

Citizens Health Advisory Committee
November 14, 2008
8:30 AM

1. Attendance: Jeanine Justice, Jenny Wrenn, Mary Stengel, Liza Koepp, Kip Boyd, Eileen Wasserbach, Deb Banton, Bob Conrad, Kathleen McInnis, Niles Bruno, Bob Juskevich, Luke Casias, Bill Warren, Dianne Donovan, Jill Patton, Missy Rodey, Lynn Westberg
2. Announcements: Liza Koepp with the Family Center of Durango introduced herself and explained her role as a family health advocate with the Center. They have a 3 year grant from the Colorado Health Foundation to set up another PE (presumptive eligibility) site to expedite enrolling eligible families in Medicaid and SCHIP.
3. Missy updated our grant status to the Colorado Health Foundation which is still pending. The audit is not yet available and has held up approval. The time frame is now mid-late December to early January. The good news: it sounds positive.
4. Mini CHF grant for EMR project: we do have a \$2000 grant to survey where we stand with EMR in this community. Relevant comments included: EMR is a huge expense to integrate. There is a long term plan using broadband wireless at MRMC to hook up with MDs. There is also a state project in the works to share information.
5. Update from HSSC meeting: There was a discussion regarding the City of Durango not having adequate dollars in it's budget to support the HSC with \$100,000 as it has previously done. It was decided to send a letter to City Council and possibly a letter to the editor insuring that the need for keeping the clinic operating is understood. Jenny, Jeanine, Sherrod and Marsha will begin the process with Bob contributing "bullet points" to be considered. Other suggestions included: someone from HSSC attend a City Council meeting to make public comment; have a City Council member at the table at a HSSC or CHAC meeting; the need to educate the public; consider the possibility of promoting funding for a limited time, such as until a staff person arrives or until Rural Health Clinic designation has been secured; provide examples of other communities following this model.
6. Status on merging of CHAC and HSSC: CHAC will be involved in hiring the staff person with the CHF grant. HSSC is the working group with some members in both groups. Minutes from both meetings are sent between each group.
7. Close out of our first CHF grant: Eileen reported that less than \$2000 left and spent on the website and the grant was closed out.

8. Follow up to September and October meetings: Discussion continued on the “what” of integration:

- Vertical and horizontal integration
- EMR
- Define health
- Community partnerships, including transport
- Builds on existing school-based health, SWMH, HSC
- CCGC (Colorado Clinical Guidelines Cooperative)—launched with LaPlata private practices; has website defining medical home
- System navigation—health care advocates
- IPIP (Improving Performance in Practice)
- AAFP (American Academy of Family Practitioners)—websites with good links
- Graham Center—think tank—definition, models
- CHI has manual on integrated care; Carl Middleton involved with integrated medicine
- Contact Denver Health and Kaiser for how they coordinated their clinics
- Include Dental and Vision Care
- Review of history at point of care—EMR
- Client access to EMR
- Incentives for physicians to update EMR and to integrate care
- Client education to ask for follow-up
- Pharmacy access
- Group care model
- More mid-levels

9. Next meeting: Start the discussion of the “how” of integration:

- Dream big-look local
- Look at the reality of what we need
- Now versus the future
- Identify barriers
 - Preventive medicine doesn’t pay
 - Get providers involved

10. Next Steps:

- Invite Pat Hartman with the local IPIP to talk to the group. Luke Casias will contact her
- Invite Neil Stock with Mercy to talk to the group regarding EMRs
- Invite Dave West to speak about integrating prescriptions
- Obtain information from CHI –manual on Integrated Care—Carl Middleton
- Consider research from Weld County—everything data based
- Letters to City Council

Next meeting: December 12, 2008, 8:30 AM, Rec Center

