

Winnepesaukee Public Health Council (WPHC)

Franklin Savings Bank Welcome Center

September 1st, 2016 3-4:30 PM

In Attendance: Susan Smith (Citizen Representative), Scoop Welch (Granite United Way), Lisa Leary (PPH), Rich Crocker (State Committee on Aging), Lisa Morris (PPH), Jennifer Groleau (PPH), Jim Wells (City of Franklin), Sally Minkow (LRGHealthcare), Robert Lucas (Citizen Representative), Rachel Saliba (Tilton School), Kirk Beattie (Laconia Fire Department), Paul Branscombe (Town of Gilmanton), Marge Kerns (LRGHealthcare), Erin Pettengill (Lake Region Community Services), Susan Wnuk (Community Action Program for Merrimack-Belknap Counties), Rick Silverberg (Health First Family Care Center), Susan Connolly (Health First Family Care Center)

Agenda: Facilitator: Susan Wnuk

1. Review Minutes: The Council reviewed last months meeting minutes. There are no adjustments to be made.
2. Presentation/Discussion: CA\$H Coalition: Financial Stability/Social Determinants of Health- Cary Gladstone, Sr. Director, Asset Building Strategies for Granite UW. In attendance from CA\$H Coalition: Randy Miller (Franklin Savings Bank), Leonard Campbell (Outreach Catholic Charities), Debra Drake (Neighborworks Southern NH), Bridget Dignan(GUW) CA\$H Coalition: Creating Assets, Savings and Hope
 - Covers Priority 8 of the Community Health Improvement Plan. There is a relationship between poverty and poor health outcomes.
 - The CA\$H Coalition helps low income families manage and keep money in their pockets.
 - They offer a mentoring program where recruited volunteers meet with individuals that would like to work on improving their financial situation. They had 20 participants-90% reached their goal. One person purchased a home and a few were able to attend college. Mentoring helps individualize a situation and teaches personal financial management.
 - Also provides tax assistance with focus on ensuring that eligible families apply for Earned Income Tax Credit.
 - Comments: Susan Wnuk suggests that a flyer be created for the Earned Income Tax Credit. A simple form to show candidates if they would qualify and how to access assistance. Agencies can distribute-Marge Kerns (LRGH) says that low income families are often on payment plans at the hospital because they cannot afford health insurance. This would be an optimum time to distribute information. Other comments included some schools in region require financial classes but not all. It's easier to teach children than adults. Families who struggle with poverty have a difficult time putting savings in an account because they are living on limited income. There is a relationship between one residing in affordable/safe housing and health outcomes.
 - Paul Branscombe volunteered to join CA\$H Coalition and to act as a liaison between WPHC and Coalition. The WPHC will work with Coalition in developing the work plan for the CHIP as it relates to poverty priority.
3. Updates: 1115 Waiver and Workgroup Updates
 - Governor and Council approved contract August 24th
 - Survey boxes will be provided for Provider and Consumer Surveys
 - Population based data will be collected on workforce development, health information technology, and integration of behavioral health with primary care
 - October 31st is the deadline on complete plan
4. CHIP Presentations-Identification of target audiences, sign ups
 - Education to Lawmakers and Policy Makers-looking to find ways to get involved. Susan Connolly (Health First Family Care Center) used to work in the state offices. She suggests holding a meeting at the Holiday Inn in Concord.
 - Engaging Employers as Participants with the Council-Scoop Welch (GUW) suggested engaging agencies she works with.
 - Reminders: The Second Annual Partners in Community Wellness Substance Misuse Summit will be held on November 1st at the Huot Technical Center on November 1st from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
 - Sign-ups will begin at next meeting
5. Next Meeting-The next meeting will be held at the Franklin Savings Bank Welcome Center in Tilton NH (behind the Tilton Diner) on October 6th, 2016 at 3pm. Community Health Institute will be presenting on Partner Tool which measures how well agencies in our region work together.