

Summary Debriefing

December 15, 2009



Access to Services:

- There has been a slight decrease in the number of participants in the Uinta County Court Supervised Treatment Program (hereafter court supervised treatment program). This change may be attributed to the economic climate. Police arrests have declined, families have moved from the community and there has been a change at the Uinta County Attorney's Office resulting in more cases being filed at the felony level and fewer cases handled at the circuit court level.
- All necessary and required components and services are offered in-house through this court supervised treatment program.
- *When required services are necessary for treatment court participants, there is a gap for other community offered services. Pioneer Counseling, a local mental health center, refuses to accept court supervised treatment program clients unless they have been receiving services prior to entering the program.*
- *A client of the court supervised treatment program could benefit from prescriptions that would assist with reducing cravings for alcohol and even have possible assistance for payment, but cannot find a doctor to obtain this prescription.*
 - These programs could benefit from "quality of life" funds from the state or small amounts of discretionary funds to handle immediate needs.



Quality of Services including support for recovery:

- The commitment and dedication of staff involved with the court supervised treatment program has created a level of unsurpassed quality in this program. Most of the court supervised treatment program workers have been with the program since September of 1997, when the program began in this community.
- It was suggested that random urinary analysis's (UA's) be increased. This would require either additional court supervised treatment program staff or possible assistance from another agency such as law enforcement or the Department of Corrections, for example.
- Participants and court supervised treatment program staff have respect for the judge and often the judge gives them a positive reinforcement or "nudge;" this helps everyone involved stay engaged in treatment.
- The services provided by the court supervised treatment program appear to be individualized and created to fit the specific needs of each client. Much of the individualization is done with treatment, as well as with the case worker. Some of the specific issues addressed include, but are not limited to:
 - Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR);
 - couples counseling;

- anger management;
- parenting classes, and
- depression screening.



Collaboration:

- This court supervised treatment program appears to collaborate closely with:
 - Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) for participants to obtain their general equivalency diploma;
 - Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR);
 - Safe Program;
 - Department of Family Services (DFS) when applicable;
 - local attorneys, and
 - independent mental health workers.
- *There was some concern that local law enforcement officers may not fully understand or appreciate the role of the court supervised treatment program and not make appropriate contacts or referrals. It was suggested that local law enforcement be approached regarding training about the program.*

Drug court is 100% effective in giving folks the opportunity to make change; then it is up to the person!

Uinta County Court Supervised Treatment Program

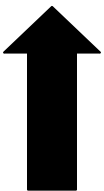
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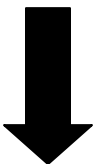
Overarching principals as reported from review participants and others:

- Uinta County Court Supervised Treatment Program (hereafter referred to as court supervised treatment program) was the first such court in Wyoming; this program has the benefit of stable staffing who are extremely competent, qualified and committed to the success of the program.
- As a result of the longevity of this program, the community is understanding and respects the treatment court program.
- All services offered through this program are offered through in-house staffing.
- The need for assistance with data entry in this area has been addressed and resolved.
- The court supervised treatment program is a jail-based program and is considered a residential treatment facility.



Strength Findings:

- The clients interviewed felt that the court supervised treatment program did a great job at addressing substance abuse as a disease and treating as such and did not just focus on behavioral issues.
- The court supervised treatment program does a great job working with other organizations in getting the clients a GED and transitional care.
- The court supervised treatment program also has a great relationship with public health.
- The court supervised treatment program also appears to have a positive relationship with the local DVR office and works with them with most clients.



Opportunities for Improvement:

- There is a significant collaboration issue between the court supervised treatment program and Pioneer Counseling. Pioneer Counseling is refusing to provide services to treatment court participants, unless that individual was a patient prior to entering the court supervised treatment program. For example, one client needs anger management services which are available at the mental health center but are being denied on the basis of the court supervised treatment program participation.



General Findings:

- This community could benefit from an Oxford House, or something similar to assist with transitional services.
- There appears to be a lack of support from the Wyoming State Hospital. If a client is in need of a psychological evaluation, this service typically costs the client between \$400.00 - \$500.00, which is not affordable to most, if not all of the clients associated with the court supervised treatment program.

