NWI Evaluation and Research Workgroup
Summary of Annual Meeting
July 15, 2010

Attendees:
- Eric Bruns, Univ of Washington
- David Osher, AIR, Washington, DC
- Kirsten Metcalf, Three Rivers Wraparound, Kennewick, WA
- Frank Pace, Rhode Island
- Rosalyn Bertram, UWKC
- Steve Kossor, Pennsylvania
- Mary Jo Meyers, Wraparound Milwaukee
- Manuel Lua, UC-Davis
- John Nibbio, San Louis Obispo County, CA
- Jesse Suter, Univ of Vermont

Review of Current Projects Underway or Recently Completed:
- *Journal of Child and Family Studies* Special Series on Wraparound Implementation and Implementation research
  - All articles (N=10) now in final review.
- Fidelity and Outcomes Benchmarking Project
  - Eric reviewed current progress. Compiled summary of data collected and actual data from approx. 10 programs nationally (e.g., CAFAS, CANS, and residential data)
  - Project has stalled out due to lack of resource and lack of clear consistency in data and methods
  - Feedback from group:
    - California Alliance for Nonprofits is conducting a benchmarking exercise (Jon Nibbio)
- Wraparound Fidelity Index
  - Currently is undergoing analysis via Item Response Theory (IRT); a paper for submission to *Psych Assessment* is being developed
  - Analysis is intended to inform revision to a briefer version
  - A version of the Youth form that is presented in self-report version for linking to email and facebook is also being developed
- NWI (Eric Bruns) has send advisors a survey of data collection and reporting needs for ongoing monitoring and feedback of wraparound/child and family teams
  - Interest in developing a Monitoring and Feedback system (MFS) specific to wraparound.
  - Survey results clearly identified 4 areas of primary interest for a MFS:
    - Goals/Needs and progress toward meeting them
    - Core outcomes (e.g., home, school, community functioning)
    - Family and youth natural and community connectedness
    - Check-in on team process
  - Group discussed idea of MFS and the following feedback was provided:
**Focus on outcomes and efficiency is critical**

**Focus on youth and family assets is critical (David Osher will provide example dashboard he has been working on)**

### Major Additional Priority Research/Evaluation Areas Identified

1. **Workforce and Staff Development Study**
   - This has been identified as a priority for some time; Rosalyn and Chuni Li began a study last year
   - Goals would be to better understand:
     a. who is hired and what knowledge is brought versus gained over time
     b. Knowledge, skills, and aptitudes

2. **Multi-site naturalistic study of mechanisms of change**
   - Would take place in 1-2 states with variation in fidelity and implementation context
   - Would evaluate what accounts for most variation in outcomes, e.g.:
     a. Services received vs
     b. Social support vs
     c. Promotion of self-efficacy vs
     d. Organizational and system factors
     e. Etc
   - Eric Bruns is exploring a NIMH R01 around these questions

3. **Model Description and Evaluation of Wraparound as applied to specific populations, e.g:**
   - Sexual offenders (Steve Gilbertson in WI needs to be connected to project in GA)

4. **Youth in Transition Strengths Measure (Jesse Suter)**

### Next steps:

- Obtain dashboard example from David O.
- Connect Steve Gilbertson and MJM with folks in GA working with sexual offending youth
  - Consider writing a model description paper
- Get feedback from R&E group on Monitoring and Feedback system – Eric Bruns will send to all members
- Circulate these minutes to group, then post on Research and Evaluation section of the website