

CHAC January 9, 2009
Meeting Notes

Present: Kathleen McInnis, Eileen Wasserbach, Deb Banton, Dianne Donovan, Sheila Casey, Jim Kline, Kip Boyd, Bob Conrad, Liza Koepp, Jill Patton, Marsha Porter-Norton, Missy Rodey. Guest: Pat Hartman

Marsha began the meeting by reviewing the agenda and asking for introductions.

TCHF Grant announcement: Missy announced that The Colorado Health Foundation ([TCHF](#)) fully funded the HSSC grant request for \$189,378 over an 18 month period. The money (\$106,605 to be awarded on 1/22/09 and the remainder on 1/15/2010) will be used to pay a .75FTE contract Project Coordinator to facilitate the creation of a comprehensive, integrated Health Services Plan for La Plata County. Specific objectives and outcomes funded include:

Grant Objectives and Outcomes: CHF funding will allow us to hire a .75 FTE staff person whose roles and responsibilities will be to:

Objective 1. Develop an 18-month work plan to support the above goals and objectives

Outcome 1.1: Under the direction of the HSSC, write an 18 month work plan.

Objective 2: Project Coordinator will be a central contact person, maintain an office, and coordinate all HSSC communication and meetings.

Outcome 2.1: Organize 12 HSSC or subcommittee meetings/year and take minutes.

Outcome 2.2: Coordinate all HSSC internal and external communication including building on the existing CHAC website, and publishing a quarterly community newsletter.

Outcome 2.3: Hold 2 public health education symposia on important health care issues in the community, i.e.: Medicare and Medicaid, Cultural Competency in Health Care, Benefits of an Electronic Medical Record, Integrated Care, etc.

Outcome 2.4: Organize 2 joint HSSC and CHAC meetings per year.

Objective 3: Organize and coordinate the research of existing successful models.

Outcome 3.1: Organize 9 site visits or guest speakers from successful models. Outcome

3.2: Collect and organize all research on successful models as a decision-making tool for HSSC.

Outcome 3.3: Create 5 model scenarios for La Plata County from this research and HSSC activities for presentation to the HSSC.

Outcome 3.4: Under the direction of the HSSC members, create and customize the chosen model and write a comprehensive Health Services Plan for La Plata County.

Jennifer Wrenn and Missy as well as the grant team were thanked for all their work.

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Pat Hartman with the Durango Network gave a presentation. The Durango Network is a physician owned organization which contracts with managed care insurers. Their goal is to use health care dollars for health care, not insurance. The group would like to contract for a direct agreement with the City of Durango. There is a 3rd party that charges small fee to handle the claims, but the Durango Network is actually paid an administration fee. LPEA is another large employer the group hopes to work with. Pat provided information regarding the Improving Performances in Practice 3 year grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health.

- The grant is to improve health care in our community by improving outcomes

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- Colorado Clinical Guidelines are being used for outcome standards; American Academy of Pediatricians and American Association of Family Practice originally wrote the guidelines which had been related to increased outcomes
- Currently guidelines are being applied for chronic diseases – first diabetes and asthma; this ~~model can~~ will be expanded to include depression, cardio vascular and pulmonary diseases in the future as funding as provider interests emerge.
- The question is how to implement these guidelines into medical practices. Members of the grant team act as coaches for practices. Practice groups report measures (blood tests, etc) to the state registry.
- Practice-based teams are formed. Treatment plans integrate behavioral health with physical care. Staff are doing many of the pre-visit tasks, freeing the provider to do what only he/she is able to do.
- Engagement of three components: the full practice team, the patient (increase responsibility with self management tools, exit interviews, and motivational guidance), and the community (community resources to assist the patient). The need for case managers decreases under this model. Goal is to help providers see patients as participants in their own health care.
- Each practice has its own Electronic Medical Record (EMR). Currently developing interface for EMR for entering the registry without the physician having to input all the data. Progress is being made toward seamless importing. There is a secure communication portal. A goal is to get MRMC's lab reports and digital images into the system. The data goes into an internet program. Reach My Doctor (RMD) software is being used; the patient has a communication portal for his use.
- There is no cost to the provider for these services. Two practices are on board: Megan Lewis and Pediatric Associates of Durango; hope to soon include Luke Casias in Mancos. Goal is 6 practice groups by July. After July will begin to move to specialty care practices. MISSY: I THOUGHT THERE WERE THREE ON BOARD????
- This model should help with Pay for Performance which will probably be applied to private practices in the future.
- Pat's contact information: ph: 970-247-9342 fax: 970-247-9342 pat@durangonetwork.com

TCHF Grant: Missy briefly mentioned several issues surrounding TCHF grant: writing a press release, writing a job description for the new staffing position, advertising for the position, and interviewing perspective hires. Bob Conrad, Deb Banton and Marsha indicated interest in serving on the hiring committee which will include individuals from both HSSC and CHAC.

HSSC Update: The last meeting dealt primarily with advocacy for City of Durango funding of the HSC. The next meeting will be Monday, January 12th during which there will be an invitation to Bern to ~~co~~ come back to the committee, as it is important to have behavioral health at the table. TCHF grant and the formation of a hiring committee will also be discussed.

Transition Team Health Care Meeting: Jill Patton reported on the community health care meeting held on December 29th. The report sent into the Obama-Biden Transition Team is available on www.lwvlaplata.org/ and www.chaclaplata.org. Jill will follow up

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to determine if there is a summary of meetings held throughout the country. If anyone would like to contribute directly to the Transition team, it may be done at www.change.gov/page/s/healthcare

SJBHD: Kathleen McInnis reported that Terra Anderson was hired to implement a home visit program for high visit TANIF clients in conjunction with Department of Human Services to address issues such as parenting, health needs, access to services and substance abuse. She is a nurse case manager and will address a number of issues, making referrals as necessary. She will also begin assisting with facilitation of Nurturing Parenting classes. Kathleen McInnis has been hired as the Integrated Child Health Coordinator. As the nurse coordinator/case manager, ~~she will~~ ~~I will begin to~~ plan and develop an integrated child health system, along with community partners, to pull together the fragmented services currently available to children 0-5 years of age.

A question was asked about the County's level of funding to and support for the SJBHD. Deb Banton, who is retired from the SJBHD, ~~reported,~~ reported that Kathleen also reported that La Plata County ~~has~~ approved only a ~~six~~6 month budget for ~~SJBHD~~ while SJBHD while it ~~conducts~~ ~~does~~ a community assessment. A senate bill, SB-08-194, has prompted the County to do an overall evaluation of the SJBHD, its programs, outcomes, areas of focus, etc. ~~It was mentioned that Colorado government is now more conservative; the State is not looking at any bill that requires the expenditure of money— just enabling legislation.~~ Deb said that the main purpose of SB-08-194 was to ensure Health Departments are operating for all the counties in Colorado. She urged that the County's continued support for the SJBHD and its programs. Marsha suggested we learn more about SB-08-194 at the next CHAC meeting.

State of Colorado Budget Cuts: Marsha reported that \$600M must be cut from the State budget this fiscal year which ends 6/30/09. Marsha asked that CHAC members give input regarding their concerns about health care programs/services that are likely to be cut to both Rep. Ellen Roberts and Sen. Jim Isgar.

SJBAAA (San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging): Sheila announced that the agency has some carry over funds for dental care. Contact her if you know of individuals over 60 who have need of dental services.

CHAC next meeting: February 6, 8:30 ~~am~~ ~~at~~am at the Rec Center (unless otherwise notified). Hopefully Neil Stock of MRMC will speak to us about the hospitals information management. We'll also have a briefing on ~~SB-08-194-194, the PHD~~ reauthorization act that aims to assure that each county in Colorado has a health department.

Signed,
Missy Rodey