

Regional Health Alliance
Access to Care
Tuesday, May 26, 2015
Grace Health

Present: Alberta Griffin, Calhoun County Public Health Department; Albert Hayes, Albion Health Care Alliance volunteer; Cheryl Hinds, Grace Health; Scott Hutchings, Grace Health; Justin Logsdon, Department of Human Services; Diane Marquess, Family & Children Services; Angela Myers, Regional Health Alliance; Victoria Reese, Health Equity Alliance; Rodna Stealy, Office of Senior Services; Barb Travis, Community HealthCare Connections; Jennifer VanValkenburg, Regional Health Alliance; Beatriz Whitmore, Integrated Health Partners; Nidia Wolf, Albion Health Care Alliance.

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action |
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| 1. Call to Order | Barb Travis called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. All members were introduced. | |
| 2. Approval of minutes | <p>There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the April 28, 2015 meeting.</p> <p>I make a motion to accept the April 28, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion by: Barb Travis Support by: Nidia Wolf Second by: Cheryl Hinds Motion passed unanimously</p> | |
| 3. County Health Rankings and Roadmaps | <p>Alberta Griffin provided a presentation on County Health Rankings and Roadmaps. 82 counties in Michigan report data for the rankings. The rankings are reviewed to locate where improvements are needed. Alberta stated they not only look at access to care, but also the behaviors behind them. Social Determinants (economic stability, education, health and health care, neighborhoods, etc.) are also reviewed. They start with policies and programs and then look at the health factors and then review the health outcomes. The health outcomes are self-reported. Alberta stated her goal is to get data down to the neighborhood level. Calhoun County ranks 74 out of 82 for health outcomes. Calhoun County has more life loss (YPLL – years of potential life loss) than other areas. Cancer, heart disease, and accidents are the top three items in our area for life loss. The year of potential life loss is 75. If a person dies at age 50, then 25 years are put on the YPLL since the person died before age 75. There have been some improvements due to the policies and programs in place. Infant mortality is trending down due to improvements. Alberta stated they are working to get more data for multi-racial since they currently have black (black, non-Hispanic) and white. For the rankings related to health behaviors, Calhoun County ranks 67 out of 82. Our top three health behaviors are smoking, obesity, and physical inactivity. Adult obesity has declined 2% which is an improvement. Teen birth rates and sexually transmitted diseases were reviewed by school. If it is known which school a person attends, the school information is used; otherwise zip code is used to report school data. The Clinical Care data reviewed is two years old: uninsured in Calhoun County is 14% compared to 13% for the State, diabetic screening is 87% compared to 86% for the state; mammography is 68% compared to 65% for the state. Although our violent crime is</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta will send a copy of the County Health Rankings presentation to Jennifer to be shared with Access to Care. • Contact Alberta with questions regarding the presentation and/or HDRreAM. |

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| | <p>higher in Calhoun County than the State average, it is lower than in previous years. Physical environment (air pollution, drinking water violations, severe housing problems, etc.) are also reviewed. The air pollution is worse in the lower portion of Michigan than it is in the Upper Peninsula. Alberta stated they also look at access to fresh food – how many convenience stores within ½ mile, 1 mile, etc.? HDReAM Data Mapper (through Western Michigan University) is available to anyone and provides geographical boundaries, locations of schools, bus routes, areas of high rate of poor birth outcomes, infectious disease areas, low income housing, where services (grocery store, markets, gas stations, etc.) are located, where hospital and health clinics are located, etc. Information can be provided at the national level or the local level.</p> | |
| 4. Goals | <p>Access to Care Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Risk Intervention Team – This team is still on hold since they are awaiting approval on the grant they submitted. • Enroll Calhoun – No updates available • Community PCP Database – They did not receive as many responses as they preferred; therefore, they are contacting provider offices to get additional surveys completed. • Advocacy at the State Level – Barb Travis stated we are working to get Senator Mike Nofs to attend an Access to Care meeting. • Development of Community Health Worker Model – Barb Travis will be meeting with Tom Brown tomorrow to discuss the Albion Neighborhood Visitors program and how it works. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are interested in helping with the Community Health Worker project, let Barb Travis know. |
| 5. Announcements / New Business | <p>Grace Health will start Centering Pregnancy on June 3. This program is a new way for pregnant moms to get their medical care. Centering Pregnancy is a group of 10-12 moms with similar due dates who will go through their pregnancy as a group. They will see the same provider when they come in each month. It will be an open environment and relaxed atmosphere. Centering Pregnancy is an evidence based program.</p> | |
| 6. Adjournment | <p>Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>Next meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Grace Health</p> |

Submitted by Diane Craig, May 26, 2015