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Bemidji Community Health Center Planning Grant

Planning Team Meeting

May 17, 2012

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

PrimeWest Large Conference Room

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Wendy Potraz, Susan Dobbelstein, Marsha Kaehne, Dwight Fultz, Jeanne Edevold Larson, Ruth Sherman, Becky Secore, Torry Sweberg, Laura Lipken, Craig Kinsella, , and Carolyn Townsend.

Project Consultant/Facilitator: Ashli Bowen

- Brief introductions were made and the team welcomed Laura Lipken, Director of Partnerships and Development, MN Association of Community Health Centers
- Team members received the Community Health Needs Assessment via email and printed copies will be available in the next few weeks.
- Planning team members were reminded about the upcoming NACHC “Provider Recruitment” webinar, May 23, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- The meeting with Sanford Clinic’s medical home nurses had to be rescheduled.
- Jeanne Edevold Larson gave an update on the meeting with Sanford’s Community Health Needs assessment team. They discussed the CHC planning and Sanford seemed very supportive.
- Laura Lipken gave an update on the FQHC climate - The 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act set aside a 5-year trust fund to improve access to care by increasing funding by \$11 billion for community health centers . The goal was to expand Community Health Centers throughout the country by 600. Unfortunately, cuts through government appropriations have impacted the number of new access point grants

available. There will not be another round for new access point grants available during this fiscal budget and the future of additional grants is dependent on congress's appropriation. Laura also explained that the planning team was doing a great job in collaborating and taking a community based approach to the planning. She felt like the team was taking a smart approach in planning for a community health center in phases - will be better positioned when ready to apply for a new access point grant.

- Jeanne Edevold Larson presented information and a video that gave an overview of Community Collaboration and Integration (CCI) web based software. The software offers capabilities for holistic assessment, goal-setting, and robust collaborative data sharing. www.cciunites.org It is HIPAA and HMIS compliant. The cost is \$20 per user. Northern Dental is still trying to get access to a free trial membership to test it out.

The team discussed the possibilities of using CCI between a few providers to serve a select group of the target population during phase I. Northern Dental Access has a grant that would pay for the software during the pilot phase. The grant was written in partnership with Beltrami Area Service Collaborative, Community Resource Connections, Public Health and Northern Dental to provide primary care referrals, child and teen exams, mental health screenings and referrals, preventative dental, insurance counseling and service access to low income children, families and individuals who present at Northern Dental Access Center for dental care or other community services available. The grant also supports salary for a Community Health Worker or Nurse Practitioner in year three (May 2014).

Given the lack of funding for New Access Point grants (to start a FQHC), the team feels the phased approach is still the best way to address the needs identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment. They agreed that using what Northern Dental already has secured funding for would make the most sense for phase I, while an advisory team (to be determined) would assist with continuing to plan for phase 2-4+. Phase two would expand the services from phase one to additional partners that serve the target population. Northern Dental could be the physical host and help

with resource development. Then when ready, and if applicable, the advisory committee can look at the possibility of forming a separate 501c3 and moving forward with a Community Health Center.

Planning team members discussed the importance of making sure the “system” was seamless to the patient and felt CCI or some other Customer Relationship Management software would help.

- Next meeting – Thursday, May 31