

Washington State Omaha System Users Group  
October 7, 2009  
Summary Minutes

1. Welcome and attendance

2. Goal: **“The goal of this group is to agree on standards for Omaha System pathways so that Washington Omaha System users can gather the same outcomes data...The consensus was to attempt to create shared core pathways for populations.” Clarification: KBS ratings apply to the *problem*, not specific interventions.**

3. Infant-child population:

The group consensus was to adopt four Omaha System problems to be assessed for all infants and children:

- Growth and development
- Abuse
- Neglect
- Health care supervision

4. Pregnant woman/parent/caregiver population:

Always used if applicable

- Pregnancy
- Postpartum
- Caretaking/parenting

Standard Assessment

- Mental health
- Abuse
- Substance use
- Income
- Health care supervision

Possible additional problems

- Communication with community resources
- Interpersonal relationship
- Nutrition
- Residence
- Sanitation
- Family planning

Next Steps: Groups were formed to create core pathways for group review at the next meeting. We decided to start with existing pathways (examples available on [omahasystemmn.org](http://omahasystemmn.org) – see Washington documents and Minnesota examples). Multi-county work groups are preferred so that more than one perspective will be represented. The pathways should be prepared for large group review by the meeting November 4. Please feel free to e-mail Karen Monsen ([mons0122@umn.edu](mailto:mons0122@umn.edu)) with specific questions if needed.

Problems	Volunteer	
Child - Neglect	The Hub	
Child - Abuse	The Hub	
Child - Growth and development	The Hub	
Child - Health Care Supervision	Benton-Franklin	Kitsap
Pregnancy	Spokane	Kitsap
Postpartum	Spokane	Kitsap
Caretaking/parenting	Snohomish	Skagit
Mental Health	Snohomish	Skagit
Substance Use	Grays Harbor	?
Adult - Abuse	Grays Harbor	?
Income	Grays Harbor	?
Health care supervision	Benton-Franklin	Kitsap

Example of pathway template:

<b>Problem: ABUSE (Adult)</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Specific Information</b>	<b>Notes (free text)</b>
	S	SIGNS / SYMPTOMS - PHYSICAL	RF 11: Domestic Violence	
	S	SIGNS/ SX - MENTAL/ EMOTIONAL	RF 16: history of abuse	
	TGC	SIGNS/ SX - MENTAL/ EMOTIONAL	effects of domestic violence on children/adults	
	TGC	SAFETY	safety plan	
	CM	SOCIAL WORK / COUNSELING CARE	BHS; DV counseling	<i>e.g. Support group YMCA</i>

Future Conference calls:

Conference call # 5 - 11/4 1-2:30pm

Conference call # 6 - 12/2 1-2:30pm

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