

PATH Meeting Minutes  
7/12/16  
Lewis Gale, Pulaski

Present:

Michelle Brauns, co-convener  
Harvey Barker, co-convener  
Sophie Wenzel  
Lishu McCargo  
Zenith Barret  
James Jones  
Kenneth Schor  
Pam Ray  
Ron Clark  
Angie Nichols  
Deena Flinchum  
Rosemary Sullivan  
Molly O'Dell  
Laura Guilliams  
Mindy Thorpe  
Amy Michals  
Aaron Boush  
Jenny Schwanke  
Ryan Martin  
Rhonda Seltz  
Vicky Collins

Introductions: Harvey welcomed everyone and everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Harvey thanked Molly for allowing Rebecca Marshall, Executive Assistant for New River Health District, to continue providing support for PATH and he thanked Lewis Gale-Pulaski Hospital for their hospitality in hosting us today.

Harvey announced that Candidate Kitts had unplanned surgery Friday and is recuperating and could not attend today. He will come in October.

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys (New River and Roanoke) presentation by Zenith Barrett, Director of Business Engagement: She defined the mission of Goodwill, who benefits from Goodwill services and highlighted the services provided by Goodwill and how businesses can benefit from Goodwill trained individuals for the workforce.

GoodCare is a health training initiative for providers who need workers to fill a gap in services. 2.5 million dollars has been awarded for this initiative. They partner with community colleges, adult education and literacy programs that

target 125 (15 from NRV each of the five years funded) TANF recipients and low income residents for nursing, healthcare support, and health information. There is an eligibility and suitability process by which 1 of 2 eligible is for the selected for services (case management, tuition, book assistance, career coaching, adult education, career placement).

An employer advisory committee is being developed in each locality to help support the success of the candidates. [www.goodwillvalleys.com](http://www.goodwillvalleys.com)

Carilion-New River Community Health Needs Assessment Results: Amy Michals (and Aaron Boush) presented the data to date. All primary and secondary data has been presented to the Community Health Assessment Team and the issues were prioritized. Today Amy will compare the priorities from 2013 and 2016, including the Giles needs (done separately). An email with data guide was previously sent to PATH members and once finalized, the data will be posted on the website. Top 10 needs were presented and child abuse and neglect showed as #5. This is the first time child abuse and neglect has been ranked as an issue.

The top 5 needs in 2016 include transportation, mental health counseling/substance abuse, obesity, substance abuse and child abuse/neglect. In 2013, transportation was sited as the #1 need, access to mental health counseling/substance abuse was #4, 35% survey respondents selected obesity as one of the top three health issues in 2013 and chronic disease, 72% of community respondents identified this as a top need in 2013, tobacco was a top need in Giles in 2015, child abuse/neglect was not identified as a need in 2013. Access to primary care is need #6 in 2016 and #7 in 2013. Need #7 in 2013 is access to adult dental care and was #8 in 2013. Need #8 was coordination of care in 2016 and in 2013, also in the top 10. #9 need in 2016 was knowledge of community resources. 2016 need #10 is high uninsured population but was not listed as a need in 2013. The final plan will be posted by October 2016 and a hospital specific implementation plan will be available by 2017.

New River Valley Community Health Improvement Plan: Molly introduced the idea of an over arching Community Health Improvement Plan that draws from the consistent and continuous assessment activities undertaken throughout NRV. She asked for volunteers to service on an ad- hoc work group to finalize the aims, objectives, strategies and best practices and give input on an engaging format to present this plan, which will include the history and processes that contribute to community health improvement in New River. James Jones utilized Tableau to demonstrate one of the indicators (% of high school grads who enrolled in higher education) for people to see how the data can be visualized. Rhonda Seltz, Aaron Boush, Rosemary Sullivan, Angie Nichols and Ken Schor volunteered to help edit the draft community health improvement plan. Molly will follow up with them.

Community Health Center: Michelle informed the group of a New Access Grant available and Michelle explained they are applying to expand into Pulaski. The grant is due this week and the plan would be for the CHC expansion to occupy a site in Dublin for primary care and behavioral health, initially, and then later add dental health. PATH was asked to submit a letter of support. She hopes to hear by November whether the application is funded.

Workgroup updates:

*Perinatal Substance Abuse:* Vicky Collins Holly Lesko, Mary Beth Dunkenberger, Cora Taylor, Stephanie Whited, Laura Nelson and Vicky Collins served on a panel in Charlottesville on A Maternal Substance Abuse Handle with C.A.R.E. Conference. They discussed the community collaborations occurring in NRV addressing perinatal substance abuse and NAS prevention.

*Healthy Citizens New River Valley:* Pam Ray announced that the final details of the strategic plan are being integrated. She introduced Ron Clark from VDH who is visiting project officer for Obesity Prevention Grant

*Advocacy:* Rhonda Seltz called on Deena. SHIP funding (VICAP) was zeroed out in the senate (52.1 million nationally). The program saved over 821,000\$ among seniors in NRV last year. Since it was zeroed out, it HAS been re-instated for the next year. SHIP was moved from CMS to Center for Community Living. Deena believes the staffers don't understand what this funding stream does.

PATHways Sharing: Ken Schor announced that Cathy Callahan, DO, MPH is now the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at VCOM.

Ryan Martin announced the YMCA, Blacksburg, will be offering the Diabetes Prevention program (this is the YMCA version of the CDC diabetes prevention program which is one year in length and focused on lifestyle change and uses a lifestyle coaching model). He will be hiring someone to run the program.

Rhonda would like to encourage us to all include the attached hyperlinks to our websites for Cover Virginia Campaign!

Aaron announced Carilion has obtained a grant from Virginia Healthcare Foundation grant to pay for 4 community health workers as care coordinators and create a centralized hub for uninsured citizens in the communities in Rke.

Rosemary announced new detox beds will come to New Life Recovery and day treatment will be offered as a step down program during this fiscal year.

The Next PATH meeting is Oct 11, 2016 at Carilion-New River Valley Medical Center, Fireside A Conference Room