

Power of We Consortium

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2011

Present: Angela Austin, Darla Dowker Jackson, Carolyn Snyder, Carol Parker, Pat Wheeler, Jill Morris, John Duley, Bill Nelton, Heather McAlvey, Olga Hernandez-Patino, Mary ZumBrunnen, Serg Ruiz, Katie Ellero, Marvin Cato, Cameo King, Pauline Pasch, Brad Patterson, Rhonda Dyer, Rosanne Renauer, Tiffeny Jimenez, Lynne Martinez, Hi Fitzgerald, Vincent Delgado, Randy Bell, Peggy Roberts, Joan Nelson, John Melcher, recording secretary Linda Yencich.

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Angela called the meeting to order. Introductions around the table with announcements:

Peggy Roberts shared the 2-volume book Engaged Scholarship, edited by Dr. Fitzgerald, in which the Power of We Consortium is referenced.

Olga Hernandez-Patino reported that Lansing Community College has a free CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) program for those eligible. For more information please call 483-1180.

II. Learning About Our Community:

(45 minutes)

Capital Area RHIO

The newly initiated Capital Area Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO) provides healthcare practitioners in the Tri-County area a secure and reliable electronic method for clinical data delivery, communication and collaboration. Carol Parker, Executive Director, Capital Area RHIO and Carolyn Snyder, Physician Outreach Specialist, Capital Area RHIO will provide an overview of the system with the expectations regarding the impact on its many stakeholders: physicians, employers, hospitals, health plans, public health – and our community residents. This will be an interactive presentation with opportunity for questions and discussion.

Carol Parker and Carolyn Snyder shared a power point presentation about RHIO. For reference please see <http://capitalarearhio.org/>

Key points of the presentation: data security is strictly enforced; the information is accessible to health providers in the event of a patient emergency (ER, EMS). Benefit: RHIO protects health information in the case of a disaster. Prescriptions, test results, etc. are accessible to providers for reference. The system stores a provider directory with patient record locator for patient records. Sparrow and MSU have committed to sign up, and the goal is to include all providers in the area. Grant funds and financial incentives will be awarded to providers who engage in this system. The electronic medical record will be a component. Later, provider participation will become mandated. The system begins with regional networking, then state-wide networking, and eventually this will become a national network.

The website became just became live this week. The virtual health record is web based and query run, and interfaces with Emergency Medical Records. Insurance information is entered, and providers can look up insurance information when determining coverage on a particular test for example. However, there will not be an interface with insurance companies relevant to actual billing. Emergency contact information will also be included. Patients will have the right to consent for their medical record to be a part of RHIO. Exception: in the event of an emergency, the patient record can be accessed one time only. Most patients have opted to participate so far. Eventually, there will be a patient portal so that the patient can access their own medical records.

III Update and Dialogue

Our Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness:

(45 minutes)

In the fall of 2006, the Greater Lansing Homeless Resolution Network (GLHRN) and the Power of We Consortium created the “10 Year Plan to End Homelessness” in Ingham County. Darla Dowker Jackson (GLHRN Coordinator) will provide an overview of the objectives of that plan, progress made, as well as recommendations for the next course of action. Opportunity for dialogue and input regarding next steps will be encouraged.

Darla Dowker Jackson shared a power point presentation. The GLHRN provides tracking data for homeless in the Lansing area that covers years 2006-2009. Housing First Delivery Components: emergency services, housing resource support services, housing placement assistance, and case management services. The ten year plan was reviewed, as well as the progress that has been made. Recent changes in focus have included Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act.

There is a one day event “Project Homeless Prevent,” which utilizes hundreds of volunteers and coordinates services for the homeless people who attend. The Sparrow Clinic’s “homeless bus” and Carefree Medical Clinic provide medical services. Additionally, we now have services to help homeless persons enroll for social service resources. During group discussion some suggestions were made:

Add goals to the sub categories on the sixth slide (Ten Year Plan)

State the target priority and explain family homelessness

Is there a structural gap that should be identified?

Where are housing resources represented in the plan?

Response: This year we have increased access to data about homeless families.

Question: Should people from housing be a part of the membership committee?

Response: The Dept. of Planning and Neighborhood Development has been involved in outreach; there are many landlords out there.

It will be essential to determine goals for the next two years and keep in mind the budget cuts and how that will impact the network.

A partial list of essential funders: HUD, MSHDA, FEMA, Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission, City of Lansing, Emergency Shelter Grant, etc. For more information please contact Doris Witherspoon, (517) 483-4063 and see their website: <http://www.glhrn.org/>

The meeting was adjourned; the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2011.