

Minority Health Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Elizabeth Castellano (HEALTH), Yvette Mendez (RI Central AHEC), Carrie Bridges (HEALTH), Helena Friedmann (Childhood Lead Action Project), Trevor Tejada-Berges (W&I), Aleatha Dickerson (DHS), Julie Rawlings (Women's Center), Vinnie Velasquez (MAP), Robert Trachtenberg (AHEC), Miguel Sanchez-Hartwein (CHisPA), Janet Anderson (DCYF), Bill Waters (HEALTH), Donna Huntley- Newby, Betty Bernal (ACS), Norma V. Hardy (Brown), Carolyn Campos (CHisPA), and Pich Chhoeun (ACS).

Not in Attendance: Ana Novais (HEALTH), Marco Maina (YMCA), Dannie Ritchie (Brown), Maria Barros (Homecare and Hospice), David Gifford (HEALTH), Delia Rodriguez (DEA), Janet Scott-Harris (US DHHS/OPHS/OMH), and Loida Bonney (Miriam Hospital).

I. Call to Order

Dona Huntley-Newby called the meeting to order and thanks CHisPA for hosting the meeting. Introduction and introductions of our new members were conducted.

II. Welcome from Host Agency

Carolyn Campos welcome the MHAC members to the center. She talked about the Promotoras de Salud that concentrates on the Latino

Community. Promotoras de Salud conducts workshops about physical activity and nutrition, cancer, domestic violence and more. CHisPA is also a resource center to clients where they help with filling applications for FIP, housing, food stamps, etc.... CHisPA have not conducted a community assessment of the community they served. They wish to create a Wellness Center at the new building for CHisPA at Broad Street. This new building will also include a housing component, business, senior center and the Wellness Center. South Providence doesn't have a Latino Senior Center and this one will be the first one in South Providence.

III. Review of the Minutes

Minutes were approved.

IV. Old Business/ Minority Health Advisory Committee Updates

Carrie did a recap of the MHAC year from January 2006 until now. Carrie provided the members with Elimination of Health Disparities Progress Report and a copy of question #32 of Certificate of Need Application and discussed this documents with the members. Carrie also mentioned to the members that the Office of Minority Health did not get the PHPS fellow this year. Bill Waters talked about the Patient Satisfaction Survey and suggested that we invite Jay Buechner from the Center for Data Information to share the information from the survey with the members at the October meeting. He also suggested collaboration between Office of Minority Health and Bruce Cryan at HEALTH on the Community Benefit Report. The Office of Minority

Health will be issuing the Mini-Grants around early 2007. Donna talked about the school year starting and suggested to the members that they need to spend more time with the School Department.

V. New business

The members also try to discuss better dates and times for the MHAC meetings in the future.

VI. Open Comments/Discussion

VI. Sub-committee Breakouts

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting for the MHAC is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2006, at South Providence Neighborhood Ministries in Providence.