

Northeast Regional Alliance Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 14th, 2013
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Conference Call

Attendees: Valerie Butler, Joanne Lewis, Lorna Miles, Joseph Palm, Charles Stephenson, Craig Valone, Brian Williams, James Williams, and Mamie Williams.

Welcome/Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Office of Minority Health Update

- So far, no budget cuts this year.
- Medicaid Expansion is a top priority for the Governor, and has toured the state. Missouri will lose millions of dollars in funding and possible closing of hospitals and rural clinics if not passed. On April 16th, there will be a Rally, geared towards Medicaid Expansion, at the State Capital to “Keep the tax dollars in Missouri”.
- April is Minority Health Awareness Month and the theme is “Advancing Health Equity Now.”
- The Office will be hiring a new employee in the next two months.

Network Sharing

- Child Support – Mid-MO Fatherhood, Powerhouse and CCP are working with Child Support Enforcement to help fathers modify their child support orders. The group is also working with a local attorney, public defender, and prosecuting attorney. This issue has an effect of clients going to jail. By getting the orders modified, this will keep fathers healthy and their families healthy.
- Lorna Miles, in her role as a Quality Assurance person is working with a minority woman with 4 homes (3-4 bedrooms) to house mental illness clients. The woman had clients come in from Kansas City with bipolar. The woman would like to branch out into Randolph and Boone Counties. Mr. Valone with Burrell Behavioral Health offered to assist in getting the homes going.
- Komen Grant – They are at the end of the grant that serviced Cooper, Howard, Randolph, and Chariton Counties. Over 200 women have been reached. Another application has been submitted that will include Boone and Audrain Counties.
- Burrell Behavioral Health is building a facility and should be open by next year.
- ATR Program –has 25% to 30% minority clients, and 40% minorities in transitional housing. They deal with a lot of mental health issues. May is National Mental Health Month. There will be a Women’s Health Conference on May 10 and 11, 2013. Rev. Stephenson would like more data and information on mental health. This information is not in Saline County.
- Anyone who needs help with state agencies on any issue can contact the Office of Minority Health at 800-877-3180.

Community Needs Assessment (Partnership with Faith-Based Organizations), and Strategic Planning Session

- Would like to do a needs assessment/survey to distribute to churches. It was suggested to have a MSW or a LCSW do the assessment survey. A meeting will be schedule next week to talk about this (Joe Palm, Brian Williams, Lorna Miles, Rev. Stephenson, and Charles Valone).
- Randolph County Caring Communities received a grant from Region VII Office of Women's Health, and will have a Women 2 Women Health Transformation Summit on June 1st. The Summit will be combined with the Fatherhood Conference, and will be held at Timberlake Church in Moberly, Missouri.
- Randolph County Caring Communities received a grant for Domestic Violence. An event will be planned for men and boys, and talk about their role as it relates to domestic violence.

New Business Items

Joyce Townser with the federal Office of Women's Health is planning a Tri-Regional Faith and Community Health Summit that will be held in late October.

Open Discussion

None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Next meeting is June 13, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. (Conference Call)

This meeting may need to be rescheduled.