

To Richard Lynn

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1. N/A
2. El Dorado County Drug and Alcohol, Mental Health, Probation, Public Defender, District Attorney; NAMI
- 3.1 Primarily referrals come from the defense attorneys, based upon their belief that a client would benefit from services.
- 3.2 Mental Health is suppose to do an assessment and then the team determines if the person is an appropriate candidate. On several occasions, despite Mental Health's initial conclusion that a person does not meet criteria; further assessment has found the person appropriate. This has taken much arm twisting.
- 3.3 Clients don't want to be on formal probation: subject to drug testing and other restrictions. Sometimes on misdemeanors, the D.A. will sweeten the pot by offering a dismissal upon successful completion.
- 3.4 Currently there is not a wait list.
- 3.5 n/a
- 4.1 N/A
- 4.2 Currently probation does not test very often -- this is a problem. In the past, clients were tested on a weekly basis (or more frequently).
- 4.3 n/a
- 4.4 n/a
- 4.5 Currently none. In the past a representative from the jail would attend the meetings and would sometimes refer clients.
- 4.6 The gravity of their crime is believed to require a jail sentence; or they have repeatedly violated their probation.
- 4.7 Sometimes felonies will be reduced to misdemeanors. In the past a form of diversion was offered on misdemeanor cases. Quite frankly there should be more incentives on low level cases to encourage people to participate early on in their foray into the criminal justice system.
- 4.8 n/a
- 4.9 n/a
- 4.10 n/a
- 5.1 n/a
- 5.2 n/a
- 5.3 I don't think there are any
- 5.4 Is there one?
- 5.5 n/a
- 5.6 n/a