

Save the Date:
ZiaPartners (Minkoff and Cline)
Co-Occurring Disorders Change Agent Training
and Consultation
January 27, 2009 - 9 AM - 4 PM
Des Moines Botanical Center

To: All CPC's, CEOs and/or Clinical Directors of all MH and Addiction Providers (adult and child, community based, residential, and hospital based), consumer provider and advocacy organizations, and participating IDPH and MHDS staff.

Re: Next ZiaPartners Co-occurring Disorders Systemwide Change Agent Meeting

As many of you are aware, the Mental Health and Disabilities Services Division of the Department of Human Services, in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Public Health, has contracted with ZiaPartners (Ken Minkoff, MD and Christie A. Cline, MD, MBA) to provide ongoing technical assistance to the state of Iowa in its efforts to enhance capacity to provide services to individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. They have been visiting the state regularly over the past year and will be here next on January 27-28.

For those of you that attended one of the last change agent meetings this is notification of the next meeting and activities in this process.

For those of you whose organizations have not been involved, and want to begin to participate, this is to let you know that you can get involved right now, starting with the January visit.

On January 27th, there will be a full day (**9:30-3:45**) Change Agent meeting in Des Moines. Any current or potential co-occurring disorder state or local change agents are welcome to attend.

The agenda for January 27th will be on developing next steps for change agents from each agency or program regarding the quality improvement process for welcoming, recovery oriented co-occurring capability development. There will be a focus on understanding cadre activities in their agencies. In addition, discussion will include an overview of the basic principles of integrated stage matched recovery planning and a recovery planning case example. We will continue to work on change agents becoming a functional group and learning community state wide.

Registration information and how to obtain a Change Agent Manual:

If you are planning to attend on January 27th, please contact: **Brenda Hollingsworth at: brenda-Hollingsworth@uiowa.edu or 319-353-5436.**

There is no charge for this event.

In addition, if you are attending for the first time and/or have not obtained the **ZiaPartners Change Agent Manual**, please let Brenda know and she can e-mail you the materials. The manual is over 200 pages, along with accompanying slide sets. It is recommended (but not required) that you print the manual out on three holed paper and insert into a loose-leaf binder prior to attending the meeting.

On January 28th, Drs. Minkoff and Cline will be available to do on-site technical assistance.

Ideally, Dr. Minkoff will visit one site in the am, and another in the pm, and Dr. Cline will do the same, thus accommodating up to 4 sites. As such, we are looking for volunteers of agencies who would like on-site technical assistance in forwarding their efforts in this area. We will do our best to accommodate requests, keeping in mind geographical and timing constraints – and for those who can not be accommodated on this trip, we anticipate at least three more similar visits during 2009.

If you are interested in the possibility of having Dr. Minkoff or Cline visit your agency, please let us know ASAP; to do so, contact: **Brenda Hollingsworth at:**

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COMPASS Tool Training: Finally, as part of this process, participating agencies and programs are encouraged to use the **COMPASS** in their program to engage staff in a conversation to assess baseline co-occurring disorder capability. For those of you who are interested in a **COMPASS** training please contact Brenda Hollingsworth at: **brenda-hollingsworth@uiowa.edu or 319-353-5436.**

Also, if you need an electronic copy of the **COMPASS**, Brenda can provide you with that as well.