Health and Wellness Workgroup
Meeting Notes
8-14-08

Present: Paula Marmet, Ghazala Perveen, Ernie Kutzley, Randy Lambrecht, Hareesh Mavoori, Dick Morrissey, Gianfranco Pezzino, Lou Saadi, Elaine Schwartz, Brandon Skidmore, Victoria Wangia (by phone), Andrea Shafer, LaVerta Greve.
Others invited: Melissa Hungerford, Brian Huesers, Allison Peterson, Jerry Pope, Maren Turner, Lisa Williams.

Purpose of Meeting: To reduce the list of suggested measures to ~20, which will be recommended to the Data Consortium for inclusion in future reports.

Summary of Work Completed:
   Prior to this meeting, members had been e-mailed a grid of 136 measures that were identified at the July 2 meeting and asked to select 30 for inclusion in the final recommendation. Members also were asked to score the measures on 6 factors (change-ability, communication, preventability, comparability to national priorities, degree of public concern, and "does it matter?"). A grid, showing the results of that polling, was presented. Using that tool, the group reviewed the measures, one category at a time, and selected about 29 measures.

Follow-up:
   Lou Saadi offered to look for a measure related to water quality that the group may wish to add to the list.
   Paula will send the grid to members, showing ONLY those identified at this meeting (and above mentioned water quality measure, if found), and ask each to vote for their top 20.

   Two items were referred to the Access to Care Workgroup. They are:
  1) Percentage of adults who are restricted in any way to needed services such as doctor, counseling, case management, or financial
  2) Percentage of adults whose service restriction is due to lack of transportation.

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Health and Wellness Workgroup
Meeting Notes
7-2-08

Present: Paula Marmet, Carol Badsky, Melissa Hungerford, Ernie Kutzley, Hareesh Mavoori, Lesa Roberts, Lou Saadi, Ghazala Perveen, Gianfranco Pezzino, Brandon Skidmore, Lisa Williams, LaVerta Greve.
Others invited: Brian Huesers, Dick Morrissey, Allison Peterson, Jerry Pope, Elaine Schwartz, Maren Turner, Victoria Wangia.

Purpose of this meeting: To determine the screening criteria to be used for selecting Health and Wellness measures which will be recommended to the Data Consortium for reporting.

Accomplishments: The group was presented 12 selection criteria (suggested at the first meeting); another was added during discussion. It was decided to use the following as a basis for selecting measures:
1) Change-ability/Preventability – level of actionability; can a change be produced over time?
2) Communication – how easy is it to communicate the indicator to the audience?
3) "So what" test – does it matter?
4) Comparability to national priorities that have been set.
5) Degree of public concern – is the issue of interest to policy-makers/public?
The 7 other suggested criteria will be used for "tiering" after measures are selected.

   A list of 5 categories (subgroups) of measures was presented, each having several indicators named. Discussion resulted in the following:
A. Maternal & Child Health
   1) Breastfeeding
   2) Pregnancy Care and Outcomes (Infant mortality rate is one measure of this)
   3) Oral Health
B. Disability
   1) Activity Limitation/Use of Special Equipment
   2) Body Function and Structures
   3) Mobility
      "Service limitation" is being referred to the Access to Care workgroup

Numerous indicators were listed for the following groups, but time only allowed for discussion of those named below. Paula and Ghazala will review the others to assure they fit into the pattern of categorization that was established during this meeting.

C. Injury
   1) Motor Vehicle Injury (Seat belt, safety seat and motorcycle use are measures)
   2) Agricultural Injury
D. Chronic/Infectious Disease
   1) Sexual Behavior (Teen pregnancy is one of the measures)
E. Environmental

Assignments:
   Paula will distribute a table of measures, grouped by the categories and indicators mentioned above. Members will be asked to reply with their top measures. They will then be reviewed at the next meeting to compile the group's final recommendations.

Health and Wellness Workgroup
Meeting Notes
4-9-08, Held at KHPA offices

Present: Carol Badsky, Brian Huesers, Paula Marmet, Hareesh Mavoori, Dick Morrissey, Lou Saadi, Ghazala Perveen, Gianfranco Pezzino, Brandon Skidmore, Victoria Wangia, Lisa Williams, LaVerta Greve
Others invited: Allison Peterson, Jerry Pope, Elaine Schwartz

Workgroup's Mission:
   To establish a data-rich reporting infrastructure that supports informed decision making to continuously enhance the health and wellness of Kansans.

- First year – concentrate on "tier 1 data" (currently collected and already validated)
- Tier 2 and 3 data can be identified, then discussed further, later on
- Goal is to have recommendations ready for presentation to the Data Consortium by October 2008. The recommendations will include: A list of 20-50 measures for public reporting. These measures will be preferably grouped into indicators and identified as tier 1, 2, or 3. The target audience and data sources for each of these measures will also be identified.* If necessary, explore creating/improving collection mechanisms.

   *Identifying target group – the group agreed that on account of the nature of widely available health and wellness measures, policy-makers will be the primary audience, although some data may be reported at a level of interest to consumers.

Suggested measures/indicators:
   The following tables of measures/indicators were provided the group, as a starting point for selection:
- Chronic Disease Indicator List
- Data Elements and Data Sources – compiled by the Office of Health Promotion
- Additional Health Indicators – proposed by the Office of Health Promotion
- Guide to Clinical Preventive Services – recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force
- Guide to Community Preventive Services – recommended by the Task Force on Community Preventive Services
- National Environmental Health Indicators – proposed on the National EPHT Network
- Ten Leading Health Indicators – used by Healthy Kansans 2010

   Gaps that were noted and discussed:
1) Health outcome indicators – especially Maternal and Child Health (**Gianfranco Pezzino** will research this area)
2) Environmental quality measures – there is very little standardization in this area (**Paula Marmet** and **Ghazala Perveen** will work with **Lesa Roberts**, KDHE to look further into this area)
3) Injury Prevention quality indicators for hospitalization – OHP was a suggested resource- **Ghazala Perveen** will work with **OHP staff** to identify indicators
4) Disability – OHP was a suggested resource – **Ghazala** will work with **OHP staff** to identify indicators

Proposed criteria for inclusion of measures:
1) "Change-ability" – what could indicate a factor that could be changed to improve health (is it a worthwhile investment)?
2) How easy is it to communicate the indicator?
3) Preventability – what is not occurring that leads to poor health?
4) Does it matter – don't measure what doesn't matter (pass the "so what?" test)
5) Comparability to national priorities that have been set (e.g.. Healthy People 2010)
6) Stability over time – ability to track change over time to compare with ourselves, and with other groups
7) Timeliness of data – how current is it?

Proposed Time Line
April 9	First meeting of the workgroup
April May	Identify and collect all potential indicators to be considered
May	Distribute potential indicators to workgroup
July/August	Finalize selection of selection criteria and indicators
September	Hold third meeting if needed to finalize selection of indicators
October	Present recommendations to Data Consortium
November	Data Consortium will present recommendations from all four workgroups to the Kansas Health Policy Authority

Next Steps (Assignments in bold)

By May 22:
All workgroup members: Please review the resources presented at the meeting. Please forward any indicators that you know of that are not already listed in the materials distributed at the meeting. (Kindly share links to these sources or overview articles with the rest of the workgroup so that other members may review them as well.) **Paula Marmet**: will send out complete set of proposed indicators, including those collected after our April 9 meeting for review by all workgroup members. The full set of indicators for consideration by the workgroup will be distributed to committee members **by the end of May.**

Before July 2 meeting:
All workgroup members: 1) Review all measures proposed to date and select about 20 measures that you judge to be important to include among the final recommended indicators; and 2) Review selection criteria and be prepared to make recommendations for revisions at the next workgroup meeting.

Next Meeting – July 2, 2008
July 2, 9:00 –11:00 am, @ Landon State Office Building, Conference Room 108 (1st floor)