

Advisory Group Meeting

Meeting: Advisory Group Meeting
Date: October 15, 1003
Time: 9:30 am – 11:00am
Place: Conference Call

Attending: Mary Miles, Patrice Thomson, Jenny Moe, Sara Friesen and Cyndi Treaster

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions	Follow-up Required
I. Welcome Remarks			
Cyndi Treaster	Sara Friesen has joined the Advisory Group. Cyndi informed us that Sara is a user of the program, is Low German Mennonite, has 3 children and moved to Canada at age 19 from Mexico and is now living in Sublette.	None	None
II. Health Status Survey			
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi reviewed the analysis of the survey. There were remarks from others in the group regarding the results.	None	None
Mary Miles	Many jobs in her area do not offer health insurance however, some cattle feeders are offering good insurance. Just because the farmworkers have an insurance card does not mean they know how to use it. Mary's case manager at the clinic is educating them on how to use their insurance.	None	None
Sara Friesen	Pumping wells (oil) in Sara's area offers insurance for the worker, but not the family.	None	None
Patrice Thomson	Wondered if the farmworkers spouses may be offered insurance.	None	None
Group Conclusion	The group concluded that many of the spouses are not working outside of home due to taking care of the children and if they do work usually only work part time. So, it would be very rare for them to be covered under a husbands insurance or their own employment.	None	None
Patrice Thomson	Remarked on Diabetic rates being high. May be due to lack of preventive care. Maybe they could get more education on preventive care, early detection and screenings.	None	None

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Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi noted when speaking about the alcohol use that she believed the survey to be inaccurate due to the fact Sara said that of the families she knows about 80% of them have substance abuse issues in the home. The reason the survey may be inaccurate is because the Low Germans experience a lot of shame regarding alcohol abuse and their church does not officially allow it.	None	None
Sara Friesen	Added that they are also shameful because they know that the money being spent on alcohol is really needed for other things.	None	None
Cyndi Treaster	It was clear through the survey that the Low Germans were not comfortable in discussing the issue of birth control.	None	None
Sara Friesen	This is due to it being a topic that they don't talk about. Also it is against their religious beliefs.	None	None
Cyndi Treaster	Asked if anyone had any ideas about what the program can do to address any of these issues or if there are any concerns.	None	None
Jenny Moe	Out of the last 3 pages, Jenny is drawn to the fact that the lack of dental care can manifest into other physical problem such as back and neck pain. How many health problems are being caused by the lack of dental care?	None	None
Patrice Thomson	Maybe on the job back care and safety education may help in the area of the ailments that the farmworkers are having.	None	None
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi is concerned about the high amount of depression and anxiety. One thing that needs to be addressed also is family planning, For instance there is a 29 year old who has 5 live children, 4 miscarriages and is going to delivery in December. Education on family planning is needed.	None	None
Patrice Thomson	WIC staff would benefit from training on how to be more sensitive to the issue of family planning and also being more sensitive to the cultural issues around family planning with the Low Germans.	None	None
Cyndi Treaster	Suggested a workshop on that at the WIC Conference.	None	None
III. Change in Personnel			
A. SW Intern			
Cyndi Treaster	Cherie is a social work intern who is working in the Wyondotte, Johnson and Leavenworth counties as the case manager. She is bilingual and is working through the AmeriCorp program.	None	None
B. Other			

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Cyndi Treaster	The case manager position in western Kansas is being moved to the MAM Garden City in order to better utilize some of the programs there such as the SMILES program for children	None	None
IV. Health Promoters			
A. Hired Low Germans			
Cyndi Treaster	Three health promoters were hired in western Kansas they speak, read and write English, they also speak Low German.	None	None
B. Funding			
Cyndi Treaster	A grant application was turned in to the Schowalter Foundation to try to get additional funding in order to continue having these health promoters.	None	None
C. Transcript tapes			
Cyndi Treaster	Transcripts were to help educate Low Germans about health issues. Currently they are being translated into Spanish and Sara is translating them into German since Low German is not a written language. She will be able to record them into Low German on the tapes. The plan is to give a set to every Access Point and also to hand them out to the families especially if there is a need that is identified.	Cyndi will send a copy of transcripts to every one.	None
Mary Miles	Likes the idea and offered to help.	None	None
Patrice Thomson	When you use people from the community to do outreach it is better because the clients may already know the person and trust them.	None	None
Mary Miles	Mary has had health promoters for 3-4 years at her clinic and realized very quickly that trust is very important. This is especially the case when it comes to issues like pregnancy and family planning that need to be addressed in a sensitive manner due to culture and religion.	None	None
V. Voucher Funds			
A. Six Weeks			
Cyndi Treaster	There will be no vouchers issued from yesterday until the end of November.	None	None
B. Changes in reimbursements			
Cyndi	Most migrant programs are not paying the FQHC's. One thought is to pay \$5 for the office visit and also pay for some labs. There are going to be other changes that will be considered also.	None	None
Mary Miles	One problem that her clinic has is that people think that the care is free.	None	None

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Cyndi Treaster	The clients will take more responsibility. For example, clients will have to utilize low cost prenatal if it is available within 30-40 miles. There will be 2 levels of prenatal and there will be slots for both. Also we will still pay the first \$100 of dental but the authorized amount will go down. The fluoride varnishing will be covered. Medicaid is going to pick up 2 a year at \$17 and we will probably do the same. There will be a limit on the amount for labs and x-rays a person can receive during each grant year.	None	None
VI. Medical Expansion Grant			
Cyndi	In order to get the medical expansion grant the program will have to identify and serve 1,000 more clients. The Health promoters after 1 month have already identified 35-40 families.	None	None
VII. Diabetes Collaborative - Washburn			
Cyndi Treaster	Shirley Dinkle, Assistant Professor at Washburn Nursing Program will begin working with KSFHP to develop and establish a baseline for standard of care for diabetics using the DIMS software program. There will be a better idea of what is going on with this at the next conference call in January.	None	None