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Bemidji Community Health Center Planning Grant

Planning Team Meeting

April 19, 2012

1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

PrimeWest Large Conference Room

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Linda Yourczek, Diane Boben, Wendy Potraz, Susan Dobbelstein, Deb Miller, Amy Lindahl, Dwight Fultz, Jeanne Edevold Larson, Torry Swedberg, Jes Conrad, Warren Larson, Deb Miller and Carolyn Townsend.

Project Consultant/Facilitator: Ashli Bowen

- Jim Przybilla, CEO of PrimeWest Health, had a last minute conflict and will reschedule his presentation to the committee.
- Planning team was reminded about the upcoming NACHC webinar and the Bridges Out of Poverty workshop.
- The team discussed several community projects that they wanted to learn more about and stay connected with as the Community Health Center planning continued:
 - Upper Mississippi Mental Health Center– Deb Miller gave an update on some new programs at UMMHC, including a program that helps Native American inmates with reintegration into the community. The program incorporates a traditional and culturally specific approach to wellness and includes a medicine man. She also informed the committee about the Native American Cultural Competency Training that UMMHC will be hosting in November.
 - Northwoods Coalition for Family Safety – Jeanne Edevold Larson talked about the wellness program that NCFS is offering their clients through a Sanford Health Foundation of Northern Minnesota grant. The program incorporated healthcare passes, enabling services, care coordination and patient advocacy. Ashli Bowen will contact Mary at NCFS to see if she would be available to come to a meeting to tell the committee more about the program.

- Native American Healing Initiative – Ashli Bowen gave an overview of her meeting with Dr. Valerie Fox, *Family Medicine, Sanford Health*. Dr. Fox has submitted a federal grant to develop a Native American Healing Center which would offer a healing approach to addressing Native and non-native behavioral health issues. The grant awards will be announced by May 15. Sanford is a key supporter of the initiative, but wants the center to be developed by community partners. Dr. Fox and the CHC planning team are interested in possibly collaborating on the initiative, especially looking at how the Community Health Center might fit within the healing center. Ashli will contact Dr. Fox to see if she is available to meet with the planning team to give them more details about the project.
- Dr. Amy Elliott and Sanford Fit– Warren Larsen talked about the work that Sanford is doing in the community and a recent meeting they had between BSU, Sanford Bemidji and Sanford Sioux Falls. Dr. Amy Elliott, *Director and Senior Scientist, Center for Health Outcomes and Prevention, Sanford Research/USD*, is interested in working with BSU nursing students and Sanford Bemidji Medical in reviewing the newborn charts to get a better count of the babies being born exposed to chemical substances. Her hope is that by getting accurate data and a better handle on the issue, Bemidji could secure a grant to start implementing strategies that will begin to impact the issue.
Warren also talked about Sanford Fit, a new online program for children’s wellness (food, recharge, mood, move), through a partnership with WebMD and Disney. <http://fit.webmd.com/>
- Sanford Clinic Health Care Home Certification – the planning team wants to connect again with the Medical Home Nurse at Sanford Clinic to learn more about the pilot of their health care home program.
- Northern Dental – Jeanne Edevold Larson gave an update on a grant Northern Dental received to continue providing insurance counseling, a public health outreach worker and enabling services. The grant will also allow for a future community health worker and

supports the development of a shared electronic medical record database/portal.

- The team reviewed the Health Leads video and discussed how an approach similar to Health Leads might work for Phase I.
<http://www.healthleadsusa.org/> The team discussed the advantages and disadvantages to using volunteers and/or college students for care coordination. Team members felt paid staff/care coordinators with possibly some support from volunteers seemed to be a more appropriate model. In addition, they felt one organization should oversee the training and management of the coordinators, as well as the oversight of the program.
- The needs assessment report is being finalized and will be posted on the website as well as given to planning team members in early May.
- The team discussed what they learned from April 5 needs assessment presentation and reviewed notes from the March 22 meeting to come to a consensus on the elements needed to set a foundation for Phase I. The following was agreed upon:



The team felt like it would be best to pilot phase I for a year by offering care coordination to a select group of the target population (low income). Possibly working with organizations like Evergreen, UMMHC, People's Church, Village of Hope, Restore House, the jail... The pilot approach would enable the advisory group to test of the logistics and gather the necessary information to improve the quality and efficiency of the delivery model

before expanding. The planning team discussed the possibility of Community Resource Connections (CRC) being the organization that manages the implementation of phase I. The planning team wanted to learn more about CRC's service access work before making a decision. Ruth Sherman, executive director of CRC, will give a presentation to the committee on May 3.

- **IMPORTANT:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in Prime West Health's conference room, 3124 Hannah Ave NW.

END OF PLANNING TEAM MEETING NOTES – April 19, 2012