Healthy Together Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019, 10 AM
Public Health Conference Room
1930 Ninth Avenue, Helena

Attendees
Amy Emmert, Population Health Director, St. Peter’s Health
Lori Ladas, Director, Rocky Mountain Development Council
Emily McVey, Executive Director, United Way
Drenda Niemann, Health Officer, Lewis and Clark Public Health
Gayle Shirley, Systems Improvement Mgr., Lewis and Clark Public Health
Jill-Marie Steeley, Executive Director, PureView Health Center

Meeting Objective
To review and finalize first progress report on 2019-2022 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and determine how and with whom to share.

Review of Draft Progress Report for Format, Content
Steering committee members were pleased by the progress indicated in reports from the lead coalitions. Commitment to the CHIP goals and objectives was obvious. Members also liked the format of the progress report. They found it simple to follow and liked the “at a glance” symbols indicating the status of each strategy. Drenda suggested eliminating the column under “Lead” and noting that information elsewhere as a way to provide more room for the Progress information.

Gayle questioned whether measures of success for Behavioral Health Goal 2 were possible to get. Jill agreed to changing the second measure to “Number of behavioral health providers using the CONNECT system,” and the fourth measure to “Number of specialty-care providers using CONNECT,” because it would be difficult to determine the total number of such providers in the county. Jill also agreed to ask the LAC to define “behavioral health providers” and “specialty-care providers” in more detail to enable searches of the CONNECT database. Jill said she will be able to get the number of primary-care providers and pediatricians in the county from which to determine the percentage using CONNECT. Jill said the final two measures will be determined in Year 2 of the CHIP.

Gayle noted that she had received some numbers for the Early Childhood Goal 2 measures of success but not in time to include in the draft report. She will add them. Committee members asked that the measures include a breakdown of STARS to Quality child-care providers by number of stars the providers had received. They also asked that the Early Childhood Coalition and Zero to Five Initiative define what they mean by “benefits” in the measure for “Number of child-care providers who offer benefits to employee.”

Distribution of Progress Report
Committee members agreed that the semiannual report is a public document and should at a minimum be shared in the following ways:
- Presentations to governing entities of steering committee members
- Healthy Together website
- Via email to Healthy Together task force members
- Social media
• Presentations to coalitions involved in work on the CHIP

The steering committee will convene the task force to review the annual report in Spring 2020 and will share it more widely through traditional media at that time.

Other Business
• Next steering committee meeting: April 8, 2020, 10 a.m., Lewis and Clark Public Health Conference Room
• Due date for submissions to annual progress report: April 1, 2020
• Next meeting of Healthy Together Task Force: May 2020

Action Items

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| Gayle | • Reformat draft plan to incorporate steering committee recommendations.  
• Ask Brandi Thomas at Child Care Connections for breakdown of STARS to Quality providers.  
• Ask ECC and Zt5 to define “benefits” for EC Goal 2.  
• Get “Other Achievements” and “Barriers to Progress” for EC Goal 2. | Dec. 15, 2019 |
| Gayle | • Distribute semiannual report as delineated above. | Jan. 1, 2020 |
| Jill | • Get total number of primary care and pediatric providers in the county and share with Gayle.  
• Get definitions of “behavioral health providers” and “specialty-care providers” for BH Goal 2.  
• Send Gayle responses to “Other Achievements” and “Barriers to Progress” for BH Goal 2.  
• Send Gayle measures for BH Goal 2. | Dec. 15, 2019 |
| Amy | • Look into scheduling St. Peter’s Health Education Center in May for task force meeting. | January 2020 |
| All | • Share semiannual report with governing entities and lead coalitions. | Feb. 1, 2020 |