



Curry County Health Council

Meeting Minutes January 17, 2019

The Curry County Health Council (CCHC) in partnership with Presbyterian and Plains Regional Medical Center (PRMC) held a special meeting on January 17, 2019 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Cannon Room at PRMC.

In Attendance:

Norene Headrickson	Tiffany Dominguez
John Bridges	Jessica Dickison
Anita Garcia-McClinton	Marcia Ledingham
Carissa Coaroland	Tanya Henderson
Oriana Riley	Tina Hill
Laci Cruz	Teresa Broeker
Scott Brown	Angie Cordova
Jorge Cruz	Destry Hernandez
Hope Moyers	Brad Roberts
Norma Garcia	Rose Ann Martinez
Donna Morrow	Yadira Reyes
Christin Amicone	Jennifer Evans
Carrie Vechery	Mark Lansford
Lyubov Johnson	Lauren Cowman
Desa Silbaugh	Anthony Cook
Tammy McSpinits	Laura Leeder Martinez
Joshua Schwope	Michael Brockett
Debbie Gentry	Alexa Perez
Susan Alman	Mitch Gray
Tammy Phillips	Dick Smith

Community Health Assessment Summary – January 17, 2019

A representative from Presbyterian opened the meeting with an ice breaker in which he asked we were asked what a healthy community looked like to us. Access to mental health was one, communication between agencies, bringing awareness to the resources available to individuals and having measurable goals.

He explained that Presbyterian is a non-profit organization and is required by the IRS to conduct community health assessments every three years to assess the needs of the community in the ten counties Presbyterian serves in New Mexico and how they will be working toward fulfilling those needs. This assessment will address the implementation plan timeframe from 2020 to 2022. There are two parts to the community health assessment process, this meeting is step one which is identifying the most pressing needs of the community and identifying the priorities. The process will include a description of the local health indicators, interaction in a broader discussion of the needs in the community and voting on the priorities. The next step will be conducting town hall forums which will begin in March, 2019.

Laura, an epidemiologist from Presbyterian explained that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) decides the priorities for the nation, including New Mexico and Curry County.

Laura explained with the help of a large flow chart displayed on the wall indicating the past needs and priorities for communities in New Mexico. Laura read off the indicators on the chart and showed the group where we were gaining ground and doing better than the nation and or state.

In order to demonstrate what is currently happening in our communities and the impact, she gave a card to every fourth person in the room and the attendees broke into separate groups. Each card contained a different statement regarding either a positive or negative social or medical issue along with statistics. The data cards listed the statement, the ranking on a national level, compared New Mexico ranking with the national level, and Curry County ranking compared to the state level and whether that Curry county ranking was going up or down. Each group was then asked to individually discuss the data cards as a group and decide if it was a deterrent, an outcome, or both. Once the group discussion was completed, a spokesperson from each group was asked to go to the flow chart, read the statement and data on the card, and if explain their decision of the group whether this was a positive or negative deterrent or outcome. Laura asked the attendees to consider the leverage points and the chain of events that could occur when an individual or family is faced with a life altering event or circumstance. She asked the attendees to locate where and at what point the health community could come in and turn that possible negative situation into a positive outcome.

After every group had their card on the flow chart it became clearer how some issues related to others and where there were gaps, where the county was currently successful and where improvement was needed as well as those issues that could not be readily addressed due to lack of local resources.

Attendees were then asked to consider priorities for the three year timeframe of 2020-2022, what priorities could be successfully addressed as well as implementing positive change for if resources are readily available.

In order to come to a consensus on what the community's priorities were in ranking order, each person was given three sets of different colored stickers and directed to place them on the flow chart according to first, what should be priorities according to the data collected,(three votes) second, what should be priorities due to personal experiences (three votes), and third what should be priorities that could actually be changed, make an impact on, have resources to help change, and what were do-able (three votes).

The number of stickers designated to certain priorities on the flow chart were then evaluated, and by the number of grouped stickers it was determined that homelessness, healthy eating, mental and suicide health, access to services, provider access, cigarettes and tobacco use, poverty, and substance use would be brought before Presbyterian and the health council to decide which of these would be taken to the community forums held in March to become priorities and directives for the New Mexico Department of Health and the state's health councils.

This list of priorities will be further narrowed down to become the New Mexico Department of Health 2020 – 2022 priorities for the state of New Mexico. Each county's health council will then create plans to address the priorities and track health outcomes. End of meeting.