

<p>in the 2010 Legislative session due to both statewide and organizational budget limitations. The majority of Holly's time spent on legislative efforts in the past few years has been donated by CHOICE. The Executive Committee would like to determine what Communities Connect can realistically accomplish without continuing to rely on CHOICE for Holly's time. Current membership dues are not sufficient to pay for Holly's time, and any funding from HCA could not be used for lobbying efforts. Holly feels \$10,000 is needed to adequately fund her time spent on legislative work. She noted that Community Choice has made a sponsorship pledge of \$5,000 and CHOICE may be able to pledge \$1,000. Today's group, as well as the Executive Committee, agrees it is critical to continue to have a presence at the legislature and serve as a resource to elected officials.</p> <p>Ralph suggested seeking federal funds aimed at coalition building, similar to funding WACMCH has used for WCOMO. Holly noted there is funding available from HRSA but if Communities Connects pursues federal funding it should first look at becoming an independent 501(c)(3) organization. Today's group agreed now is a good time to begin this process to position Communities Connect in a leadership role in implementing healthcare reform in Washington.</p> <p>In summary, today's group agreed it is important for Communities Connect to maintain a legislative presence although priorities have yet to be established. Additionally, the Executive Committee will continue to explore infrastructure and 501 (c)(3) status over the coming months and report back to membership. Funding and sustainability will be taken into consideration. It was agreed that a formal referendum should be presented to the full membership, although everyone on today's call agreed to the plan.</p>	<p>Discussion Decision / Identify Next Steps</p>	<p>Jesus</p>
<p>HCCY Lisa informed the group of a new HCCY committee formed to address access issues, specifically ensuring children are able to get to providers. The committee is investigating if there are sufficient providers (including dental) and that there are sufficient incentives for providers, such as reimbursement rates. Lisa extended an invitation for interested Communities Connect members to join the committee, which includes representatives from medical plans, providers and one representative from a community organization. Lisa would like to see more community representation on the committee. The meeting frequency and time commitment is unknown, although Lisa feels it will be sporadic and no more than once a month. The meetings will take place in Seattle with a phone in option. Lisa will send out more information.</p>	<p>Information</p>	<p>Lisa</p>
<p>Administrative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee Retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of work to date <p>Minutes from the last Executive Committee retreat were sent out with today's packet. There have been 2 meetings so far and a third is planned for later this month. Issues being addressed include the organizational budget, sustainability, legislative agenda, work plan, spring conference, expanding membership and increasing revenues.</p>	<p>Update</p>	<p>Jesus/ Exec Comm</p>
<p>Review of Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next General Membership Meeting:– September 11, 2009 • Adjourn 		<p>Jesus</p>