

Health Watch Meeting

May 14, 2008

Please remember to print out the agenda and minutes prior to meetings as they will no longer be provided at the meetings-
save a tree!

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Approval of Minutes	<p>Introductions Approval of April minutes-no changes Announcements: Core/ El Centro Open House for new Proyecto Salud’s Preventative Health Resource Center- May 29th from 4pm to 8pm at Esperanza Unida Building at 611 W. National Ave/3rd Floor. Managed Health Services has a new location at 10700 W. Research Drive, Suite 3000 (across from United Health Care/kitty corner from Children’s Hospital); contact # 1-800-547-1647</p>
Agency of the Month Bob Waite, 211-IMPACT	<p>See attached PDF file in email for IMPACT presentation Questions: 1) Do you receive client verbal permission for referrals? -yes 2) Food Pantries-clients need a referral form from 211 due to rules/protocol. Symmetry: a program which employers can subscribe to. Among other things, employees can have up to three counseling sessions. Peer Mentoring Program: High school youth work with middle school youth An on-line resource directory is available to agencies for a fee; will hopefully be available at no cost in the future. “Calling for 211 Act” –allocate \$2 billion for 211 programs across the United States. It was introduced by Sen. Hillary Clinton & Elizabeth Dole</p>
AGENCY REPORTS	
Cover The Uninsured Week Summary	<p><u>Milwaukee Health Department</u> (Danyel) Summary: Cover The Uninsured Week: April 28th-May 2nd “National Coverage of the Uninsured Week” report: Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Educational sessions went well; people that usually do not have a chance to leave their offices attended-a list of topics of interest (i.e. pharmaceutical carve-out) was generated that might also be of interest to HW-will forward these to HW for ideas. ▪ Phone Bank- very busy, many health insurance questions regarding eligibility. ▪ Prayer Breakfast- presentation making the case for a universal health care system. ▪ New Enrollment- over 50+ applications received.

EDS Report	Not in attendance
DHHS Report	<p><u>Verlene Perry-Newburn via e-mail</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application Backlog -The special overtime project that was held in 04/08 addressed the application backlog. I am not aware of any current application backlog. ▪ The current expected turnaround time for the CSU (emails)? Customer service is working on email inquires received on 05/05/08 and 05/06/08. We only have a staff of three due to promotions to other jobs and staff declining ▪ the position, returning to their old job. I know at the meeting in 04/08, ▪ Sue Moeser said to send a second request. Please do not send a second request. This will only increase the number of emails and distort the number of inquiries received. The first email will be answered. Reopening the hotline is indefinite for now. We are trying to fill the vacant positions. ▪ Verification Center - The verification center is working on verification received on 04/30/08. ▪ SMRF's - The Smrf unit is working on Smrf's received 05/03/08
GAMP Report	<p><u>GAMP (Bridget Murray)</u> GAMP handouts were distributed to give to clients to encourage them to apply as a safety net to Badger Care Plus in 2009. A list of clinics and affiliated hospitals were given-bolded are open to NEW clients only.</p>
COALITION REPORTS	<p><u>Mental Health Task Force</u> MHTF met on the Tuesday before the HealthWatch Meeting- toured St. Michaels hospital as a possible relocation for Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex; next meeting June 10th. The Summit III (about mental health treatment services and the correctional system) will be on June 30th at the Marquette Campus. More info to follow, but please save the date.</p> <p><u>Hunger Task Force (Laura Richard)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Federal Farm Bill was passed in Congress but will likely be vetoed by President Bush. ▪ Hunger Task Force is preparing for Fueling Young Minds Summer Meals again this summer and would love to work with any of you on outreach with either flyers or by canvassing. <p>Agency Phone: (414) 777-0483 Direct Line: (414) 238-6471, laura@hungertaskforce.org</p> <p><u>HASSR (Masiel Gomez)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HASSR will be meeting tomorrow, May 15th at 11 a.m. at the South Side Health Center. ▪ There have been some issues with Badger Care Pre-natal program: Mom's being terminated after birth of child. Continuing work on the Bride's walk. Going to discuss DL's and ID's for illegal immigrants. <p><u>EPIC (Laura Kerecman)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please encourage clients to update their information via ACCESS rather than call or fax any changes- there should be a 'tab' on ACCESS where clients may view their information to see if it is correct. This way phone interviews can be held promptly as scheduled. ▪ Will hold co-chair elections at next meeting. ▪ Possible room/date/time change for future meetings-they will keep us updated.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pharmacy Sub-Committee had first meeting, they will continue to meet on an as needed basis. ▪ Possibility of re-doing the premium notices that are being sent out to families due to confusion and the sanctions families are receiving. ▪ The next meeting will be held on May 27th @ 1:00pm (always the 4th Tuesday of the month) at Children’s Hospital Oakwood building 10361 W. Innovation Drive. <p><u>MIWM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At the May Milwaukee County Board meeting cycle, the county board (including Health and Human Needs on 5/14 at 9 AM and Finance on 5/15 at 9 AM) will be considering a proposal from BHD which includes 5 options for renovating or relocating the Mental Health Complex, including the possible move to St, Mike's. ▪ Next meeting is on June 17th at 2:30 and will be held at Summit Place. <p><u>SSI Managed Care (Tracy Reed)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are plans to expand outreach to 28 counties in Central Wisconsin. ▪ If there are problems with the prior authorizations, people can contact the SSI MC EAP – Julie Dixon*Seidl at 773-4646 ext. 11.
<p>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES</p>	<p>At the time of the meeting the state legislature has still not approved a budget repair bill and we continue to be concerned about the potential impact on funding for health and human services in year 2 of the biennium. Based on recent media accounts, it appears that the Assembly will prevail in their insistence that the bill not include the Governor's proposal to charge an assessment to hospitals to leverage federal matching funds for Medicaid (with some of those funds being used to help close the budget deficit, but most helping hospitals get a much-needed increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates).</p>

<p>ONGOING ISSUES AND ACTION</p>	<p>HealthWatch Milwaukee is still looking for volunteers for our steering committee-please email Leah: ljepso@milwaukee.gov or Tanya: Tanya.atkinson@ppwi.org if you'd like to participate.</p> <p>Nominations for new co-chair are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Julie Barbierie-declined nomination 2. Shay Sanford-declined nomination 3. Laura Kerecman –accepted nomination 4. Kari Mattson-accepted nomination 5. Frank Robinson-declined nomination <p>*please e-mail Kari with any additional nominations</p> <p>*elections in June</p> <p><u>Pharmaceutical Carve-Out training</u> – HW members agreed to hold this training sooner than later; needs to consist of a DIVERSE panel for lively discussion; possible pharmaceutical representative; must address the needs of different populations; important to come up with a list of ACTIONS as a result of the training to allow HW to move forward.</p> <p>Please advise your clients what questions to ask about their prescriptions when at the pharmacy. To be part of the Pharmacy Carve-Out Steering Committee: Contact LaShawndra Vernon at LaShawndraV@communityadvocates.net if interested in joining.</p> <p><u>MAPP (Medicaid Purchase Plan)</u> A program for individuals with disabilities at 250 % of the poverty level to combat high deductibles. Clients need to volunteer or work 1hr/month for either money or in-kind income in exchange for reduced deductibles. Clients not aware of the program, and the way the application through the county is worded is misleading to clients. How can we increase community awareness about this issue? MAPP IS ON HW's AGENDA FOR NEXT MONTH!!</p>
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 11 from 9:30-11:30; Location-Aurora Family Services 3200 W. Highland Ave.</p>