohol Treatment Court. Milwaukee County should know more by the end of summer.

ADJOURNMENT

Cynthia Koprowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 am. The motion was seconded by Sandy Adams. The motion was voted on and passed.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney

Approved on _____
Date