

Testimony
Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration
Senator, Joel, C. Heitkamp, Chairman
January 31, 2008

Chairman Heitkamp and members of the Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration, I am JoAnne Hoesel, Director of the Divisions of Mental Health & Substance Abuse and Developmental Disabilities with the Department of Human Services. I am here today to provide information on upcoming prevention activities, the state epidemiology work group, and interaction between the Department and Tribal areas with substance abuse treatment services. You will also hear first hand from several young adults in recovery from substance abuse.

Treatment

The Department funds several substance abuse treatment programs in Tribal areas. North Central Human Service Center funds a position at Circle of Life in New Town and also provides partial funding for the Parshall Resource Center. Lake Region Human Service Center has contracts with Spirit Lake and Fifth Generation in Belcourt. All four Tribal reservations have licensed substance abuse treatment programs. Of the 24,138 clients served in SFY 2007 in all service areas at the eight regional human service centers, 10% or 2,529 were Native American. Of that total, 200 were referred by law enforcement, corrections, Tribal Court or non-Tribal court. 186 were self-referred and 111 were referred by a county social service agency.

Prevention

The Division contracts for twelve (12) prevention coordinators around the state. Their mission is to grow the prevention framework in their regions or Tribal areas and strengthen support for prevention of substance use and abuse. The Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) is providing funding to over 23 community coalitions in North Dakota to hold Town Hall meetings the week of March 31, 2008. These Town Hall meetings are designed to heighten awareness of underage drinking and its consequences and provide an avenue to strategize solutions and strengthen community support. The Town Hall meetings will receive National media support. The Division of Mental Health & Substance Abuse nominated the community coalitions based upon their submissions. Both the Division and the First Lady are offering support to the coalitions during this

week. During this same week, the Division and the Office of the First Lady are planning prevention events to raise awareness and decrease underage drinking. (Attachment A)

State Data

In 2006, the Division of Mental Health Substance Abuse obtained funding to support the State Epidemiological Outcome Workgroup (SEOW). The mission of the SEOW is to utilize relevant state, tribal, and local data to guide substance abuse prevention, planning, programming and evaluation. The North Dakota SEOW guided by a 48-member advisory committee or workgroup, collects and analyzes data to support a framework for advancing the North Dakota substance use and abuse prevention system's mission. The data, summarized in a Epidemiological Profile characterizes consumption patterns and consequences of various substances in the state of North Dakota.

I will now ask the Division's Prevention Administrator, Pam Sagness, to introduce the young adults here today. Thank you.

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