

Community Health Care Capacity Project-February, 2011 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 System, LPC Human Services, Citizen's Health Advisory Council (CHAC), MPMC, SJBHD, Durango School District 9-R, Durango Network/La Plata County Medical Society	<i>Health Alliance of La Plata County</i> continues to participate in monthly meetings working toward their common vision of an integrated health system, making progress on goals, and with a primary focus on the Health Information Exchange. There is now an informational flyer on the Alliance available.	Monthly meetings dates 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 System	Leader is Axis Health System; final proposal written and submitted to HRSA in Dec., 2010; the site (Riverside Building next to the library), design of space, plans for clinical staff, and determination of clinical outcomes are in place; homeless population is a targeted group; should know if successful by Aug. 2011, must open doors 120 days after notification of award.	1-2 years; (earliest opening Nov., 2011) with opportunity for funded expansion after two years of operation.
3. Create a Health Information Exchange (HIE)-that creates an electronic platform for information sharing that lowers costs and provides better health outcomes.	MPMC, ASH, Axis Health, Durango Network, SJBHD, other area hospitals and providers	The Health Alliance continues to focus on HIE. MPMC has secured and holds funding for some infrastructure. Discussions continue between Alliance members and Quality Health Network (QHN), a nationally recognized group improving health care through shared technology in CO since 2005.	1-2 years
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, MPMC-HSC, La Plata County LPC Senior Center, Southwest COAHEC	Continue to seek funding beyond Dec. 2011 to support the existing Integrated Child Health and Senior Outreach Nurse Programs and to expand the programs to other populations; Potential funding from 3 grants, and partnerships. Latino worker being hired to assist CCT with their outreach goals.	1 year
5. Create a Health Access Plan-to provide	Rocky Mountain Health Insurance,	Timing continues to be an issue due to the	1-1 ½ years

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health benefits for small employers and their employees.	Durango Chamber, Healthy Lifestyles La Plata, State Legislator, (Potential members-MRMC, La Plata County, physicians, businesses)	roll out of Health Insurance Exchanges. Continue to watch and seek guidance from San Luis Valley, Pueblo and other multi-share programs. Seeking business champions.	
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	Exploring MRMC donated care system, Project Access of Santa Fe, and Weld County Program. MRMC willing to look at partnership in the future. Continue to seek physician champions.	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	Lead by SJBHD and HLLP this subgroup met with Coalition for Caring Communities seeking partnerships. The subgroup is considering the possibility of a combined non-profit voucher system/donated care system.	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 CARES</i> (Community Access and Referral Enrollment System) is making progress. This program provides access to discounted preventive care through certification of eligibility for population at 251-400% of poverty. The CARES logo and materials are developed. Recruiting providers to participate in the program. Latino outreach worker will assist with CARES.	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 55	The group's revised goals align with the La Plata County Community Health Care Capacity Project. Members are planning a Health Summit on April 26, 2011 , to celebrate project progress and plan next steps. Website design and updates continue, please go to www.chaclaplata.org	Ongoing with meetings on the second Friday of each month.