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Brief Summary Conner Decree Activities

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State Hospital Schools:

Essential Lifestyle Plans (IPPs):

Each SHS has moved forward with using the ELP personal futures planning model for the IPPs. At both SHSs each resident's IPP is now so designed. In addition each SHS is sharing its ELP knowledge with community providers.

Behavioral consultant:

Contract signed with IUAP and in process of setting up to produce consultant's recommendations that can find indirect benefit to community settings whenever practicable without exceeding the limits of the settlement which apply the behavioral consultant's work to SHSs operations. Some time can be allocated to consult with the training consortium.

Admissions:

Admissions continue to be vigorously screened to deflect admissions and attach consulting to prevent SHS admissions. Placements out of the SHSs continue to include transition plans with follow-up consulting available and use of consulting required to exercise return placement guarantees demanded by community providers accepting placements. Each SHS also has done extensive community consultation for persons who have not been admitted.

Conner Plan Activities:

Several subgroups have been meeting and working since the Plan was created. The Plan Advisory Committee will be starting the annual plan revision process in March.

Goal: Information Sharing.

A process for sharing information between the SHSs, CPCs, and the various case managers has been developed and implemented. This included developing a release format and using the SHS data system to disseminate information to the case managers and CPCs. SHSs have also identified how they will be involved in the county planning process for residents served by the county. SHSs have also met in a work group of case managers and CPCs to set up how to involve the SHSs in the county planning process, and are taking steps to involve CPCs as practical members of the residents' interdisciplinary teams. The SHSs have also developed ongoing working relations with the SCM county

plan implementing arm called the SCAT team. A new step anticipates looking at ramifications of guardians who refuse to sign release forms.

Goal: Transition Process.

A workgroup is working on guidelines for planning consumer visits to various living options so a more informed choice can be made when discharge becomes imminent. Advisory group's recommendation to strengthen transition planning at the SHSs has been implemented. Funding issues for transition has been referred to the Funding Workgroup.

Goal: Community Services.

The Decree has been provided to each CPC and their input in the Plan development requested; including membership on the workgroups. A number of CPCs have responded and serve on the workgroups. CPCs are added to SHS Interdisciplinary Teams as they are released by clients to do so. They are therefore also involved in the Essential Lifestyles Planning (IPP) process, the community visitation process, discharge planning process, transition process, and preventive intervention and consultation process. Information and training given the CPCs on the ELP process may also be offered at CPC regional meetings and ISAC schools and ongoing open houses at the SHSs. A workgroup was convened to look at aggregate information on people residing at the SHSs which CPCs and other entities might need to help their planning process, and from that the CPCs did decide the current information was sufficient. SHSs will work with individual CPCs needing specific data as they request it.

Goal: Crisis Intervention.

A steering group was created to design the first steps to develop a planning process for intervening or preventing crises. The committee has begun its work and developed an initial timeline. The committee is now working on a plan for describing a crisis prevention and response network, which will include recommendations for funding and what parts could be implemented before full funding is acquired. This group is to coordinate and cooperate with other groups looking at the MR/DD service system, specifically the State/County Management Committee and its subgroup, the MR/DD System Committee.

Goal: Housing.

MH/DD Housing Specialist has communicated with all CPCs on basic information of affordable housing and technical assistance that is available; this has been in the form of memos, phone communications,

and articles in the Iowa County magazine. He also has met with the North Central CPC group, the NW group, and the South Central CPC group. Additional meetings and communications are planned. Several counties wanting assistance and information related to housing have been offered assistance with developing their housing development plans. The Divisions plan to create a workgroup to the MR/DD System Committee will also look at housing and will disseminate information concerning the new HCBS rent subsidy, coordinating with the Housing Specialist.