

Together We Can!
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2010

Date: July 15, 2010

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Houghton Room, Mid-Michigan Community College, Harrison, MI

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Anne Hobart, Glenn King, Howard Sweeney, Jessica Gardon Rose, Jim Moreno, John Shaffer, Mary Griffore, Mickey Claus, Paul Cronstrom, Sarah Kile, Todd Tarrant, Veronica Romanov, Helen Lee, Mary Kushion

2. Review of June 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes

P. Cronstrom had one change to the proposed minutes. He stated that he was going to propose to the Clare and Gladwin Collaborative Councils' executive committees to recommend the health improvement plan working group be under the "Systems of Care for Clare/Gladwin".

A. Hobart asked if the group needed to have a quorum present for voting purposes. M. Kushion stated that the group currently does not have formal by laws and that the group can approve items by consensus.

M. Kushion also stated that the agency will have a "Together We Can/County Health Rankings" tab on our website where the minutes, reports and newsletters will be available electronically.

3. County Plans, Progress, and Process

V. Romanov stated that the agency is in the process of creating Health Improvement Plan working groups.

Isabella – No Change from previous month – V. Romanov is presenting at the August meeting of the collaborative council.

Osceola – No Change from previous month – V. Romanov is presenting at the August meeting of the collaborative council.

Clare/Gladwin - Group is meeting on Thursday, July 29, 2010 – meeting of health advisory sub-committee at 3:00 p.m.

Arenac – No Change from previous month – group is meeting on August 9, 2010

Roscommon – No Change from previous month – group is meeting on August 18, 2010

M. Kushion stated that a reporter from the Houghton Lake Resorter called and is doing a story on the rankings and the work that is being done.

Process

V. Romanov outlined the Health Improvement Plan process through a PowerPoint presentation.

V. Romanov described that the process consists of 4 phases.

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PHASE 1 – DEVELOP BROAD-BASED GOALS

All under Phase 1:

- Mission
- Stakeholders
- Content
- Products – Short, Medium, and Long Term goals
- Timeline

PHASE 2 – DEVELOP OBJECTIVES AND A PLAN OF ACTION FOR EACH GOAL

P. Cronstrom stated to connect what we currently do to improve our programs/services/delivery to our existing clients – the goal-setting and work on objectives (i.e. 2 hours per goal) could be worked on in our current “strategizing.”

PHASE 3 – IMPLEMENT ACTION PLANS

PHASE 4 – EVALUATE PROGRESS AND ACCOMMODATE CHANGE

H. Sweeney asked about data measuring and tracking (establish baseline/set baseline).

4. District Wide Health Factors and Health Outcomes

V. Romanov distributed a handout entitled “Significant Health Issues within the Central Michigan District.” The handout demonstrated the basis of scoring health outcomes based on the Department of Health and Human Services Community Health Profiles.

H. Sweeney asked “Is the health department looking to find health objective(s) similarities between counties?” This may be an option for the district-wide group to review in order to improve health status in the areas where multiple counties need improvement. In terms of leveraging resources, may benefit us as a district to set goals/objectives district wide.

5. Communications Plan for Information Exchange

M. Kushion distributed the first issue of the HIP (Health Improvement Planning) “News to Know.” It is a collection of grants, resources, websites, etc. that can be used during the course of health improvement planning efforts.

M. Kushion also announced that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is asking for feedback on how communities are utilizing the health rankings. A website has been established and as of the meeting date, there are about 80 different descriptions of ways communities, counties, agencies, etc. are using the health rankings.

V. Romanov distributed and described a handout that lists programs in small counties (NACO’s) database/list of model policies and programs.

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6. Potential Speakers/Topics for Future Meetings

M. Kushion requested feedback from the group regarding their desire to have speakers/presentations at future meetings. For example the Michigan Primary Care Association has staff available to give presentations on the health care reform law that includes funding for the establishment of additional community health centers.

M. Kushion asked the group if they were interested in presentations to this group on the issues and topics. Consensus was yes.

J. Moreno suggested a presentation/update on Medical Marijuana and the statistics on implementation within the state. J. Moreno also stated he is attending a meeting on the topic of municipal response to medical marijuana.

M. Kushion stated that she had a discussion with Mary Ludke regarding the Together We Can initiative and the ability to replicate it in other counties. M. Kushion also mentioned she met with State Rep. (State senate candidate) Darwin Booher regarding the ranking's report. He is emphatic about Clare County's low health rankings and supportive of our efforts.

7. Next Meeting Date

M. Kushion stated that meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month, at 11:00 a.m., and hopefully all meetings will be held in the Houghton Room at Mid Michigan Community College. M. Kushion stated that the next meeting is schedule for August 19, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. (Update: Meeting time changed to 10:30 a.m. for start time).