

FEDC Health Care Task Force
September 26, 2006
Meeting Minutes

Present: Dan Winfree, Rob Gould, Anna Huntington-Kriska, Murray Richmond

Minutes:

- Murray: had not had a chance to talk with Teri to discuss progress on the Compass II community action plan
- Discussed the actions taken in the area of family violence
 - Faith based
- Mental Health missing from Compass II, but Murray distributed the “Fairbanks Behavioral Health Community Plan”
- Anna discussed concerns with what should be addressed by the legislature
 - Concerns about the combination of mental health & substance abuse
 - Combining the two areas slowed down funding & progress of the department
 - National movement to combine, but some are having difficulty seeing the link
- Mental Health – worked to put into similar format as Compass II
- Mental Health
 - Goal: to provide members of the FNSB affordable access to behavioral health
 - Solutions:
 - To address funding issues through insurance & governmental programs
 - To create a step down program that fills the gap between treatment centers and going out on your own
 - To explain the concept of housing for mental health & substance abuse
 - To develop a residential treatment center in the FNSB
 - Address chronic alcohol & drug users
 - FNSB support for the Chronic Inebriate program
 - To promote career opportunities in Behavioral Health areas
 - University has started the Behavioral Health Aide program
 - Still need a management component
 - Rob will add bullets to Job & Career Opportunities regarding recruiting
 - To ensure 24/7 emergency evaluation services are available in a setting other than the FMH Emergency Department.

Next meeting: October 12th, to discuss presentation to full FEDC Group