

Community Health Care Capacity Project-December Update

Recommendation	Champions	Update	Proposed Timeframe
1. Form a Regional Health Care Alliance-a collaborative of high-level decision makers from key organizations that connect resources, and guide projects through implementation.	ASH, SW Colorado Mental Health Center d.b.a. Axis Health Care, LPC Human Services, Citizen's Health Advisory Council (CHAC), MRMC, SJBHD, Durango School District 9-R, Durango Network, (Potential-La Plata County Medical Society)	<i>Health Alliance of La Plata County</i> formed. Leaders have met 3 times, agreed on a vision, 3 goals (Health Information Exchange, group learning toward integrated care, health access for underinsured) and activities to accomplish the goals. Members have signed a participant agreement with the commitment to move toward their common vision.	Monthly meetings set for 2011
2. Plan and open a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)-to provide a full range of services to patients regardless of insurance.	SWCO Mental Health Center d. b. a. Axis Health Care	Leader is CEO of Axis Health Care; gained support of area hospitals, CHAC, area FQHC's, local providers, and others; final proposal written and submitted to HRSA in Dec., 2010; will know if successful in Aug. 2011, must open doors in Nov. 2011	1-2 years; (earliest opening Nov., 2011)
3. Create a Health Information Exchange (HIE)-that creates an electronic platform for information sharing that lowers costs and provides better health outcomes.	MRMC, ASH, Axis Health, Durango Network, other area hospitals and providers	This is now a goal of the <i>Alliance</i> , MRMC secured funding to become a part of Quality Health Network (QHN) a nationally recognized group improving health care through shared technology in CO since 2005; HIE now in the process of defining data and financial detail; making consistent, methodical progress; continue to work with CORHIO, re: meaningful use criteria; HIE education subgroup formed (first meeting 1/5/2011)	1-2 years; (will happen sometime in 2011)
4. Create Community Health Care Teams-that utilizes public health skills (navigators, home visits) to enhance private practices and patient-centered quality care.	SJBHD, Pediatric Partners of SW, MRMC-HSC, La Plata County LPC Senior Center, Southwest COAHEC	Subgroup formed in 2009 have secured funding for the Integrated Child Health (ICH) Program and Senior Outreach Nurse Program in place at SJBHD through Dec. 2011; LPC recently funded staff nurse to work with ICH; seeking funding opportunities	1 year

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5. Create a Health Access Plan-to provide health benefits for small employers and their employees.	Rocky Mountain Health Insurance, Durango Chamber, Healthy Lifestyles La Plata, State Legislator, (Potential members-MRMC, La Plata County, physicians, businesses)	First meeting held October 5, 2010; guidance on process from Rocky Mountain Health Plan administrator and State Legislator; State Insurance Commissioner recommends County and Hospital involvement; timing in question, to resume 1/2011	1-1 ½ years
6. Formalize a Donated Medical Care Program-to create a system that equitably distributes the cost of care to the indigent population.	Potential members-physicians, MRMC, LPC Medical Society, Durango Network, Physicians Innovative Network	Most physicians currently donate care; Some interest from private physicians to document and quantify work; Durango Network to help recruit physicians; no leadership yet	1 year;
7. Create a non-profit voucher program for undocumented residents-to accept donations and implement a voucher system that turns those donations into reduced-fee medical care.	Summit subgroup with leadership from SJBHD and Healthy Lifestyles La Plata (HLLP), also includes Early Childhood Coalition	Leadership from SJBHD and HLLP; agreement that health care is for everyone in the community, model from ECHO kids program in NM; subgroup formed and looking for interested participants; (first meeting 1/5/2011)	1-2 years;
8. Develop a single source eligibility process-where individuals/families need only apply one time for eligibility based on a sliding scale fee.	The CO Trust Early Childhood Health Integration grant, SJBHD-The CO Trust Health Integration grant, La Plata Family Center Coalition, LPCDHS, DHS-SBHC, MRMC; Durango Network	<i>La Plata County CARE</i> (Community Access and Referral Enrollment) program to launch in January 2011. Leaders from groups working to provide access to discounted preventive care through certification of eligibility for population at 251-400% of poverty.	1-1 ½ years;
Citizen's Health Advisory Council-an open coalition of interested citizens and organizations that advocates for community health and wellness in La Plata County by serving as a central point for communication and collaboration.	Community membership 51	Revised vision/mission complete; four goals identified with ongoing activity toward those goals; website redesign to become interactive January 2011. www.chaclaplata.org	Ongoing