

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

DATE: September 15, 2016

START TIME: 11:00 a.m.

RECORDER: Christina Methner

MEMBERS PRESENT: Douglas Bitner, Christina Burns, Joanne Cochran, Kris Culler, Emily Eshleman, Melanie Furlong, Pam Laye, Gladys Leon, Pat McCulloh, Daphne Murray, Linda Noble, Barbara Rossini, Jeff Truhan, Stephanie Unger, Cindy Weidman, Bob Whitmore

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call To Order		Joanne Cochran called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.
Approval Of Minutes		On a motion by Jeff Truhan and seconded by Kris Culler, the minutes of the July 21 st meeting were unanimously approved as presented.
Old Business		
	No discussion.	
New Business		
A. Access To Care Objectives and Strategies	<p>Joanne informed the group that we have received a \$1,162,000 grant from the Federal Government to improve transportation access. Our hypothesis was that a lack of transportation leads to poor access to healthcare, which leads to poor health outcomes. This grant will be used to provide a fixed route to all Keystone and Summit offices, as well as The Chambersburg Hospital, pharmacies, and grocery stores. The route will begin in Franklin County, but will also be expanded to Adams and York Counties.</p> <p>Joanne introduced Barbara Rossini, who is the Vice President of Community Relations at Summit Health.</p> <p>Barbara explained the Community Health Needs Assessment is mandated by two federal organizations. We are trying to develop internal plans to get people healthier, and engage everyone in the community. Summit, Keystone, and many other organizations are working together on this initiative, and everyone's help is important. We will be having some new members joining us in the future. The website HealthyFranklinCounty.org is a good platform to put information in the public's view.</p> <p>A. Goal 1.1: Improve access to primary care services for residents of Franklin County.</p> <p>Moving forward, we will be breaking into smaller groups and assigning tasks in order to complete our objectives and strategies.</p>	

<p>B. Strategy 1.1.1.1</p>	<p>Objective 1.1.1: Increase the Proportion of Persons with a Usual Primary Care Provider</p> <p>Strategy 1.1.1.1: Promote and Establish a School-Based Health Clinic</p> <p>This has been accomplished as Keystone's health clinic at CASHS is up and running. It is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. Consent letters were sent home giving permission for the students to be seen at the clinic. This will free parents from leaving work and keep students in schools, as well as provide education and counseling. This is much needed as currently there is no STD education in place. This is a big need, because at our July STD clinic, 160 people were seen with a 22% positive rate. The average age of a person with an STD was 13-20 years old, with the majority being 13-17. Also, there were 45 pregnant CASHS students on the first day of school. Our school health center does not handle family planning. Students will be referred to our Family Planning/Community Outreach clinic at 455 Lincoln Way East. It is close enough that students can walk from the high school, and everything is free and confidential. By law, we cannot notify parents about STD or pregnancy concerns.</p> <p>Joanne will continue to draw attention to the STD and pregnancy problem through Public Opinion articles. She asked for Taskforce members to educate the community about the school health center when possible.</p>	
<p>C. Strategy 1.1.1.2</p>	<p>C. Strategy 1.1.1.2: Recruit and Retain Primary Care Clinicians and Dentists to Franklin County</p> <p>Keystone's FQHC status lets us recruit J1 Visa doctors, which is an agreement that allows providers to stay in the country if we sponsor them. However, it is often difficult to recruit providers to a rural area as opposed to the amenities available in a city.</p> <p>Kris said her practice tries tells potential providers about our private schools, access to outdoor activities, the area ballet and music schools, and close access to multiple metropolitan areas. She asks spouses to sit in on the interviews as it is important they like the area too, and have someone show them around the community on their first day.</p> <p>It is also helpful to recruit providers before they</p>	

<p>D. Strategy 1.1.1.3</p>	<p>graduate with a promise to help pay back student loans for a commitment to work at your facility.</p> <p>There is a shortage of all medical personnel, including physicians and mid-levels, speech, occupational, and physical therapists, nurses, and EMTs.</p> <p>D. Strategy 1.1.3: Advocate for Advanced Practitioners to Practice to the Fullest Extent of Their License</p> <p>VoTech offers a Medical Assistant program; many courses are only six weeks, but the school is making it a two-year program. Joanne plans to meet with Jim Duffy from the school to discuss a ladder concept, which would encourage students to further their education. If they are interested in becoming an MA, they may make a great LPN or RN. Joanne also believes students should be taught soft skills that will benefit them in all areas of their lives.</p> <p>We should be in the schools talking to kids, trying to get them interested in a career in medicine. We need to grow our own workforce. Keystone plans to participate in a dental hygiene course with the high school.</p> <p>Many medical field graduates of The McCann School of Business and Technology are working at Holy Spirit. We may be able to recruit some of these students who want to work closer to Chambersburg.</p>	
<p>E. Strategy 1.1.1.4</p>	<p>E. No discussion</p>	
<p>F. Strategy 1.1.1.5</p>	<p>F. No discussion</p>	
<p>G. Other Discussion</p>	<p>G. Keystone is the only Dental office in the area that accepts both MA and a reduced fee program. With the support of Summit and the Community Benefit Grant, we are able to provide these services for people who otherwise would not have access. We even have many patients travel from the surrounding counties, and don't turn anyone away, regardless of their ability to pay.</p> <p>We have hired our first Pediatric Dentist, and she will be able to do surgery in Chambersburg instead of referring patients to Mechanicsburg as we currently do. We recently sent 92 referrals in one month, so her presence will be an asset to both Keystone and the community.</p>	

	We also hope to add dental services to the school-based health clinic in the future.	
Updates From Membership:	No discussion	
Next Meeting	November 17 th , 2016 at 11:00 a.m.	
Adjournment		Joanne adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Christina Methner, Recorder