

Minutes
Communities Connect Membership Meeting
Friday, October 10, 2008

Meeting Objectives

- Review of policy survey
- Finalize agenda for 2009 Legislative Session
- Update membership on GH outcomes project & 5100 opportunity

Present: Jesus Hernandez, Community Choice Network; Trang Pham (for Holly Greenwood), CHOICE Regional Health Network; Ralph DeCristoforo, Community-Minded Enterprises; Jackie Saul, Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access; Kerri Lenderman, Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access; Marilyn Andrews, Molina Healthcare; Patty Hayes, WithinReach; Sue Sharpe, Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access; Kristen West, CHOICE Regional Health Network; Diane Morton, Skagit Valley Hospital; Debbie Bahr, Free Clinic of Southwest Washington; Lisa Podell, Children's Health Initiative

Agenda

Introductions and Agenda Review

2009 Legislative Preparation

The group reviewed the 2009 Legislative Survey Responses, which indicated agreement among all respondents with the legislative issues Communities Connect hopes to address.

2009 Legislative Draft Agenda & Strategy Development

- Community Health Collaborative Grant Program

The group agreed that if the legislative proposal to continuing funding for this program doesn't gain traction in the legislature, we will focus on a budget proviso in the governor's budget.

- Review & Discussion on Next steps on "Putting the Pieces Together"

The group discussed at length the Putting the Pieces Together documents developed by Kristen. She feels that the legislators and their staff are eager to learn about community collaboratives, and would like consensus from the group on our approach – which is summarized in these materials. Primary discussion points are:

- 1) Establishing regions
- 2) Monetary amounts to plug into the current pilots and programs, reactions to the timing of each phase,
- 3) What are the 5 outcomes we will achieve (quantified); and
- 4) What are the most compelling points to make under the section entitled "How Collaboratives Put the Pieces Together" to allay fears of "another layer of admin."

The group agreed that members will share the documents prepared by Kristen with their boards and stakeholders and provide Kristen with feedback as soon as possible. Feedback offered today included indicating up front what the benefit of this legislation is to the state, and that the regions created for this project should be naturally occurring relationships. Kristen has a volunteer who is willing to examine statistical data regarding various regional relationships across the state, although the group agreed not to hold up the process of delivering this plan to the legislature by getting tied up in the region development issue. Kristen will update these documents based on the feedback she receives. She will also add bullet points to the end of the narrative regarding legislative goals to maximize use of SCHIP funds and maintaining funding for Public Health departments.

Other Issues

- 5100 School Pilot

This topic was tabled for the next meeting.

- GH Outcomes Project

We have identified 4 standard outcome measures – decreasing Emergency Department use, access to coverage, access to care, and maximizing efficiency. We are working with John Gilvar, the contractor working on this project, to narrow down his scope of work and will follow up with the group at the next meeting. John will not be presenting at the CJA conference.

Budget and Financials

- Membership Update

We are seeking a member from Eastern WA to serve as the Member at Large on the Executive Committee.

- Budget 09' Development

The group will be updated on the Coordinator Position development at the next meeting.

Kristen and Jackie are working to develop a draft of the 2009 budget.

Review of Next Steps:

- **Next Meeting:– November 14, 2008**

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