

AR Committee Strategic Planning

3 Statutory areas the AR Committee is required to examine and make recommendations on:

1. Receipt and screening of reports
2. Ongoing use of Alternative and Traditional Response
3. Provision of Services*

*Provision of services within AR and Non-Court cases to ensure child safety, reduce the risk of child abuse/neglect and to engage families.

Small Group Questions:

Regarding the receipt and screening of reports:

1. What's going well in this area?
2. What concerns, if any do you have in this area?
3. What information do we need in order to determine the effectiveness of this part of the system?

Regarding the ongoing use of Alternative Response and Traditional Response:

1. What's going well in this area?
2. What concerns, if any do you have about this area?
3. What information do we need in order to determine the effectiveness of this part of the system?

Regarding the provision of services within AR and Non-Court cases:

1. What's going well in this area?
2. What concerns do you have about this area?
3. What information do we need in order to determine the effectiveness of this part of the system?

Next Meeting Questions:

1. What themes emerged from our strategic planning discussion? (We could also summarize themes and suggest priority areas for a vote)
2. What 2-3 themes do we want to prioritize moving forward?
3. What data, education, and resources do we need in order to work on our designated priority areas?
4. Who will "own" these priority areas? What workgroups do we need to create? Who will lead them?

Pulse Survey Highlights:

If you had a magic wand, what would you change?

- Communication
- Support around success
- The exclusionary criteria and RED team criteria
- Caseload size (including amount of dedicated AR workers)
- More transparent as far as participation and outcomes
- More effective transition to juvenile court when necessary
- The program would be used more
- Legal assistance for evictions, public benefit denials, guardianships, etc

What are the 3 most important areas this committee should address?

- Mental Health needs-treatment options that engage youth and families
- Resources
- Oversight of AR & non-court cases
- Process to move to court involved when necessary
- Educate families on services that are available to them
- Legalities surrounding parental rights when a child is placed out of home (not sure if this is referring to voluntary placement?)