

Counseling Directors' Association of the University System of Georgia
April 1, 2005 Meeting Report
Clayton State College and University

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Bates Canon. Attendees: Ann Loyd, Mary Jane Phillips (for Arnie Wade), Mack Bowers, Stephanie Harris-Jolly, Regenia Doyle, Joy Evans, Cathy Brack (for Marolyn Wells), Mac Martin, Rhonda Perry (for Bob Mattox), Predita Howard Alma Keita, Dan Rose, Lydia Williams, Dudley Weems, Bob Mays, Bates Canon and Phyllis N. Weatherly.

Introductions were made and some updates given –
Flooding concerns at Albany; Regenia and Arnie will retire at the end of June; Steve Brown left UGA in December and is now Director of Counseling at East Tennessee State; Floyd College will have a new name after the April Board meeting (to be named Georgia Highlands College).

The **meeting report** from the November meeting was distributed. Clarification was needed regarding the Crisis Response Network chart. Bates talked about the need to structure our work on Crisis Response to allow the group to focus on other issues that have been set aside while the Network has been evolving. A Transition Task Force is needed to move us from conceptual to functional.

Crisis Response Network

Bates gave a brief update on the background of the process:

- What we do to respond when disaster hits;
- Support for the network is there from various sources;
- Process is in response to request from RACSA;
- Consensus – more training is needed; no unanimity re: best model;
- (ATSM training arranged for group in September, some attended ICISF seminars and others have undergone CISM training).

Several of the group had attended the CISM training at North Georgia. Feedback varied about the training:

- Mac reported the trainer used a multi-modal model and spent less time on the how-to's and more on being mental health professionals in stress management and debriefing. The training was 1-1/2 days and the trainer worked from the assumption that most of the attendees had been at the ATSM session.
- Joy's assessment was that ATSM was focused on structure (and was needed) while this training targeted the psychological aspects. She suggests the need for both.
- Regenia shared comments from her counselor who had attended both. He saw the NGCU training as a good follow up to the ATSM and thought both were necessary.

There was discussion that CISD would have to be modified for colleges. It is structured for first responders who experience constant stress.

Feedback about other training sessions attended/available:

- Alma went to GEMA training at Columbus State. The session was designed for P-12 but can be modified for higher education. She found it useful.
- Cathy and Susan (Risteau – SPSU) went to ICISF in Atlanta – it was less counseling related, more for first responders. Reported they didn't learn anything new – if completed ATSM, this training was not needed.

- Cathy facilitated ATSM for GSU Counseling Center staff and will do a similar session for the Dean of Students' staff. She has combined ATSM and CISM and this is her preferred training.
- Reviewed some training options and manuals listed on Agenda (FEMA, NOVA, mental health- Emergency Services).

Conclusions: Suggest we get all the training that is available. Group will follow up with NOVA training after Bates has gotten more details. Target date for four day training would be mid- to late- September. We need to work with RACSA for financial support.

The group voted to develop a transition task force within the organization to look at establishing a crisis response network (Loyd/Harris-Jolly motion). Three subcommittees would form under the structure of the taskforce (education, administration, funding/grant writing). The taskforce will take us from concept to action ready. Another group may be needed for implementation. Discussed need for all directors to assist with the process so some *Sub Committee assignments* were begun with the group in attendance. Bates will email those not in attendance for volunteers (could include staff members). We will revisit status at our fall meeting.

Administration	Education	Funding/Grant Writing
Marolyn	Cathy	Carol
Dudley	Mac	Ann
Mack	Dan	Mary Jane – grants
Bob Mattox	Predita	Bob Mays
Jerry?		Lydia
John Mitchell?		Joy

Action Items:

- 1) Need to obtain a copy of institution's crisis response plan and where (or if) counseling departments fit into it.
- 2) Maintain information on resources in college service area.
- 3) Continue seeking and participating in training activities.

Chair-Elect Nominations/Election

After opening the floor for nominations and discussion, Stephanie Harris-Jolly was unanimously approved as the Chair-Elect for 2005-2007 (Loyd-Howard motion).

Next steps for CDA

The group explored other issues needing attention which included: site visits/peer reviews, retention impact – outcome measures, scheduling systems (Cathy has a rating of all systems and will send it to Phyllis for distribution to the group).

Need to consider what can be done by the summer meeting (proposed dates are June 17, July 8 and 15). Bates will solicit taskforce volunteers. The taskforce would likely meet May 13 in Macon or back at Clayton State. Bates will also get details about the NOVA training.

Other Announcements/Issues:

Dudley distributed a handout: Suicide Prevention Policy from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Conference tentatively scheduled for November 10 at the Carter Center. Thanks

information may be sent to RACSA. A group from UGA went to a suicidology conference sponsored by NASPA in Rhode Island. Another conference will be held April 5 in Colorado.

Respectfully submitted by,

Phyllis N. Weatherly
Past-Chair and Recorder