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ChangePoint gets high rating in Correctional Assessment Checklist (CPC)

ChangePoint A&D treatment program ranks amongst top 7% in country

PORTLAND, OR, May 18, 2006 – The Evidence Based Correctional Assessment Checklist (CPC) conducted by the Oregon Department of Corrections gave ChangePoint its highest overall rating ("very satisfactory") for the agency's alcohol and drug addictions treatment program.

The CPC is a tool developed to assess correctional intervention programs, and is used to ascertain how closely correctional programs meet known principles of effective intervention.

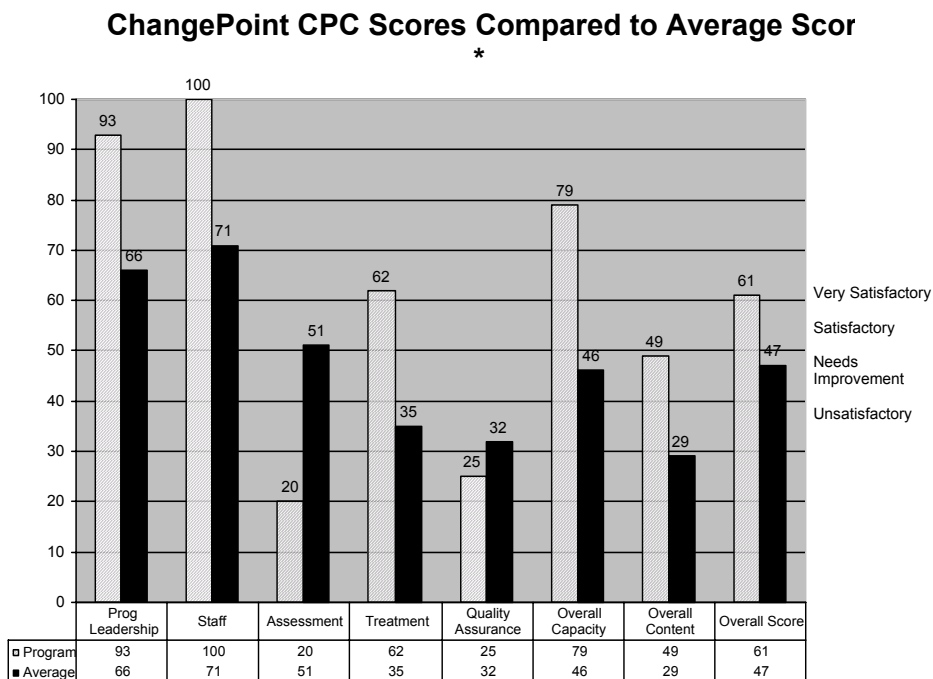
The CPC is divided into two basic areas; content and capacity. The capacity area includes Leadership and Development, Staff, and Quality Assurance. The content area focuses on the substantive domains of Offender Assessment and Treatment, and the extent to which the program meets the principles of risk, need, responsiveness, and treatment. There are a total of seventy-seven indicators, worth up to 83 total points that are scored during the assessment. Each area is scored and rated as either "Very Satisfactory" (61% to 100%); "Satisfactory" (51% to 60%); "needs improvement" (40% to 50%); or "Unsatisfactory" (less than 40%).

The CPC evaluation took place at the ChangePoint Beaverton, OR office on 4/6/06. The assessment process consisted of a series of structured interviews with the program director, counseling staff, and program participants. Additionally, data were gathered via the examination of several representative files (open and closed), as well as other relevant program materials, e.g., treatment manuals, assessments, training protocol, ethical guidelines, and staff evaluations. Three evaluators conducted the various interviews, observations and file reviews. Data from the various sources were used to determine a consensus CPC score and provide the recommendations to follow.

Researchers at the University of Cincinnati have assessed over 400 programs nationwide, and have developed a large database on correctional intervention programs. Only 7 percent of the programs assessed have been classified as “very satisfactory.”

The CPC overall score for the ChangePoint alcohol and drug addictions treatment program placed the agency in the highest ranking, “very satisfactory.”

In the areas of Program Leadership, Staff, Treatment and Overall Capacity, the ChangePoint average score was 83.5% as compared to a national average in these categories of 54.5%.



* The average scores are based on 404 results across a wide range of programs. Very Satisfactory = 61% or higher; Satisfactory = 51-60%; Needs Improvement = 40-50%; Unsatisfactory = less than 40%.

“The results of the CPC assessment are very encouraging and we are pleased that this third-party evaluation has substantiated some of the evidence based treatment practices that we have established over the past several years,” said Chris Farentinos, ChangePoint Research and Clinical Director. “However, our focus is on continual improvement of all the treatment programs we offer, and although we scored very high in the CPC appraisal, the review process revealed some areas—especially in assessment and quality assurance--in which there is room for improvement,” she added.

According to Richard Drandoff, ChangePoint Executive Director, "In response to the CPC recommendations, we have created a task force to research the field and find the right assessment instrument, train staff and then select a sample of our client body to collect pre- and post-treatment data to measure our outcomes. We also intend to research the field for a computerized, standardized assessment that can be used to collect pre- and post-treatment data. These research-based standardized assessments will provide us with platforms to build a more individualized and complete treatment plan for our clients. "

ChangePoint has provided outpatient chemical dependency treatment in the Portland Metropolitan and Vancouver, Washington areas continuously since 1983. ChangePoint has a professional and administrative staff of 53 employees and offers treatment services in six physical locations to an average of 1000 clients at any given time (20% Spanish-speaking). The Company receives clients from 20 different referral sources and contracts with Care Oregon and Kaiser Insurances. In 2004, the Company received over 2500 referrals from a variety of sources, including Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants Unit, Department of Community Corrections, High Risk Drug Unit in Multnomah County, Department of Human Services, Domestic Violence Units and others.

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