



Center for Healthy Communities

A Partnership to Ensure Healthy Lives

Community Advisory Board Report

July 12, 2006
11:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Kettering Center

Kinship Coalition –

Dionne Simmons had a baby boy Sunday July 9, Charley III, Congratulations! Montgomery County Children's Services has funded the Kinship Navigators for another year. Kinship Camp was held June 19 – June 29. Twelve children attended the camp this year, and Meaghan Feasal was the student who assisted in coordinating the camps and delivering kinship programming. The Education subcommittee wants to plan an educational/fun event for caretakers and their children, and will be doing a telephone survey of Navigator clients to find out what kinds of activities they would be interested in.

We wish to mention the passing of LaFrancine Lewis, who was such a strong advocate for kinship caregivers and who contributed so much to the Grandparents/Grandchildren Initiative.

Curriculum Development –

Carla Clasen

Ohio Department of Health Community Health Worker pilot projects – funded for another year by ODH to implement phase II. Working with 3 communities in Ohio – Athens, Stark, and Allen counties. Have developed advisory boards consisting of community members and community college faculty. In addition to the introductory CHA course, have developed a chronic disease prevention/health promotion course. Communities will be implementing the courses in fall/winter.

Ohio Department of Mental Health Therapeutic Program Worker – funded through the summer to develop second course, establish community college – Behavioral Health Organization partnerships at two more sites in addition to the two existing (Northfields – Tri-C and Summit – Cincinnati State).

Evaluations

- Springfield Safe Schools/Health Students Initiative – working with Betty Yung, Cheryl Meyer of SOPP and Carl Brun, Dept. of Social Work on the evaluation of this initiative
- SE Dayton Weed and Seed

- School Based Asthma Intervention Program – WSU School of Medicine and Dayton Public schools – program funded by Ohio Commission on Minority Health

Community Health Advocates – SCC –

Kim Conner

Health Fair Report

Health Fair/Events – 9
Estimated number attended – 263
Client Education Contact – 128

CHA Activity Report

Presentations – 3
Meetings – 3
Trainings – 1
Health Fair/Events – 6
Home or Site Visit – 0
New referrals – 239
Duplicate referrals – 189

Medicaid Outreach Training Evaluation

May 12, 2006
30 Medicaid evaluations completed.
Program Objectives: 98% met, 99% excellence overall.

Health Promotion/Disease Prevention –

Kay Parent

Action for Healthy Kids

A. Assisted 28 area schools in developing Wellness Policies for their schools, students and staff.

B. 12 mini-grants awarded to schools

C. Active Kids workshop: “**Keeping Elementary Kids Moving**” Targeted to Elementary School Teachers and after school program staff.

When: **October 13, 8:30 to 2:00**

Where: Trent Arena, Kettering Fairmont High School
Cost: \$20.00 (includes lunch, materials, and activity equipment).

HealthLink Miami Valley Outreach Madison Lakes Seminars - Quarterly Seminars for Community Health and Social Service Providers The next Event:

September 26. "Facing a New Health Crisis ... Job Loss, Financial Stress"

Speakers: John Zimmerman, Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Beth Deutscher and Lucious Plant, Job Center.

Ohio Department of Health-OSU School of Public Health - Strategic Decisions for Public Health Planning

Kay will be working with 15 local health departments around the state to assist them in completing community health assessments and strategic decision making in the area of maternal child health. This is to help them move from providing direct clinical services to more population-based, regulatory and planning activities.

Walk!Downtown Dayton

In partnership with Downtown Dayton Partnership, Montgomery County, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, Five Rivers MetroParks, CHC has developed a web-based walking program for people who live or work downtown. 8 separate routes are mapped with distance and time—short enough to be completed over lunch. All are available to download from the CHC website. A kickoff at Courthouse Square on June 28 drew more than 250 participants. We will be in contact with them via weekly email, informal group walks, scavenger hunts, and other events to motivate people to keep walking. You may access all the maps my going to our website at <http://www.med.wright.edu/chc/walks.htm>

Safe and Healthy Schools, Springfield Evaluation

Working directly with all faith-based initiatives:

- 10 Elementary School Connectors—Parent education
- Parents As Teachers Home Visitor Program
- Little Scholars Program-Parent and preschool child education
- After School Programs
- Mentoring Program with Juvenile Court youth

Smoke Free Kettering

In partnership with Kettering Medical Center, we have been meeting with Kettering City Council members and the business community to urge them to adopt a smoke free workplace policy that would eliminate tobacco smoking from all indoor public places. Currently most of the city council members supports the idea but prefers to promote the state smoke free initiative. If you have not yet signed a Smoke Free petition, please do so. The so-called "Smoke Less" petition is sponsored by the restaurant association with major funding from the tobacco industry. This proposes an amendment to the state constitution that

would allow smoking in all restaurants that serve alcohol, bars, and bowling alleys. It would overturn all current smoke free regulations that have been passed by local jurisdictions.

Ohio Department of Health Community Health Advocate Program

A partnership with Rhodes State College, Lima Area Health Education Center, the Allen County Health Department, and the federally qualified health clinic will offer a Community Health Advocate (CHA) certificate beginning fall quarter. Community members are promoting the use of CHA's in Allen County to provide a job market for graduates of the program and to improve access to health services.

HealthLink Miami Valley –

Mary Crimmins

HIEx™ the software application developed by CHC under the aegis of HealthLink Miami Valley is being submitted for a defensible patent by WSU. In June CHC submitted an application in partnership with NCR and HTP, Inc. for Third Frontier funding for commercialization of HIEx™. Presentations were made to the Dayton VA, CareSource, Wright State Physicians, CMC Pediatrics, Ohio Hospital Association, Greater Dayton IT Alliance, and the Combined Health District. Four presentations about HIEx™ have been accepted at APHA.

Ohio HISPC is one of 34 projects funded nationally to investigate privacy and problems that prevent the electronic exchange of health information. As staff to one of the committees for this project Mary will be attending a meeting in Washington to discuss best practice for the development of statewide RHIOs.

CAB Meeting Coordinator –

Annemarie Halfpap

Due to all the wonderful work we have been doing at the CAB meetings we have been running short of time. In addition to giving you this written report from CHC we wanted to let you know that if you are not able to attend and have something you wish announced or reported to CAB, please feel free to email it to Annemarie at donna.halfpap@wright.edu.



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