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Bemidji Community Health Center Planning Grant
Planning Team Meeting
February 23, 2012
1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.
PrimeWest Large Conference Room

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Wendy Potraz, Susan Dobbstein, Becky Secore, Dwight Fultz, Jeanne Edevold Larson, Torry Swedberg, Jes Conrad, Ruth Sherman, Colleen Falk, Wendy Potraz, Tanya Hasbargen and Lindsay Linde.

Project Consultant/Facilitator: Ashli Bowen

- The meeting opened with brief introductions.
- **CORRECTION from last meeting:** The NACHC webinar, “Designing and Recruiting an Effective Governing Board” will be held on Wednesday, February 29 not the 22 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at Prime West Health.



[NACHC Planning Grant Webinar Series](#) and sign up sheet

- **Update on Stakeholder Meetings:**
 - **Sanford Physicians** – Ashli is following up with Dr. Valerie Fox to discuss how the planning team can partner with her team.
 - **IHS (Cass Lake)**- Meeting will be held with medical staff on March 1. Wendy Potraz, Colleen Falk and Ashli Bowen will attend.
 - **Shared Vision** – Deb Miller contacted Michael Meuers and Ashli is following up to see about scheduling a time the planning team can meet with them.
 - **Third Party Payors** – Jim Jim Przybilla, CEO, PrimeWest will be coming to meet with the planning team on April 19
 - **County Health and Human Services Advisory Team** - Meeting will be held on April 17 at 11:30. Becky Secore will attend with Ashli Bowen.
 - Wendy Potraz recommended we contact Linda Yourczek to see about attending the Community Health Board meeting on April 25.
- **Craig Baarson, Reimbursement Fiscal Agent, MN Dept. of Health, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care**, will be presenting to the planning team on March 8 about federal and state health care reform, reimbursements and provide more information

about health care centers.

- **The team has an opportunity to visit the Scenic River Health FQHC in Big Fork, MN** on March 9 or 23. The team decided on March 9. Becky, Wendy, Jeanne, Torry and Susan are interested in going. Bowen will follow up with the CEO Michael Holmes to confirm the date.
- **Bridges Out of Poverty full day workshop with Jodi Pfarr on Monday, April 30 at the George W Neilson Convention Center, Sanford Center.** The cost will be \$30 per participant but planning team members will be able to attend for free. Planning team members interested in attending should contact Ashli Bowen.

Ashli is also working with Sally Maruska, Sanford Medical, to plan a Bridges Out of Poverty Part II workshop (strategies that the community can embrace). She will be meeting with IHS Cass Lake as well as looking at other communities to see how they are incorporating the framework on a community level.



[Bridges Out of Poverty workshop information and Registration Form](#)

- **Planning Phased Approach**

The team reviewed the planning phase and the initial priorities.

The following concerns were presented and discussed:

- 1) How do we help people understand that this will be different than what already exists?
- 2) How will we define and ensure patient care coordination and navigation?
- 3) Will we lose the identity behind the Community Health Center?
- 4) We need to make sure we aren't looking like a competitor.

The following priorities were presented and discussed:

- 1) MOU's – need to have agreed upon priorities, understanding of how it works between partners, scope of services/care
- 2) Partners need to have buy-in to the bigger picture (next steps, the future of the plan)
- 3) Evaluation with patients and providers
- 4) Care Coordination
- 5) Focus on the “low hanging fruit”
- 6) Address the needs of the target population (will be identified in the needs assessment)
- 7) Stay in the “loop” – understanding the changing environment (economics, health care, local providers, community needs...)
- 8) Offer a framework of “best practices” and “core values”
- 9) Need an advisory group in the first few phases

10) **Need a solid Outcome Based Business Plan** – phases shouldn't be tied to a specific time frame, need to be ready for opportunities

The team agreed that the phased approach was a good approach as long as a solid business plan was created and the priorities and concerns discussed were addressed.

The team will continue working from the current work plan.



[Planning phased approach to planning the CHC](#) (DRAFT)

- **RESOURCES** – medical neighborhood models, integrated care models

Coordinating Care in the Medical Neighborhood:

Critical Components and Available Mechanisms

<http://bemidjichcplanning.wikispaces.com/file/view/Medical+Neighborhood+White+Paper+6+10+11.pdf>

A Model for Multi-agency integrated care coordination -

<http://www.shiftingthebalance.scot.nhs.uk/>

Reducing Care Fragmentation -

http://www.improvingchroniccare.org/downloads/reducing_care_fragmentation.pdf

[Integrated Care Collaboration](#) (Texas) - collaborative approach to connecting records, doctors, data, patients...

Pima Community Access Program - <http://www.pcap.cc/index.php>

- **IMPORTANT:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in Prime West Health's conference room, 3124 Hannah Ave NW.

END OF PLANNING TEAM MEETING NOTES – February 23, 2012