

HNDECA Access to Health Insurance/Medical Home subcommittee meeting minutes

March 15, 2011

9 am to 12 pm

AV Room 210

Present: Cheryle Masset Martz, Sue Burns, Kim Hruby and Irene Karnopp

By phone: Donene Feist and Emily Rodacker

Discussion:

Cheryle is currently working on the progress report for ECCS for the period of 6-1-10 through 5-31-11. The filing deadline is 3-28-11.

Review and Refinement of Strategic Plan Goals: Progress and Accomplishments

Goal 1-1: To develop an information and referral process, identification and training program. The performance evaluation measure was to increase the number of individuals using an alternative referral process for program benefits.

The following programs below are available for families:

- Bridge to Benefits option
- 1-877-KIDS-NOW is receiving 100 to 200 phone calls a month.
- NDIS Health Benefits Counseling module
- Integrated Services Grant
- North Dakota Insurance Department chat program

It was discussed to provide training or to post the information online. Donene mentioned the FAMNET grant. They are going to receiving training on this in May. FVND will then be able to help with health benefits planning.

New goal 1-1: To initiate a face to face meeting with staff of Bridge to Benefits, KIDSNOW and CHAT (Insurance Department) to discuss and indentify strategies to assist families with children with special health care needs.

The activities include:

1. Convene a program for training
2. To develop a public relations message
3. To develop a benefits planning system

It was discussed to provide training by webinar. Since this will be FAMNET's decision, this subcommittee should partner with FAMNET.

The NDIS Health Benefits Counseling module is on the NDIS website. NDIS plans on providing training on these modules. They plan on doing a tutorial on their website on April 14, 2011.

It was decided to focus on the Bridge to Benefits website and the 1-877-KIDS-NOW phone line for the activities. This subcommittee will work with Jodi Hulm about the phone line and Paul Ronnigen with the Bridge to Benefits option. A meeting will be held to discuss how a person who has a child with special health care needs is processed through these two programs.

The new goals are:

1. To initiate a face-to-face meeting with representatives of Bridge to Benefits and Kids Now to discuss and identify strategies to assist family with children with special health care needs.
2. To meet with the Insurance Commissioner's office about the CHAP program and To meet with the county eligibility workers. The current President is Sandy Vance at Mountrail County and she could potentially be a contact person.

Goal 1-2: To clarify a needs assessment process and to identify screening needs. Once the survey is done, then the gaps need to be assessed. Then need to determine which screenings are evidence based and then to convene a cross-section of HNDECA members to receive the report and begin implementation of best practices. The last part is to research the potential implementation of the Bright Futures program state wide.

New goal 1-2: To research the potential implementation of the Bright Futures Program statewide.

It was discussed to see how many providers currently use Bright Futures and then to try and encourage the rest of the providers to use it. It was decided to conduct a survey of providers to identify who uses Bright Futures. If they answer no, we can ask if they would like to use it.

Goal 1-3: To continue to support the Medical Home program. There was no change to this goal.

2011 Legislative Messaging Project

The Legislative Messaging project reached a little over 50 percent of both the House of Representatives and Senators. A total of 47 Senators with 26 of them receiving at least one card and letter. Many of them received multiple letters. Of the 94 House members and 49 of them received at least one card and letter. The cards aren't time sensitive so they can be utilized at any time and collected. The packets will be revised mailed in the spring of 2011. It was suggested to make a binder of all the pictures and also put some on the ECCS website.

Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System

The Early Governor's Education Council included this project in a proposal for the Governor and Legislators for the 2011 Legislative session. At this time, everything that was proposed is still active this session. Jennifer Barry is the Chair Person of the Early Childhood Data committee. Cheryle Masset Martz and Linda Rorman are also on the subcommittee along with Tracy Korizmo and Steve Snow from ITD. This small subcommittee plans to meet every four to six weeks. The longitudinal data system will be discussed at the Early Childhood Summit. Members of the HNDECA will be called upon during the project to work with the committee as the work moves forward.

Early Childhood Summit

There will be an Early Childhood Summit on August 9 and 10 that will be held in Bismarck. It will either be two days or a day and a half. There will be breakout sessions. Everything will be free except each person will have to buy their own lunch. A lady from Arkansas will be presenting data. The people who participate will have to buy their own lunch. All HNDECA members and their partners are invited to attend. The Governor's Early Childhood Education Council is invited and the First Lady.

Luncheon with 1st Lady Betsy Dalrymple

This meeting was held on February 10, 2011 and a handout was provided. Vanessa Hoines, Sharon Hanson and Roxanne Romanick met with First Lady Betsy Dalrymple. Betsy would like to be invited to the next meeting and is interested in the upcoming Summit. It was mentioned to ask Betsy to be the chairperson of the Leadership Team. It was discussed to present the vision to Betsy around the time of the Summit.

	<p><u>Nebraska Trust Fund</u></p> <p>Nebraska Early Childhood established a foundation in their state in 1997. This foundation plan was established to fund early childhood initiatives. Cheryle will gather information about the Nebraska business plan model. It was suggested to look at Minnesota's and Michigan's Early Childhood Foundations as well.</p>
Next meeting:	TBD