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Bemidji Community Health Center Planning Grant

Planning Team Meeting

May 3, 2012

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

PrimeWest Large Conference Room

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Wendy Potraz, Susan Dobbelstein, Deb Miller, Amy Lindahl, Dwight Fultz, Jeanne Edevold Larson, Ruth Sherman, Becky Secore, Warren Larson, Deb Miller, Craig Kinsella, Nina Rudnick, and Carolyn Townsend.

Project Consultant/Facilitator: Ashli Bowen

- Brief introductions were made
- Planning team was reminded about the upcoming NACHC webinar, May 9, Billing and Sliding Fee Scale.
- The team discussed Bridges out of Poverty workshop Key Take Aways:
 - Need to find out more about the Community Collaboration and Integration (CCI) software that Jodi mentioned. Colleen and Ruth will visit the website to learn more and bring information back to the committee.
 - Ashli will follow up with Phillip Devol, Author and Consultant, aha! Process to discuss the next steps we can take in becoming a Bridges out of Poverty community.
 - Ashli will follow up with aha Process to find out which community organization ordered the *Getting Ahead* workbooks.
 - The workshop reminded everyone how important collaboration is and that we need to make sure we incorporate trainings like this one with our staff.
- Ruth Sherman, executive director, Community Resource Connections, gave a presentation to help the committee learn more about what CRC does in the community and how service access helps clients get the resources they need. <http://www.communityresourceconnections.org/home/index.php>

- The committee discussed ideas for what it might look like if CRC was to manage Phase I – Care Coordination.
 - Facilitate communication and collaboration in and between the systems
 - Help individuals navigate the systems
 - Provide case management and advocacy
 - Help with the integration of what currently exists
 - Manage coordination between/with providers and individuals

Additional discussion about Phase I:

- Possibly include a Community Health Worker in Phase I. Northern Dental has grant money that would allow them to hire a Community Health Worker (CHW) in year three of the grant – CHW services are billable
 - Involve providers and possibly PrimeWest Health in figuring out the logistics
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- Mary Auger from Northwoods Coalition for Family Safety presented their Health and Wellness program to the committee. The program is funded by a Sanford Health Foundation of Northwest Minnesota grant. She talked about how they focus on the individual needs and goals for each client and the client’s children. They realize primary care is only one component to a healthier lifestyle so they also incorporate nutrition, parenting, social activities, self-esteem, empowerment, chemical health, mental health, dental health... They also address any barriers the client may be facing in accessing care. <http://www.northwoodsfamilysafety.org/>
 - Phase I discussion will continue at the next meeting and then the team will look at vision, mission, and core values.
 - Next meeting – Thursday, May 17