

**COHS Planning and Implementation Committee
Meeting Notes
August 28, 2009**

In Attendance:

Implementation Committee Members: Jack Neureuter, Joann Keyston, Marion Deeds, Mary Maddux-Gonzalez Michael Humphrey, Dianna Ball, Joan Froess, Kirk Pappas, Mary Szecsey, Paul Duranczyk, Damon Doss, Nancy Oswald

Staff and Consultants: Rita Scardaci, Cliff Coates, Lynn Scuri

Partnership HealthPlan: Jack Horn, Liz Gibboney, Mary Kerlin, Barbara MacKenzie

Audience: Kim Seamans, Ned Boatright, Susan Keller

Absent: Jim McSweeney, Diane Kaljian, Susan Ziblatt, Irma Oregon, Sean Gaskie, Michael Smith, Mich Riccioni, Evan Rayner, Jane Stone, Madrone Williams Barbara Graves, Naomi Fuchs, Don Ransom, Jim Vaughn

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Mary Maddux-Gonzalez welcomed the Planning and Implementation Committee and reviewed the goals of the meeting and the agenda. There were no announcements from the Committee.

County Report

Cliff presented the Board report and the schedule for approval of the County ordinance. There was also a discussion of the Board appointment process. The process includes a public notice and application process for the three County designated positions. Cliff advised the Planning Group that applications were available and that it was expected that Board members would be identified and appointed by September 22.

Partnership HealthPlan report

Jack Horn reported on the orientation process for new board members. New members will be provided a full day orientation scheduled for October 22. Each new board member will be teamed up with an existing board member. Mr. Horn reported that the Board approved the rates for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Liz Gibboney reported on implementation progress. The Federal waiver process is on schedule. Space for the regional office has been secured at 625 fifth street (Public Health location). Partnership sent out the final letter asking beneficiaries to select a medical home on August 31. About 70% of members have selected a medical home so far. This is well ahead of projections and previous experience. The State of California is hosting a public meeting on September 9 as required and to answer questions. Several key positions at Partnership have been filled and will be announced next week.

Mary Kerlin reported that contracting with providers is progressing well. Orthopedics and ENT are not done yet but there are on-going discussions. There were questions regarding DME and Urology. Mary reported that urology is contracted and there are contracts in place with Western Rehab and other vendors for DME. There was

discussion about why contracting with specialists is so difficult. The primary reason is low rates and cost of living in Sonoma County.

Mary reported that the reviews of primary care sites and the Community Clinics have been excellent. The Clinics have also done a great job in seeing that members select a medical home. There was a question regarding how newly eligible members are located. Liz reported that the State provides a daily update so that letters can be sent.

There was a discussion about the committee structure and ways to provide community input into on-going operations. Mr. Horn reported that there will be opportunities to participate on the Partnership Committees.

- Finance (must be board member)
- Physician advisory
- Consumer Advisory (there will be a separate group meeting in Sonoma as well as primary group in Solano)
- Strategic Planning

Nancy Oswald reported that Jack and Dr. Chris Cammissa attended the RCHC Clinic Medical Director meeting. Jack reported that this forum will be of great value to the plan and members. It was suggested that the regional plan Medical Director be invited to attend on a regular basis.

Public Comment

Susan Keller asked about the introduction of physician orders for life-sustaining treatment (POLST), and the status of the regional Medical Director. Jack Horn responded that POLST information is being provided in the Physician newsletter and will be discussed in the Physician Advisory Committee. The recruitment for a regional Medical Director is still in process. Susan Keller provided a brochure on POLST and asked that it be provided to physicians and advised the Committee that a consumer brochure will be available in October.

Wrap-up and next meeting

Cliff advised that the Committee will need to approve a meeting schedule for the post implementation process. There was brief discussion about the possibility of meeting bi-monthly or quarterly. This will be discussed at the next meeting. It was also suggested that the next agenda include a review of the Partnership Committee structure and potential recruitment.

Mary Maddux-Gonzalez thanked the group for remaining dedicated to this important community effort.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25 at 9:00.