

**KEYSTONE HEALTH CENTER
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE TASKFORCE**

DATE: March 17, 2016

START TIME: 11:00 a.m.

RECORDER: Christina Methner

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Bitner, Paul Christophel, Joanne Cochran, Rose Cook, Kris Culler, Maureen Elliott, Emily Eshleman, Melanie Furlong, Alison Greifzu, Jack Jones, Daphne Murray, Linda Noble, Shelli Strausner, Stephanie Unger, Bob Whitmore.

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| Call To Order | | Joanne called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. |
| Approval Of Minutes | | On a motion by Kris and seconded by Stephanie, the minutes of the January 21 st meeting were unanimously approved as presented. |
| Old Business | | |
| Update membership Work Groups Summary at Last Meeting | A sign-in sheet was distributed for members to update their contact information. (Handout provided.) Joanne summarized a meeting with Summit's taskforce. Their four main areas of focus are: Access, Nutrition, Education, and Mental Health. Joanne feels it is important to also narrow our focus so we can make accomplishments in the areas that need it most. | |
| New Business | | |
| 1. Summary of Healthy Franklin County CHNA Advisory Group Meeting Needs Assessment Priority Issues | 1. A handout was provided summarizing the January meeting of the Community Health Needs Assessment Advisory Group. The group received the updated 2015 Franklin County CHNA Summary Report. Joanne identified four areas which need our attention. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obesity: by the year 2030, 45% of Pennsylvania's population will be obese. Dr. Hannigan and Joanne have joined a taskforce about this problem • Mental Health: the PA Department of Human Services has placed more stringent restrictions on who can provide mental health services. This means that many mental health providers will not receive payment for their services, which is a big problem as there is already a shortage of mental health services in the area • Access To Care: Two of the biggest barriers in providing access to healthcare is there are not enough providers, and many people cannot afford to see a doctor | |

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| <p>Population Information from Needs Assessment</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water: Fluoride is being taken out of township water. This is a problem as it is the best preventative measure for tooth decay <p>The Needs Assessment showed two things about the area's population: The population is aging rapidly and this could tip PA's economy due to pension plans, and the immigration population (new population groups to community) is mostly low income. There used to be a balance between classes, but Franklin County's population now has a large lower-class section, which could have a big economic impact.</p> | |
| <p>Team Identified Issues to be Placed Under Priority Issues Discussion</p> | <p>(Handout provided.) The team reviewed the Franklin County CHNA Summary Report and developed a list of priority issues from the problem areas identified in the report. The issues they identified as needing the most attention are: Health care coverage • Getting needed emotional/social support • Doctor/Dentist visits • Poor health limiting participation in normal activities • Depression/mental health • Alcohol and substance abuse • Mental health provider ratio • Ratio of population to dentists • Teen births • Depressive disorders • Children under six without health insurance • High cholesterol • High blood pressure</p> | |
| <p>Historical Background and Goals for 2016</p> | <p>(Handout provided.) Franklin County has been designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area. In 1992, designations for primary care, dental care, and mental health shortages were made. Migrant and seasonal farmworkers and low-income populations were also designated.</p> <p>This taskforce has been established to improve access to comprehensive, quality healthcare services, which is important for a healthy community.</p> <p>The 2016 goals for the taskforce are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve access to primary care services for residents of Franklin County 2. Increase the number of residents in Franklin County receiving preventative services 3. Provide outreach and enrollment opportunities to all eligible residents of Franklin County that do not have health insurance or access to a sliding fee discount program | |

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| | 4. Provide public transportation to residents of Franklin County through existing resources or through working with the Franklin County Transportation Taskforce | |
| Updates On: | | |
| Transportation and Outreach | As of April 1 st , Rabbittransit will take over Franklin County Transportation. After some transition period, Rabbittransit will serve the whole county every day. Rose said the company wants to see the needs of the community and ask how they can help. Extended hours were recommended, and Rose said this will be in place in the future. | |
| Chambersburg Hospital and Summit | The NICU has been running for a couple of months and is going well; more beds may be added. Care management is under reconstruction. | |
| Paramedicine | Doug said EMS call volumes have been high, and finding certified staff has been difficult. He said we should open the doors to young people who are interested in EMS and similar careers. A work study program previously existed, but has since dissolved. | |
| Office of Aging | No discussion. | |
| Spiritrust Lutheran | Home health palliative care is being offered for anyone with a serious illness or a chronic disease. | |
| Keystone Navigators | Keystone has submitted a new grant application to CMS for another \$1 million to continue the Outreach and Enrollment program for an additional three years. The grantees who will receive funding will be announced in May. Outreach and incentives are currently the two main focuses. Shelli asked for any ideas that may be used as incentives for community members to sign up for coverage. One new navigator has been hired, and interviews are underway for additional positions. | |
| Chambersburg Area School District | No discussion. | |
| Penn State Nursing Program | Penn State is trying to reach out to the community to help students learn in real-life situations. Lots of students need experience in different areas, so Stephanie said if your organization could benefit from student involvement, contact her. | |
| Ophthalmic | A glaucoma specialist has been added to the Ludwick team. This will now make glaucoma surgery available in the Chambersburg and Hagerstown offices, and patients will no longer have to travel out of town for this procedure. | |
| Housing | No discussion. | |
| Waynesboro Nurses | Linda explained that her company offers free home healthcare to residents in the Waynesboro School District. They currently | |

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| | have 47 clients, and that number has remained steady. They are looking to hire a part-time RN. | |
| BOPIC | BOPIC staff are preparing for their 26 th year of their summer educational and nutritional program which serves 240-250 kids per day at no charge. Hiring bilingual staff is underway, and the group also wants to focus on literacy efforts. The rate of illiteracy in Franklin County is 30-33%. | |
| Transition of Care Holy Spirit | Home health is a needed service, and Holy Spirit's palliative care services have been expanded. Holy Spirit wants to serve Franklin County and is looking at how specialists could meet needs in this community. Paul said paramedicine is a needed service. Trained paramedics go to homes to check on and help high-risk patients. This can fill gaps where home healthcare doesn't go. They are trying to bring this program to Chambersburg in the next two years. | |
| Healthy Franklin County | The group is working on summarizing their taskforce activities over the past three years and making new goals. | |
| Baseline Data and Targets on Initial Goals | Joanne proposed four preliminary goals: increase the number of providers, increase the use of preventative services, enhance outreach and enrollment, and improve the transportation program. She encouraged members to look over her goals and let her know if they would make any changes or have other goals in mind. This will be discussed at the next meeting. | |
| Next Meeting | May 2016. Date TBA. | |
| Adjournment | | Joanne adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m. |

Respectfully submitted by:



Christina Methner, Recorder