



**Citizens' Health Advisory Council – Health Care Capacity Project Update
November 2011**

Recommendations:	Champions:	Update:	Time Frame:
<p>Coordination Recommendations</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>ASH, Axis Health System, LPC Human Services, Citizen's Health Advisory Council (CHAC), MRMC, SJBHD, Durango School District 9-R, Primary care providers; Durango Network/La Plata County Medical Society, La Plata Dental Society Contact: Bob Juskevich, MD; Email: rejuskevich@gmail.com</p>	<p><i>Health Alliance of La Plata County</i> now has quarterly meetings of the entire group, with working subgroups that meet on a more regular basis. The annual retreat in December will allow for a review of objectives given the FQHC was not funded and integrated health care access remains a need for LPC residents.</p>	<p>Quarterly meetings set for 2012 Ongoing</p>
<p>2. Create a Health Information Exchange (HIE) That creates a safe and secure electronic platform that enables providers and hospitals to share patient information to help improve care coordination and control cost.</p>	<p>MRMC, ASH, Axis Health, Durango Network, SWCO Area Health Education Center, SJBHD, other SW area hospitals and providers CHAC currently has an active HIE education group. Contact: Scott Wallace, QHN Email: swallace@qualityhealthnetwork.org</p>	<p>There are a number of groups now working on HIE. Quality Health Network (QHN) will serve as the HIE for western Colorado. QHN is currently working out details with CO Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO) on the front range to assure patient health information from within Mercy/Centura is available to be shared locally. QHN, SWCOAHEC and the Durango Network continue to educate providers on Electronic Health Records, HIE and <i>meaningful use</i>.</p>	<p>Spring 2012</p>
<p>3. Create Community Health Care Teams That utilize public health skills (navigators, home visits) to enhance private practices and patient-centered quality care.</p>	<p>SJBHD, Pediatric Partners of SW, MRMC-HSC, La Plata County LPC Senior Center, SWCOAHEC, Rocky Mountain Health Plan Contact: Emily Burns, MD, Executive Director, SWCOAHEC Email: emily.burns@swcahec.org</p>	<p>Significant community and payer resources secured to provide <i>womb to tomb</i> integrated health care. A system for patient-centered medical (health) care home is being designed and built for future sustainability.</p>	<p>January 2012 Ongoing</p>
<p>Accessibility Recommendation</p> <p>4. Plan and open a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) To provide a full range of services to patients regardless of insurance.</p>	<p>Axis Health System Contact: Bern Heath, Executive Director, Axis Health System Email: bheath@axishealthsystem.org</p>	<p>The FQHC was not funded by HRSA. Axis continues to explore many possibilities for an integrated health care clinic with other community partners in La Plata County. They hope that one of the 6 or 7 possibilities being explored will be successful.</p>	



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Affordability Recommendations			
<p>5. Create a Health Access Plan To provide health benefits for small employers and their employees.</p>	<p>Durango Chamber, LaPlata Economic Alliance, Healthy Lifestyles LaPlata, Durango Herald, League of Women Voters of LaPlata County Contact: CHAC Email: jayne@chaclaplata.org</p>	<p>A CHAC small business subgroup is hosting sessions for residents to provide input to Health Insurance Exchanges. Worksite wellness is being promoted and expanded. When developed, donated care will be promoted to small businesses.</p>	<p>2011 - Worksite wellness; CARES 2014 - Health Benefits Exchange</p>
<p>6. Formalize a Donated Medical Care Program To create a system that equitably distributes the cost of care to the indigent population.</p>	<p>Potential members: physicians, MRMC, LPC Medical Society, Durango Network, Physicians Innovative Network Contact: CHAC Email: jayne@chaclaplata.org</p>	<p>Continue to explore successful donated care systems. MRMC willing to look at partnership in the future. Continue to seek physician champions.</p>	<p>Begin work in January 2012</p>
<p>7. Create a non-profit voucher program for residents in need of health care To accept donations and implement a voucher system that turns those donations in to reduced-fee medical care.</p>	<p>SJBHD-Smilemakers, Healthy Lifestyles LaPlata, MRMC, and dentists Contact: CHAC Email: jayne@chaclaplata.org</p>	<p>This subgroup is developing a pilot project for adult dental care. The group is exploring a number of options for a free or sliding scale fee for dental services or clinic. SJBHD is expanding to provide limited adult dental care through the Smilemakers program.</p>	<p>Spring, summer 2012</p>
<p>8. Develop a single source eligibility process Where individuals/families need only apply one time for eligibility based on a sliding scale fee.</p>	<p>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 Contact: Angela Atkinson, Health Integration Coordinator, CARES Email: aatkinson@centurytel.net</p>	<p><i>La Plata County CARES</i> (Community Access and Referral Enrollment System) provides access to discounted preventive care through certification of eligibility for population below 100% and up to 400% of poverty. Since June, the system has 19 providers and 180 patients enrolled of which 80% are adults.</p>	<p>Established June 2011 Ongoing</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Community membership: 71</p>	<p>The group goals support the La Plata County Community Health Care Capacity Project. Members continue to support and work on the HA, HIE education, CCTC, health access and non-profit vouchers. www.chaclaplata.org Contact: CHAC at jayne@chaclaplata.org</p>	<p>Meets the second Friday of each month. Ongoing</p>