

PATH
July 1, 2014, 11:30 noon – 2:00 pm
LewisGale Hospital Pulaski

Present:

Annemarie Anglim, VCOM
Harvey Barker
Dawn Barnes, VA Cooperative Extension
Vicky Collins, Radford City Department of Social Services
Susan Dalrymple, Pulaski County United Way
Beth Deskins, RU School of Social Work
Amy Epperley, Carilion NRV Medical Center
Mary Beth Dunkenberg, VT Institute for Policy and Governance
Elizabeth Fontaine, NR Health District
Patricia Gaudreau, Montgomery County Public Schools
Bob Hendrickson, NRCA, Beans & Rice
Tina King, NRV Agency on Aging
Robert Lambert, Community Health Center
Holly Lesko, VT Institute for Policy and Governance
Suzanne Lo, VT Institute for Policy and Governance
Richard Mastalski, Carilion Clinic
Matt Mathias, LewisGale Hospital Montgomery
Dave Nutter, VT Office of Economic Development
Beth O'Connor, VRHA
Molly O'Dell, NR Health District
Linda Pearce, NRV Health & Wellness Network
James Pritchett, NRVCS
Pam Ray, VT/NRHD
Rhonda Seltz, VRHRC
Melanie Smith
Bob Suddarth, LewisGale Hospital Pulaski
Deb Suddarth, Free Clinic of Pulaski County
Rosemary Sullivan, NRVCS
Bev Walters, NRV CARES
Sophie Wenzel, VT/NRHD
Wanda Wylam, NR Health District

Introductions

Thanks to Bob Suddarth and LewisGale Hospital Pulaski for hosting PATH and providing lunch! The PATH attendees introduced themselves.

CDC-PICH Grant

Sophie Wenzel reported that the New River Health District (NRHD), with help from VA Tech's Institute for Policy and Governance and Center for Public Health Practice and Research, is applying for a CDC PICH (Partnerships to Improve Community Health) grant. The grant is due on July 22 and starts on October 1. Working with a strong community coalition with multi-sector representation is a requirement of the grant; NRHD will apply using PATH as the community coalition. The focus is tobacco and access to healthy foods. PICH will dovetail the Tobacco Use and Control Project (TUCP) grant awarded to NRHD from the Virginia Department of Health that focuses on high-level policies. There is interest at both universities for tobacco-free campuses. Some of the strategies for the food strategies include: food truck, partnerships with local farmers, taking food into communities that don't have easy access and cooking demonstrations.

Perinatal Committee Report

Birth Record Data Analysis – Molly O'Dell reported that after the Turning Pointe visit, Cathy Callahan found a VCOM student, Annemarie Anglim, to analyze birth record data. Annemarie presented *Reported substance use among pregnant women in the NRV during 2013* (PowerPoint attached). At Turning Pointe, it was learned that mothers wanted to be in the program because if they got to delivery and were using, the baby would be taken away. If they were in treatment, they kept their babies. Vicky stated that there are more similarities than dissimilarities in CPS in VA and WV and suggested that we could start with an outpatient component that may materialize into a facility. She said that years ago DSS had a

family assessment track where the payoff was no confounded complaints. Once the baby was born, a confounded complaint was avoided. It would be good to be involved in an early, non-punitive way.

Healthy Kids Committee Report

***Grant Seeking** – Elizabeth Fontaine reported on working with Pulaski County Schools on a Farm to School grant to put salad bars in middle and high schools. The committee has been trying to determine how to gain community traction through a media and education campaign. The kids component of 95210 (9 hours of sleep each day, 5 servings of fruits and veggies each day, 2 hours less screen time each day, 1 hour physical activity each day and 0 sugary beverages) will be used. The plan is to gain buy-in from Parks & Rec for 2 and 1, schools for 0 and 5 and day care/parents for 9. The workgroup is hoping to recruit the community engagement person from Shelor Motor Mile. Elizabeth noted that they would love more PATH representatives at the next meeting at the end of July or early August and suggested bringing individuals from other community groups.

Advocacy Committee Report

Rhonda Seltz reported that Suzanne Lo will discuss google docs at the next PATH meeting. Rhonda requested that PATH members send her information on any advocacy issues.

***Medicaid Expansion in VA Today** – Rhonda Seltz reported that the state budget passed and Medicaid expansion wasn't included. The Governor will try to pass Medicaid expansion without the House and Senate. The Advocacy Workgroup has been speaking at town and county government meetings. Rhonda thanked Beth O'Connor for attending the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting; they passed a resolution supporting Medicaid expansion. The Pulaski County Board refused to discuss a similar resolution.

***New Member Packet Development** – A communications intern has been requested to work on the website and communications.

CCLP Program Wrap Up in Princeton

***Sharing of Storyboard** – Molly O'Dell reported that a year ago, five PATH members—Harvey Barker, Cathy Callahan, Holly Lesko, Charlotte Ramsey and Molly O'Dell—participated in a week-long Community Coalition Leadership Program (CCLP) training that focused on developing leadership capability among coalitions that address factors that influence community health capacity. At the next PATH meeting (July 9, 2013), the CCLP's goal of providing leadership to PATH for one year was described and PATH members voted to allow the CCLP team to work on and bring back a plan for PATH's reorganization/structure. Last month, RWJ funders invited the seven CCLP teams to report on their accomplishments. A storyboard of the year was displayed. Factors displayed included loss of a team member (Charlotte Ramsey), increased/refined PATH membership, revitalized/reorganized PATH, organized into workgroups, loss of organization director and CEOs, Carilion's reorganization and no Medicaid expansion. Vicky attended and noted that all of the teams were dedicated to their projects. Molly announced that PATH members may receive by email a coalition survey to complete for the CCLP evaluation and encouraged members to respond.

PATHways Sharing – Those who signed up shared updates about their agencies/organizations.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2014 - Carilion NRV Medical Center Fireside Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Wylam
New River Health District