

Minutes
Communities Connect Membership Meeting
Friday – September 5, 2008
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Participants: Marilyn Andrews, Molina Healthcare; Debbie Bahr, Free Clinic of SW WA; Debbie Baril, Community-Minded Enterprises; John Driscoll, Spokane Co. Project Access; Holly Greenwood, CHOICE Regional Health Network; Patty Hayes, WithinReach; Jesus Hernandez, Community Choice Healthcare Network; Sallie Neillie, King Co. Project Access; Sue Sharpe, Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access; Don Sloma, Washington Health Foundation; Kristen West, CHOICE Regional Health Network; Kirsten Wysen, King Co. Public Health
 Staff: Jackie Saul, Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access

Meeting Objectives

- Welcome/Introduction of New Members
- Election of CC Officers and other transition Issues
- Overview of Group Health Grant Outcomes Project
- Preparation for 2009 Legislative Session
- Strategies for Moving Forward

Agenda

<i>Topic</i> <i>(Desired Outcome)</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Leader</i>
Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review	Info	Sue
<p>Communities Connect Transition Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Officers/Executive Committee <p>The slate of officers was presented and unanimously approved as follows: Jesus Hernandez – Chair Sallie Neillie – Vice Chair Patty Hayes – Secretary Kristen West – Treasurer Sue Sharpe – Past Chair</p> <p>The Member at Large position remains open.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing discussion <p>We are moving toward developing a Coordinator/ED position to perform duties currently being done by Officers. This would be part time position. Holly Greenwood will continue to serve in this position (thanks to CHOICE offering some of her time) as we pursue funding. The goal is to make it a more developed position.</p>	Discuss/ Action	Sue/Group
At this time the agenda was turned over to the new chair, Jesus Hernandez		
<p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Health Grant Outcomes Project (see attached) <p>In addition to the conference, another portion of the Group Health grant was to develop statewide health measurements. We have contracted with John Gilvar as we realized we needed dedicated staff time to do this. There is alignment with this and the proposed Healthy State Policy goals of the WA Health Foundation (see agenda item below). We envision that John will work with and report to Executive Committee to provide updates. He will also interview members. Once we have his recommendations they will be presented to the full committee, and membership will be kept engaged on his progress. This project will create statewide standards and measurements for community collaboratives to use.</p>	Information/Discussion	Group

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCA – Community Collaborative Grant Program <p>The Community Collaborative grant program was created by legislation in 2007. Its funding is up this year and we now have to either request more money or do a budget proviso to get more funding. The Legislature also requested that grantees report back to HCA, who compiled their information into one report. This full report will be shared at a meeting Mon., Sept. 8, and we know that they have recommended continuing the funding. There is growing recognition and support for role of CC.</p>		
<p>Preparation for 2009 Legislative Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of past CC efforts <p>Key accomplishments over the past few years were shared with the group. CC members now represent 30 of 39 counties in Washington.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for Moving Forward <p>As the Governor’s office and key legislators are seeing the value of community collaboratives, we have been offered an opportunity to define and drive an effort toward a system of statewide community collaboratives. Kristen is willing to do some research into what this would look like.</p> <p>Comments from the group about this process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In addition to community work with frequent healthcare users there is also community work with enrollment and ensuring access for entire community – 2 ends of a spectrum that must be addressed. ○ In 08-09 it is important to look at kids outreach and enrollment and ensuring that kids are getting into services ○ This statewide collaborative would be “engine work” responsible for working with leaders – similar to North Carolina approach but more client driven rather than payer driven. It would ensure streamlined initiatives; avoid duplication of efforts. ○ We need to define the role of community collaboratives and their specific strategies. This will provide specific standards for looking at various initiatives and proposals. ○ The annual conference should be a forum to share success and best practices but also provide assistance to communities looking to implement these core standards. <p>Next steps: the Executive Committee will move forward to develop these core characteristics of a Community Collaborative. Membership is encouraged to share any other initiatives they may be aware of.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on WHF Initiatives <p>Don Sloma with the Washington Health Foundation discussed the Healthy State Policy goals paper (emailed to the group). The WHF hopes this will become legislation. Their focus is preventative care and developing a rational plan for improving use of preventative care. The group agreed this is a good match for the goals and work of CC and agreed to be involved with this.</p> <p>Next steps: add this to policy agenda development; survey membership regarding other initiatives.</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Kristen/ Holly/Don/ Group</p>

Other Issues

- Assignments/Next Steps
 - The Executive Committee will begin to develop the definition, core characteristics and strategies of a community collaborative.
 - Jackie, Holly, Jesus to develop Legislative Survey
 - Members are encouraged to share any other initiatives they are aware of.

- Next CC Membership Meeting Date: **Friday – October 10, 2008, 10:00 a.m.**

Note that meetings will now occur on the 2nd Friday of each month.

Info

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