

**PINELLAS COUNTY
ACCESS TO CARE
WORKGROUP**

**March 1, 2012
10:30am-Noon**
Pinellas County Health Department
Room 1226
8751 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33771

MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Rebecca Phillips

The meeting was convened with a welcome from Rebecca Phillips and introductions from all attendees.

Review Feedback from CHAT

Rebecca Phillips

Rebecca provided the workgroup with feedback provided from the CHAT (see CHAT meeting minutes 2/13/13) on current goals and strategies. The workgroup responded with suggestions and modification to the following strategies.

Strategy AC1.5 The team modified the strategy to "Assess the accessibility of medications programs for low-income or uninsured residents." The group discussed the possibility of the ACA eliminating the need for this strategy. (This strategy also coincides with AC1.1 and could possibly be combined.)

Strategy AC3.3 Develop and Implement a medical terminology interpreter and translator certification program. (The workgroup commented that the medical terminology should include oral and behavioral health.)

Strategy AC3.4 The term "Community Health Worker" has been defined by the Department Of Labor and is also attached to a bill currently being reviewed as a State of Florida legislation. Therefore the team believes it is best to continue using "community health worker" instead of other terms such as; community health advocate and health navigator.to ensure the correct definition follows the term.

HPDP 1.1, 2.1, and 3.1- Discussion centered on the necessity of knowing what the community wants but also not "reinventing the wheel." The workgroup concluded that the Community Health Survey could be utilized as a tool for assessing the community's wants. The suggestions are: include community members in developing questions for the survey, be intentional by disseminating the survey in underrepresented communities and populations, and hosting a focus group to discuss survey results. The Cultural and linguistic Organization Self-Assessment was discussed as another tool for

assessing the community needs and wants.

Action Items:

Develop Infant Morbidity and Mortality and Oral Health Goal

The team would like to keep current goal AC4.1 but also incorporate a current *Healthy Start* goal or strategy to the list. Rebecca will research Healthy Start goals and submit them to the team. The workgroup decided to develop a goal that coincides with the Pinellas County Oral Health Coalition. Rebecca agreed to research and provide the workgroup with suggestions for an Oral Health goal via email. Joe suggested the workgroup align its goals with Pinellas County Oral Health Coalition (Tampa Bay Oral Health Coalition).

The workgroup decided they would prefer to work together on Objectives rather than be assigned to a specific objective.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

The Workgroup plans to meet either March 22 or April 5.

Meeting Attendees:

Maria Edmonds, Hispanic Leadership Council,
Denise Kerwin, St. Petersburg College
Cheryl Kerr, St. Petersburg College
Joe Santini, Community Health Centers, Inc
Dale Watson, Pinellas County Health Dept.
Bob Costello, BayCare
Rebecca Phillips, Pinellas County Health Dept.

Absent:

Lounell Britt
Maisha Standifer