

**Regional Health Alliance
Access to Care
Tuesday, August 25, 2015
Grace Health**

Present: Mary Jo Byrne, Fountain Clinic; Dee Dailey, Integrated Health Partners; Thamary Diaz, Grace Health; Raymond Higbea, Grand Valley State University; Cheryl Hinds, Grace Health; Bonnie Hogoboom, Area Agency on Aging; Jessica Rauch, Regional Health Alliance; Barb Travis, Community HealthCare Connections; Jennifer VanValkenburg, Regional Health Alliance; Nidia Wolf, Albion Health Care Alliance.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	Barb Travis called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. All members were introduced.	
2. Approval of minutes	<p>There were two corrections to the minutes from the July 20, 2015 meeting: page 2, 2nd section, 1st bullet point – change “stat” to “state”; page 2, 2nd section, 5th bullet point – change “prisoners” to “prisoners”</p> <p>I make a motion to accept the July 20, 2015 minutes with above noted corrections. Motion by: Mary Jo Byrne Second by: Nidia Wolf Motion passed unanimously</p>	
3. Access to Care Goal	<p>Our current goal is “All Calhoun County residents will have 100% access to health care services”. Recommended that the goal be changed to “All Calhoun County residents will have 100% access to health care and preventative services” so that we are proactive with our goal.</p> <p>I make a motion to accept the new goal. Motion by: Raymond Higbea Support by: Mary Jo Byrne Motion passed unanimously</p>	
4. Access to Care Goals Update	<p><u>High Risk Intervention Team</u> – A grant for approximately \$14,000 was received; however, this doesn’t provide enough funding to complete the pilot in an effective way. Grant funds were returned and this project is on hold until next steps are determined. Question: how much money is needed?</p> <p><u>Enroll Calhoun County</u> – At the last meeting it was mentioned that a grant was submitted for community outreach of a navigator to provide assistance with enrollment. Notice regarding this grant will be received in September. Jennifer VanValkenburg stated Amy Terry is working on geo coding which is taking a little longer than anticipated.</p> <p><u>Community PCP Database Data</u> – Survey questions and results were shared with Access to Care members. A total of 24 out of 27 offices responded to the survey. The first page of the report shows results for all questions asked. Group members have the following questions:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb will find out how much funding is needed and report back to Access to Care • Jennifer will ask Amy to provide an update on meeting dates.

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<p>3. Access to Care Goals (cont.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 5 of report, insurance accepted – there are some bars on the graph that are not labeled. Can we get more detail? • Last page of report – it doesn't appear to be a yes/no question since offices are being asked their preference of using a survey or receiving a phone call. Clarification is needed. • May we get more information on capacity of provider offices? How many new patients are they able to take? <p>Access to Care felt the survey questions are good; however, a little more clarification is needed.</p> <p><u>Advocacy at State Level</u> – Minutes from meeting with Senator Mike Nofs were reviewed. Barb stated she received information from the Michigan Department of Community Health regarding the waiver. The next meeting is in September in Detroit. The area of controversy is the 100% - 133% poverty level (approximately 100,000 of the 600,000 who currently qualify for Medicaid expansion are at this level). The entire waiver is being based on 1/6 of the group and if not accepted the expansion will be taken away from all 600,000 people. If the 100,000 who are at 100% - 133% poverty level were taken out of the expansion, they would qualify for the health exchange. Per Senator Mike Nofs there is no Plan B if the expansion is not approved. His solution is to turn to FQHCs (Federally Qualified Health Centers). Calhoun County does have a safety net; however, there is less capacity since organizations had to downsize due to the change. Open enrollment begins in November. People will have approximately one month to get coverage if the expansion is not approved. Jennifer stated that Senator Nofs commented that providers do not like the paperwork involved and feel overburdened by all the paperwork. Thamary stated Grace Health has quite a few more forms to fill out and has been helping patients with their forms. The forms are long and time consuming.</p> <p><u>Development of Community Health Worker Model</u> – Jennifer spoke with Victoria Reese about the work she has done with the churches. Funding was received for people within a church to go through CNA training. There have been a total of 6 churches with this program; however, funding will end soon. What can be done so we don't lose what has been done with the churches so far? For the grant report, outcomes will need to be reported, what was done with elevated blood pressure levels, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb will talk with the group to get more details/clarification on the survey. • Barb will share e-mail she received regarding the waiver with Access to Care.
<p>5. Community Prevention Resources</p>	<p>Community HealthCare Connections is updating the Access to Care Guide and should have it completed by next month. This guide is geared more for those who do not have insurance / resources. The Community Resource Guide that is done by IHP is geared more for those with insurance. MIHP (Maternal Infant Health Program) – coordinated care in the home for mother and infant – will be provided through Grace Health starting in September.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb will add MIHP to the Resource Guide.

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5. Community Prevention Resources (cont.)	Prevention resources should be added. Nidia stated the Substance Abuse Council is working on a resolution to raise the age from 18 to 21 to get tobacco products. Smoking cessation classes have been provided at Grace Health plus Bronson has a Fresh Start class.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Guide will be sent to Access to Care members for review. Corrections are needed by mid-September.
6. Announcements / New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Plan 2015 – the following goal has been added to the Action Plan 2015: “Identify resources available for those who are low income. Ensure individuals have access to preventative resources that exist.” • Preventive health services are available through the Affordable Care Act (HealthCare.gov). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer will share preventive services link with Access to Care
7. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.	Next meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 9:30 am - 11:00 am, Grace Health

Submitted by Diane Craig, September 1, 2015