

September 2017 Report of the ITS Committee – Understanding the ITS Population

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Meeting Occurrence

All meetings were held via Conference calls on: 4/20/17, 5/9/17, 5/30/17, 6/22/17, 8/15/17, 9/12/17

Work Summary & Accomplishments

Our committee, over the past six months, continuously developed and updated our goals as we delved into our work. Those goals at present are:

- I. Provide definition and profile of an ITS Individual
- II. Answer the question of whether an “ITS Individual’ needs to be with an “ITS Provider”
- III. Define ITS Program versus ITS Provider
- IV. Does an individual identified as ITS need to be in an ITS Program?
- V. Determine if all ITS type programs are to self-identify as an ITS Provider, do they need to be required to be at COP?

We would like to provide an update to the September ITS Summit on our progress and thoughts on these goals, expecting that a more global conversation and input may be required before a statewide approach to the ITS Population is agreed upon. We also have a recommendation from this committee to all Area Agencies which at the forefront of our updates and comments we will state, and follow up in conclusion with more detailed thoughts. That recommendation is:

All Area Agencies are encouraged to hold Local summits to educate stakeholders around the population and the role of the Area Agency versus all the other community partners and to stress the positive outcomes from collaboration and information sharing amongst all community partners.

Goal I. Provide definition and profile of an ITS Individual

This committee recommends adopting/remaining with the definition used by the Community of Practice:

“Individuals with moderate to high risk for sexual offending, arson, significant & persistent violent behavior.”

The profile of the ITS individual is not complete as of the date of this report. This committee intends to look at specific clients and the data available and see what commonalities in profiles exist.

Goal II. Answer the question of whether an “ITS Individual” needs to be with an “ITS Provider”

There was actually much monthly discussion on this topic. It is understood that some may be running programs not identified as an ITS program at this time, but clearly serving individuals that meet the definition of an ITS individual. Identifying those programs and formalizing their status is a separate topic in the opinion of this committee. Outside of that that, **the committee has determined that yes, an ITS Individual should be served by an ITS Provider.**

Goal III. Define ITS Program versus ITS Provider

Going forward, this committee recommends that an “ITS Program” versus an “ITS Provider” should not exist. We offer up Region 3’s program at Broader Horizons as an example. These types of programs need to identify themselves as ITS Providers and be counted in our statewide capacity for ITS individuals.

Goal IV. Does an individual identified as ITS need to be in an ITS Program?

Based on the recommendation that came out of Goal III, we believe this is N/A, there will not be ITS “Programs” outside of “ITS Providers.”

Goal V. Determine if all ITS type programs are to self-identify as an ITS Provider, do they need to be required to be at COP?

We understand that there is also work being done around Statewide Risk and COP, and yes, we believe that to continue to move forward as a comprehensive system adequately addressing ITS needs, that all ITS programs need to be identified going forward as ITS Providers and represented at COP.

Next steps

This committee is fully prepared to both continue this discussion and the development of an ITS “Profile” if so charged as a result of the September reconvening of the Statewide Summit.

As mentioned in our opening, we also feel there is great value in extended the model of the Statewide Summit to each Area Agency and recommend holding local Summits. Attached is an outline of the considerations and steps that may assist an Area Agency in planning a local summit.

Respectfully submitted,

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