

CHAC Meeting Notes for August 1, 2008

Moderator : Sherrod Beall

Present: Bill Warren, Dianne Donavon, , Kip Boyd, Eileen Wasserbach, Jenny Wren, Lisa Schwantes, Ellen Roberts, Tony DeMond, Sheila Casey, Jill Patton, Missy Rodey, Marsha Porter-Norton

1. Discussion of Colorado Health Institute's two papers on health in Southwest Colorado – project request from Rep. Ellen Roberts - Ellen would like input on two documents produced by the Colorado Health Institute on the health status of Southwest Colorado – Demographics and Health Options. She would like a “reality check” or local feedback about the information in the documents that might stimulate the formation of potential bills or pilot projects at a state policy level to improve healthcare in this region. It was decided that an invitation would go out to members of CHAC, HSSC, community physicians and others interested in providing analysis and feedback specific to the CHI documents. Ellen needs feedback by October in order to prepare for the next legislative session. A larger forum will be organized next month for this purpose. It will be imperative that all attendees read the documents before the meeting. Action items:

- Jenny will secure a room at the Rec Center for September 5 from 8:30 -12:00 noon
- Ellen will call CHI to see if they can post both documents on their website and then let Sherrod know so she can contact CHAC members
- Marsha will find a moderator and someone to take notes
- Missy will collect all opinions on e-mail regarding the content of the CHI Demographics document
- Tony will contact Bob Goodman regarding attendance of medical society members and the Durango Network
- Bagels & Coffee – perhaps HLLP can help

2. HSSC Update – the tribe is interested in collaborating on a FQHC but HIS is tied up in Supreme Court issues. Next meeting is August 25th. Please send comments or concerns to Missy or Marsha.

3. Colorado Health Foundation Grant – submitted in July to create a .75 FTE Coordinator that would work from home and report to the HSSC. That individual would be responsible for developing a data base, bringing in speakers and developing a health services plan for La Plata County.

4. Discussion of individual “take home” messages from Dr. Wallace's presentation – leadership is vital to organizing health care reform; linkage of autonomous health entities may be a promising approach for La Plata County.

5. Updates:

Marsha – information from the Child Health Forum held by It's About Kids, will be released soon.

Lisa – Senator Salazar will be holding a local health care meeting in Pagosa Friday August 8th.

Jill – health care reform will be a focus for the League of Women Voters national agenda for the next 2 years.

6. CHAC meetings – the chair and minute taker will rotate monthly. Jill will lead the next meeting and Eileen will take notes. It was also decided that \$250 and a thank you note would be given from CHAC to the church as a contribution for using their facilities.