

Boilerplate Report- Section 423-Substance Abuse Related Initiatives/Coordination

A. Child Welfare/Substance Abuse Task Force

Through a Collaborative effort with FIA and SCAO, MDCH continues to participate in the Child Welfare/Substance Abuse Task Force. This is an interagency effort aimed at identifying and addressing substance abuse issues within the child welfare system. Activities that have taken place include:

- MDCH, FIA and SCAO submitted a proposal to National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) for an extension to the intensive technical assistance grant addressing substance abuse in the child welfare population. Michigan's extension was approved with a December 31, 2004 end date.
- A spring conference was held, in two locations, in May 2004, with the American Bar Association. The topic of discussion was Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) timelines.
- Training on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome was held in November 2004. Over 225 court staff, FIA workers, substance abuse treatment staff, educators and substance abuse coordinating agency staff attended the training.

B. Resources for Recovery Activity

As part of a project supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, MDCP/ODCP is working with representatives from the Department of Corrections, the Michigan Association of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies, and the Association of Licensed Substance Abuse Organizations to reduce duplicative and unproductive spending within the public substance abuse field. This includes activities and services paid for by ODCP and DOC. The group has agreed to pursue the following targets in FY 2005 and into 2006:

- Standardizing and streamlining the DCH/CA authorization and access process.
- Standardizing and upgrading the DCH/CA service definitions (residential, IOP, etc.) in the context of a more flexible and comprehensive continuum of care. Includes a review of authorization protocols.
- Clarifying the mission of the public SA program, including target population priorities. Increasing consensus as to mission.
- Take steps to improve the quality of treatment services statewide, including improvements in engagement and retention.
- Eliminating unnecessary duplication of auditing and monitoring by state and regional agencies.

C. Participation in State Initiatives Led by Other Departments

DCH/ODCP participates in the DOC Prisoner Offender Re-Entry Project, the MSHDA Homeless Academy, the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission and in collaboration with SCAO, provides pilot project funding for Drug Treatment Courts. There are currently 31 funded drug treatment courts. FY04 statistics identified 2,041 drug treatment court enrollments with 865 successful completions. For offenders considered priority due to their likely prison stay, there were 430 enrollments with 102 drug treatment court completions by this population.

D. Collaboration Across State Agencies Around Prevention

- State Substance Abuse Prevention Infrastructure grant(s) and implementation. During FY02 and FY04, the state received grants for the purpose of strengthening the state's prevention infrastructure. A crosscutting theme in these efforts is the increased use of evidence-based planning models and intervention strategies as well as coordination in the use of prevention resources. The grants Advisory Committee includes the Department of Human Services (FIA), Children's Trust Fund, Michigan State Police, and Michigan Department of Education.
- In 2002, ODCP convened a Methamphetamine Task Force to develop and implement a comprehensive plan for preventing the spread of methamphetamine in the state. The Methamphetamine Task Force includes representatives from the Michigan State Police, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Customs Service, Michigan High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Department of Agriculture, County Sheriffs, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, U.S. Attorney's Office and others. In 2004, ODCP received a grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention to continue prevention activity including the collaboration efforts implemented by the Task Force.