

9/23/09 – Mental Health Affinity Group Webinar for 2007/2008/2009 Cohorts  
Breakout Room #4 – districts with greater than 20,000 students  
Facilitator – Nancy Kelly  
Attendees – Amarillo TX, Roseville MN, Cobb County GA, Montgomery AL

**Question 1 –**

Cobb County GA: 25 people working on project with half of them being with MH; 10 licensed clinicians; 4 Family Support Specialists, 1 certified Addiction Counselor (still developing his role); 1 Transition Specialist and 1 Clinical Social Worker (0 to 5)

Roseville MN: 4 different school districts; school based MH model has been in existence for 9 years; 57 schools; they contract with 3 different MH agencies; utilize a school linked model; triage system with case management; continuum of services

Montgomery AL: 3 FFT therapists; 1 Social Worker; 1 day per week access to a Psychiatrist; making progress with schools being made aware of MH services

Cobb County GA: 35 schools; utilize Learning Support Resource Teams that meet 1 to 2 times per month; triage students with unmet needs and then follow their progress; most staff are housed in the schools; each clinician has 3 schools and they co-facilitate the Learning Support Resource Teams

**Question 2 –**

Cobb County GA: this is the first taste of school based MH programming; worked with attorney and local board of education to make sure their parent consent meets legal requirements; 400 kids over 4 year period is their target but they have already served 200 in first year; received an overwhelming response to referrals; half of their MH staff are school district employees and half are subcontracted, which made it challenging as they had to create a new system for sharing information and referrals

Montgomery AL: MH professionals are district employees and 1 counselor is contracted through local MH agency

Amarillo TX: new SB MH as of Jan 09

Cobb County GA: always had social workers and school counselors but what they could do was limited; student support staff had to refer out; to be in the schools is new

Montgomery AL: school based MH is new

Roseville MN: have had school based model for past 8 or 9 years; SSHS project added culturally specific component

**Question 3 –**

Roseville MN: No real issues about buy-in; schools brought the need for services to the collaborative; few resources; quick access to services; increased responsiveness