

CEHD Meeting • February 20th, 2014 Genesis Home

Attendance: : Lloyd Schmeidler (City of Durham), Ryan Fehrman (Genesis Home), Janet Xiao (CEF), Charita K. McCollers (LCHC – HCH Clinic), Joi Stepney (HNN), Matt Schnars (city of Durham), Alma Davis (DCRC), Kelly Godinho (UNC MSW '14), Terry Allebaugh (HNN), Ann Tropiano (GH), Valaria Brown (Alliance), Sonia Ensenat (CHIN), Roshanna Parker (CJRC), Maria Davis Dorsey (DDI), Cynthia Harris (HNN), Latasha Wilson (SAVE), Jerene Joseph (DPS), Rev. Ernie Mills (DRM), Tammy Mauldin (GH), Joyce Stancil-Williams (CASA), Ashley Hiel (HNN), Olive Joyner (DIHN), Daniel Reinholz (CHIN), Stephanie Williams (Alliance), and Nadine LaLeer (COpnil)

Welcome & Call to Order: Ryan called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

Introductions: All present introduced themselves.

Meeting Approval: Minutes from the January 16th meeting were distributed electronically before the meeting. Motion was made by Alma Davis and properly seconded by Joi Stepney, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Ricardo Correa, Lincoln Community Health Center

Presenting on the Affordable Care Act & enrolling in the health insurance marketplace

- Lincoln team expanded from 6 to 10 people; working M-F 8am-8pm and S 9am-12pm
 - Certified Application Counselor (Federally qualified, different from a navigator)
 - Staff Capacity: @ Project Access, DSS, Health Dept, El Centro & main site at Lincoln Community Health Center
 - Would like to reduce number of walk-ins and make better use of the appointment system
- Numbers:
 - NC has strict guidelines for Medicaid qualification: legally blind, disabled, or children under 18 living in household
 - If adult w/ child under 18 living in household: Adult Planning Medicaid (still considered underinsured because services limited)
 - Out of Durham's 233,012 residents, 44,454 are uninsured (19.1%)
 - NC is fifth state in nation re: enrolling individuals (third among states who used Fed. enrollment website)
 - 500,000 individuals would have been qualified had NC not opted out of Medicaid expansion
- **Central Scheduling Telephone Number: 855-733-3711**
 - For anyone statewide who wants to schedule appointment with navigator / certified application counselor
 - Call center sponsored by Legal Aid will schedule the appointment
 - To make appointment, need: first and last name, social security number, income
- March: will start advertising (radio and billboards)
- Major enrollment event on March 8th at Lincoln Clinic
- Eligibility Information:

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- Anyone over 100% of the Federal poverty line is eligible to buy private health insurance plans (silver, gold, platinum...) in the Marketplace
Below 138% Federal poverty line eligible for Medicaid
- What can agencies do: talk about it & pass on phone number
 - Contact Krystal Holman, chairperson for Healthcare Marketplace meetings (every other Thursday, 1pm @ Lincoln, Conference Room 8) – she has brochure materials
- Where are navigators available? Legal Aid, Project Access, Dept of Social Services (1 bilingual), Health Department, El Centro Hispano & Lincoln CHC – call the central scheduling phone number to make an appointment
- Penalties: will be collected through income tax, and will come into play next year
 - Essential to get subsidies: need to file 2014 taxes
 - Advanced Premium Tax Credit: on 2014 taxes, will be given in 2015
 - Subsidies given to you in 3 different ways: IRS will give \$ towards health insurance
 - 1. Whole amount goes to health insurance
 - 2. Split in half: half of health insurance subsidies, and consumer pays the rest; then get the other half as tax credit in 2015
 - 3. Nothing to health insurance & consumer pays all, but get cash tax credit in 2015
 - If you are not enrolled for health insurance:
 - 1st year: Penalty per adult will be \$95 (once per year), \$47.5 per child
 - eg. Family of four: \$190 for adults, \$96 for two children = \$286 total penalty for the family
 - Or 1% income (whichever is greater)
 - 2nd year: \$325 per adult, \$162.5
 - Or 2% income (whichever is greater)
 - 3rd year: \$695
 - Or 2.5% income (whichever is greater)
- Medicare: changes in coverage
 - Before ACA: preexisting condition would not be able to get health insurance; with ACA, health insurance providers have to match all the way to the top
 - “Donut Hole”: gap in medication coverage between \$2500-6500 – ACA shrinking the hole
- Only 2 out of 9 healthcare insurance providers in NC decided to participate in health care insurance; BCBS covers all counties; Coventry covers ~30 counties, exclusive to Duke
 - (We can’t advise anyone on what health insurance they choose) BUT notice that Blue Value does not cover Duke Med.
- Clarification: If individual receives health insurance from employer, they are not eligible for subsidies. (They can switch to health care marketplace if they want.)
 - If insurance from employer is over 9% annual household income, then it is considered “unaffordable”
 - There are many hardship exceptions – eg. if someone can’t afford to pay because it is 8% or higher of income, then they would qualify for marketplace/subsidies
- March 21st, 2014: Durham Health Summit @ Washington Duke Inn

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Sgt. Morais from DPD Crisis Collaborative Team

Presenting about the Crisis Collaborative

- Goals: reduce injuries in crisis situations, bring consumers into mental health centers, reduce call volume, reduce high cost of responding to mental health crisis calls
- Providing better collaborative case management towards stability
- Referrals: many come from patrol, some from EMS and partner agencies

Lloyd Schmeidler

Presenting about Transportation Assistance

- Recognizing that agencies receive requests from clients re: transportation needs (not bus passes, but more long-range plans – eg. moving to another state)
- DOT has small grants available for traveler's aid funds for inter-city transportation assistance, available on a reimbursement basis & works as a 1:1 match
- Seeking an organization to work with Julia Gamble and be central coordinator of this process for transportation aid; community could collaborate to create a pot of money to fund the 50% organization-side contribution

Agency Announcements:

1. Matt shared information from a conference call with HUD Secretary: two cities have announced they have ended chronic veterans' homelessness and are offering support. It is also announced that there will be a city vs. city mayor challenges to end chronic veterans' homelessness, matching similar-sized cities with each other.
2. CHIN Update: statewide governance committee for CHIN is close to finalizing RFP to transfer administration of CHIN from NC Housing Coalition to another agency/organization. Proposals welcome from non-profits, institutions of higher learning, and for-profit institutions.
3. Bed/Point-in-Time count information due March 7th, will do a press release to the community.

Adjournment: Ryan adjourned the meeting at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Xiao