

Community Health Planning & Strategies Committee



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5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Public Health

4041 North Central Avenue, Phoenix

14th Floor, Training Room

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

AT	Cheri Tomlinson	EX	Cynthia Trottier	AB	Dan Lindell
EX	Lucio Amado	AT	Randall Furrow	AT	Bruce Weiss
ALT	Philip Seeger for Debby Elliott	EX	Edward Tisdale		

Part A Program Staff

AT	Rose Conner	AT	Ken Leighton-Boster
AB	Georgina Lowe		

Guests

Mary Perez	John Sapero	Jeff Daniel	Alaina Rinne
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Support Staff: Claire Tyrpak

Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest

Cheri Tomlinson called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/herself and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Determination of Quorum

Cheri Tomlinson determined that quorum was not established with 4 of 8 members present at approximately 5:40 pm so the meeting would be conducted as a workgroup.

Review of the minutes and action items from prior meetings

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes for the previous meeting. No comments were voiced.

Chair and Administrative Agent update

No chair update was provided. Rose Conner stated that the newly funded services are up and running. She also discussed a chart of unobligated funds and what balances were likely at the end of the fiscal year, with \$1.5 million to be returned to HRSA.

Affordable Care Act (ACA) update

Cheri Tomlinson discussed:

- MIHS is adding a page to covermeaz.org website in English and Spanish on tax issues .
- There are 174, 440 enrolled in Arizona's marketplace, up significantly from last year's numbers.
- MIHS is hosting an enrollment event February 7 from 12 to 4 pm at 2525 E Roosevelt, South entrance. There will be 10 assistors helping people to enroll.

Rose Conner discussed:

- There was a grantee call today. There is a week and a half left for open enrollment and 85-92% of clients have completed screening.
- There have not been many challenges with this year's enrollment process especially in comparison with last year.
- Health literacy classes and a second class in prevention services have been conducted and they have gotten excellent evaluations. There are about 10-12 more scheduled in February and then they will end.

Filing taxes

Cheri Tomlinson stated the need for educating the public on the importance of filing taxes or they could lose ACA tax credits. Rose also stated that Care Directions is looking for a volunteer agency to help clients file taxes. Rose Conner discussed documents produced by CMS to help clients understand the need to file taxes. This included a check list. A discussion followed about a letter to be sent to clients that will include the checklist to help clients file.

Client surveys

Jeff Daniel stated that the surveys are underway and a report is due in March. He will present this information to the Planning Council in March.

Determination of agenda items for the next meeting

It was discussed that the next meeting will be on:

- Updates on ACA
- Client survey report
- Comprehensive plan review update
- Discussion on new services if funding available

Current events summaries

Cheri Tomlinson mentioned RWPC/DHRSA site visit will take place in mid-March.

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John Sapero expressed that he would like to join the CHPS committee. He discussed the Statewide Advisory Group has started meeting and the planning group from the recent HIV symposium is reviewing data from the event and a media advisory group has been formed.

Call to the public

Jeff Daniel stated that the president released his budget and it included \$3.2 billion for Ryan White programs and HIV will receive a \$1 billion increase.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.