



Membership Meeting
January 22, 2016, 9:00 to 11:00 am
Group Room, RAMCCC
Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital, Lebanon

Meeting Notes

Introductions & Information Sharing (see list of attendees on last page):

Announcements included:

- New NAMI Family to Family classes coming up. Alice to include schedule in e-news.
- Hungry Heart Screening at Geisel School of Medicine was very well attended and panelists were very good.
- Physicians for Human Rights (@ Geisel & Dartmouth) hosting a symposium on refugee health on January 29 and 20, per Emma.
- MRC hosting a General Meeting on February 10th. It is open to the public and a physician from the UVMC is speaking, per Wes.

PHC Draft Charter:

Members approved the language of the Charter, though we need to make sure the mission and vision statements are listed properly.

Working Group Development: Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL), Margaret Brown

Margaret is working on identifying organizations and people to join a re-vitalized HEAL working group. The proposed starting place is to understand what needs and opportunities there are and to what degree we need to do some assessment across our communities.

For membership, she will be looking towards municipalities, recreation departments, schools, among others. She hopes to have this up and running by April. Gretchen Cole, from Senior Solutions, mentioned that she manages the 3 Squares Vermont (Food Stamps) for Windsor County and would like to be involved.

Priority & Project Updates:

Substance Misuse Prevention:

- Continuing to work with existing and developing community-based coalitions: Hartford Community Coalition, Hanover Circle Up, Lebanon PUSH. New Lebanon Police Chief is hosting a community forum on January 27th to discuss opioid epidemic.
- Continuum of Care next steps includes developing an ad-hoc working group to analyze the results of a recent resource assessment. Aita is looking for volunteers for a 4-hour commitment over the next few months. She will send an email to all PHC members with details.
- Chuck Townsend shared information about related bills in the NH House.

Oral Health:

- Senior Smiles has been operating at two senior centers in Vermont; this is a collaboration of DHMC, APD, and Ottauquechee Health Foundation that places a public health dental hygienist in community settings to perform brush cleaning, screening, and referral.
- Work is underway to launch a similar program in Lebanon and Canaan in April. The program has been focused on older adults to date, but we continue to look for ways to reach younger adults.
- There is a shortage of advanced practice dental hygienists, who are able to do temporary restorations in NH without a dentist present. Training is available in Concord and we would like to understand the barriers to see if we might encourage some additional hygienists to pursue the certification.

- APD continues to support the Upper Valley SMILES program, providing screening and varnish services to five schools in NH and five schools in VT.
- Nancy has developed a partnership with dentist in Concord who has a Ronald MacDonald treatment van. The van comes to schools in NH after the screening clinics and provides to treatment to identified students with no other access to care. Nancy is meeting with people who have a similar van in Burlington to see if we can provide same service in Vermont communities.
- Members felt that this was a lot of great activity around oral health and that we needed a way to tell this story. Julia Griffin offered to reach out to John Gregg at the Valley News.
- State of NH Learning Collaborative: Stephanie Kelly attended the first of three Learning Collaborative meetings on our behalf. These are intended to help public health advisory councils track the implementation of their health improvement plans. We would like to participate in this process using our Oral Health work as a learning tool. Stephanie reported that only 3 or 4 regions were represented but that the information about logic models and evaluation plans was very useful. Next meeting is April 19th; Laleh may be interested in attending as well.

Aging in Community:

- Emma reported on the interviews she has been conducting with community aging in place groups. She still has a few to complete but has developed an initial summary of results.
- Shawn Russell shared that NH has recently passed new legislation (SB 146) which makes it easier for people to have “accessory buildings” on their property.
- Margaret will be reconvening the Aging in Community working group in early February. She is starting with the regions anchor organizations to ensure proper buy-in and agreement to purpose.

Crisis Intervention Team Training:

- New trainings are scheduled for Hartford and Hanover within the next couple of months. Lt. Isham is also working with Haverhill Police Department to schedule training in that region.
- There is a CIT International conference in Chicago in April. Members approved using PHC discretionary funds to support up to two local officers/CIT leaders to attend. Whitney Hussong, of Hartford PD, is interested. Alice has reached out to Lt. Isham and will follow up.

School-Based Flu Vaccine Clinics, Wes Miller:

- The Upper Valley (NH) has highest # of schools participating in the school-based clinics (all eligible) and the highest % of participation. Across the state, 8 of 13 regions host school-based clinics.
- Vaccine numbers were down a bit this year, likely due to delays in getting vaccines. Two schools had to be rescheduled to ensure vaccines were available.
- 1,579 vaccines were administered in 16 public schools. Rate was between 9.7% and 55% of students.
- Issue of concern for next year: Vaccinators! Local paramedics not sufficiently available or able to commit to a schedule. Used hospital nurses this year but they are expensive as a rule.
- Suggestions for identifying vaccinators: Laurie Harding mentioned a vibrant local group of retired MDs and RNs, some of whom likely still have active licenses. Hypertherm may have a large # of EMTs. Wes to look into the minimum qualifications needed and ways to provide on-time training.
- Wes is also hoping to identify a point person to work with each school to promote the vaccines and make sure on-site administration runs well.

Community Health Worker Project, Christine Dyke:

- DH is looking at building a network of community health workers who will work particularly with those individuals who use the Emergency Department frequently. DH plans to pilot this model in Keene. They hope to evaluate and replicate the model. New changes to Medicaid allow billing for community health workers.

AEDs:

- Alice mentioned she is working with someone in the Town of Dorchester on acquiring two AEDs to be placed in municipal buildings. Alice has offered to help write a grant application, likely to Mascoma Savings Bank. She asked if anyone else might need AEDs or if there were other funding ideas.

Community Health Needs Assessment:

- Margaret mentioned that she and Nancy are interested in making a presentation on the results to various community groups. Please let me know if you have suggestions.

PHC Website:

- Shared plan to work with DailyUV for events posting. ReThink Health can also post events.

NH Receives \$150 Million for Behavioral Health:

- Mike Cryans mentioned that NH has received a federal Medicaid Waiver (1115 Waiver) that will provide \$30 million annually for 5 years to increase access to behavioral health care. This grant includes significant systems alterations, per Alice.

Legislative Updates:

- Members suggested sharing that the NH Public Health Association provides regular legislative updates, as does the Society of Friends.

Next Meeting:

Friday, March 18

9:00 to 11:00 am

NEW LOCATION!

Hypertherm Auditorium, 71 Heater Road, Lebanon

Meeting Attendees (January 22, 2016)

Jacqui Baker, Dartmouth Hitchcock Community Health
Jeannette Birge, Child and Family Services, Upper Valley
Margaret Brown, Dartmouth Hitchcock Community Health
Stacey Chiocchio, Hypertherm
Laura Cody McNaughton, Vermont Department of Health
Gretchen Cole, Senior Solutions
Mike Cryans, County Commissioner
Nancy DuMont, MVHI Board of Directors
Christine Dyke, Dartmouth Hitchcock Community Health
Alice Ely, MVHI & PHC Coordinator
Julia Griffin, Hanover Town Manager
Laurie Harding, Upper Valley Community Nursing Project
Emma Hartswick, MVHI Fellow
Ellen Heuduska, DHMC Pediatrics
Whitney Hussong, HCRS/Hartford Police Department
Connie Kelley, Hartford Police Department
Stephanie Kelly, Health Promotion Research Center at Dartmouth
Jane Masters, Concerned Citizen, Clinical Social Worker
Marjorie Matthews, Parent Advocate, NAMI-NH Volunteer
Wes Miller, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Leonard Roberts, Hartford Police Department
Aita Romain, Dartmouth Hitchcock Community Health
Shawn Russell, Community Member
Donna Stamper, Parent Advocate, NAMI-NH Volunteer
Suzanne Stofflet, Upper Valley Region, Granite United Way
Laleh Talebian, ReThink Health
Charles Townsend, NH House of Representatives
Gus Ventura, Concerned Citizen