

Allegheny County Health Planning Coalition
Meeting Summary
June 12, 2012

Members Present

Dr. Sue Raver	Lesla Diehl
Janet Wilson	Brenda Caldwell, Guest
Nancy Forlifer	Chris Delaney, Guest
Fred Tola	Tracy Curry, Guest
Jennifer Wilson	

Members Absent

Susan Walter
Susan Stewart
Mary Beth Pirolozzi

Welcome

Dr. Raver welcomed everyone and announced that the frequency of meetings was changing to every other month. The next meeting is scheduled for August and Maddie Shea, DHMH and Kristi Walker, WMHS will be attending as guests.

Review of Minutes

Dr. Raver asked if there were any corrections to the minutes for April and May. Nancy Forlifer suggested on page 5 of the May minutes under Wrap Up that the word “primary” in the first bullet be deleted. Fred made the motion to accept the minutes as presented with the change. Jennifer Wilson seconded the motion and the group unanimously agreed.

Dr. Raver commented on Captain Trueblood’s visit and that the contract is problematic due to liability (tort and indemnification clause). Dr. Raver and Fred met and sent note to David Morgan for review and wording suggestions that would be acceptable for state and federal governments. Application must be submitted by October.

Updates and Input for Implementation

Two items that will make a difference in progress: 1-Measures and 2-Coordination of plans among agencies. One agency may be lead, but other agencies can help with distribution and implementation. Priority #1 – Tobacco

- Community Transformation Grant received some funding
- Electronic billboards – to address second-hand smoke
 - Example of how info can be shared: Share message and distribute through pay day displays at WMHS, Board of Education, parish nurses, same message pushed out to agencies through whole campaign
- If funds are available, CTG can disseminate info.
- Suggested using already existing newsletters, such as Judy Center, Board of Ed, etc.
- Have the billboard message available electronically to send to all partners and channel 97
- For BoE, send one communication to Mia Cross now to distribute to all schools
- MD Quitline – use and promote more
- Contract for advertising in calendars for schools, public and private
- Two big BoE contacts:
 - Back to School nights for elementary and middle schools
 - First parent teacher conference at end of September (provide materials), all levels

- Career Center can help with copying
- Graphic Arts class – students will do designs free
- Materials placed in college receptacles and at other gathering places such as YMCA, medical and ob/gyn offices, Social Services, Family Preservation
 - Examples: Medication Safety at DSS, BoE Enrollment at HeadStart - set up tables like a mini mall for services (3rd or 4th Friday in March or April and will be on school calendar)
- Kathy Dudley’s prevention presentation is excellent; make effort to obtain invitations for second-hand smoke presentation at other places
- Making Healthy Choices Easy – worksite survey and monthly wellness email with tips would focus on tobacco in November
- This group is a vehicle to get good messages across the board
- Consider campaign launch dates

Priority #2 – Obesity

Mini grants for schools

- 4 out of 14 didn’t spend money yet
- 11,000 encounters
- A lot of positive things happened and will happen
- Report available later
- Janet – Reported about the Master Plan that is approximately 450 pages – one of the new sections is on child nutrition and will have to report in succinct manner what is going on at each school and by COMAR regulations will have to have a nutrition team in each school and a nutrition plan as part of the school improvement plan. Nutrition committee will come up with activities and ideas that are part of school culture promoting healthy eating. Could possibly get plans likely a one-page outline of what each school is doing. Approval of plan triggers state’s share of our local funding. Plans may vary some from school to school.
- Project Fit is going into Flintstone, Bishop Walsh and then New Creek, Mineral County. Requirement 2-year evaluation which might help with data to expand.
- Worksite survey on healthy eating and physical activity went out to 400 businesses, 50 have been returned. Baseline assessment for Healthy Choices subcommittee to look at and bring back to LHPC.

Priority #3 – Access & Priority and #10 – Dental

- Looking for a site in Cumberland for dental clinic
- Oral campaign kicked off

Priority #4 – Emotional and Mental Health

- Cumberland Ministerial Association starting to gather info for resource list, such as Depression Group at Christ Lutheran and make it available under website links
- Lesa mentioned 211 and will check to see if numbers are current on website for families to call so they can be channeled there and have one place to call or link
- How to get housing and neighborhood connections for public engagement
 - Contact Steve Kesner and request someone attend meetings
- Mental Health First Aid – would be great since mental health is big issue
 - Three ACHD staff were trained; however only Kara is available and should have two trainers. WCI Warden indicated once prison staff are trained they may be willing to coordinate with Kara.
 - Sessions have been done with DSS and HRDC and there are plans to do with local Wellness and Recovery Center

- Interested in finding places for 12-25 people (issue is 12-hr training)
- Hoping to offer to first responders maybe in conjunction with other events
- \$13-15 for books
- Nancy mentioned possibilities:
 - Faith-based and parish nurses
 - If we get community health care workers developed maybe they could be trained and get into housing and neighborhood associations
- Lesa to get information to Nancy Forlifer

Priority #5 – Substance Abuse

- April 28 National Prescription Take Back Day at 8 sites, 56 individuals that dropped off meds but some brought meds in bulk for neighbors, etc.
 - Waiting to hear back from DEA on amount received – meds are weighed.
- Modification submitted to Mark Luckner for four permanent fixed drop off sites instead of two temporary part-time folks. Commitments from police sites. More sustainable. Need to advertise. Will develop brochure for disposal. (Modified grant info attached.)
- Breathalyzer and liability with volunteers. Garrett County State Police did breathalyzer at Wine Fest. LaVale barracks will work with us to go to Friday after Five and similar events. Hire one part-time person to work with State Police at events and do promotion.
- All Sheriff's Office patrols would like to have breathalyzers; checking about purchasing four. WMHS purchase for State Police to use at events. With this funding purchase ones for sheriff's office patrols to help determine impact.
- In reducing two staff the funding changes and allows for more money to be used for outreach for minority populations and #4 and increase money for a variety of materials.
- Dr. Kolodny is on his way for training (99 are signed up)
- Requested modification yesterday. No monies have been received yet. An award letter was received a month ago.

Nancy requested that if there are future changes in the grant that an email be sent to coalition members for agreement and comment by email.

Nancy requested that chronic disease educational materials not be purchased yet as they may already be available and can be shared as we move toward keeping the message going out consistent.

Priority #8 – Health Literacy

- Nancy will email survey (10-15 questions) to assess if consumers are understanding information received. Can be used in ACHD clinics. Nancy will provide a draft for review.

Priority #11 – Ovarian Cancer

- Our plan of promoting - there is really no screening for it. Cancer Committee met and they supported that it is not a recommended screening.

Priority #13 – COPD

- Respiratory department wants to push this drive - COPD campaign. Example: Use assessment/screener during November to support and encourage both – 11/15 Great American Smoke Out and 11/4 Great American Screen Off. Nancy to get copies out for launch date.
 - Brochure could be personalized locally
- Other:
 - We Care Fair on June 28 relates to screening goal - risk assessments, billing questions, primary care homes, PAC, prescription assistance, triage

- Will send brochure as soon as available
- Transportation Advisory Board:
 - Met twice, not much info coming out. Focus on issue of outlying areas.
 - A fee for service model for using WMHS shuttle buses for Health Care transportation was looked at years ago and did not go over well. Now with the new structure and total patient revenue, it may be worth reevaluating. Review to see if any potential as option.
 - ATA proposing more changes for bus lines
 - Get some updates on transportation so we can decide what to do. It is on next phase.

Action Plan

- Received chart with activities and moving into Phase 2 beginning July 1 – information to help us be proactive and coordinate better
- Requested any comments
- Displayed and reviewed Coalition website on whiteboard

#5 - Faith Communities Resource List – already covered

Grants Update:

CHRC Base Grant:

- Lesa moved that we accept proposed changes to the grant as submitted. Nancy seconded. All approved. (Base Grant Modification is attached.)
- We have received approval but no monies have been received yet.

Community Transformation Grant:

- Some funding received and some will roll into next fiscal year
- Position to be posted end of week
- Next week DHMH folks will be meeting with us to discuss some items in proposal for grant
- Second-hand smoke campaign has started with billboards, Chris took info to MVA
- Group discussed getting copies of message to all agencies ahead of time in order to launch as simultaneously as possible so that we are sending a consistent message and community can see it in multiple places
- Coalition logo should appear on everything if possible (Brenda to send electronically to Tana to forward to members)
- Discussed billboards and using simpler graphic, fewer words and larger font

Discussion around continuing or newly developing health issues:

- K2 use and availability (more locations: Cresaptown and near downtown Martin's)
- BoE had substance abuse policy including K2 issue tightened up by a Baltimore attorney and will be ready before school starts in September
- Bath salts in national news
- Meth lab located in Clarysville Inn

Next meeting:

August 14, 2012 at 1:30 in Administration Conference Room, ACHD

Visitors: Maddie Shea, DHMH and Kristi Walker, WMHS

Adjourned 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by Tana Wolfe