



Community Advisory Council Minutes

March 12, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.
650 NE Holladay
Portland, OR 97232
Basement Conference Room

Members Present: Jan Tesch, Kristen Burke, Chris Murphy, Duane Westfall, Laura O'Neill, Beth Welty, Paul Lewis, Eric Owens, Barbara Lombard

Members Absent: John Perkins, Deborah Westfall, Sara Westbrook

Staff Present: Carol Burgdorf-Lackes, Dayna Steringer

Real Life Training Group: Gladstone Situational Field Report:

Rich Whitley and Leah Schrodt presented the report of the Gladstone Situational Assessment to the Community Advisory Council. Some of the issues that were highlighted in the findings were transportation, childcare issues, navigating the system, access as well as reluctance and inability to receive services.

Laura suggested that "legals and illegals" should be removed from the report and replaced with persons with documents and persons without documents.

Paul said that using the qualitative approach would likely mean that similar themes would be found and that the CAC should take those themes and specifically look at FamilyCare members to see what can be done.

Kristen commented that she was surprised to not see addictions and homelessness mentioned and that there were no homeless resources mentioned. The different definitions of homelessness were discussed and perhaps this meant that some information wasn't captured.

Rich responded that in his conversations there was not much mention of transitional people. Leah said someone mentioned a family member she talked with whose brother had a meth addiction and couldn't get OHP and lived under the Gladstone Bridge. He wasn't able to get any treatment or assistance until he got into legal trouble.

The group felt this was a great start and started to discuss what next steps should drive the process. Several people asked what is the objective of the approach made in the Gladstone Report and should the CAC share the information gathered?

The group was asked for feedback about how they would like to respond in the community to the report and some said there was not enough information.

Rich highlighted there are some quick fixes that could be done. FC has responded to the clinic who requested a FC single point of contact to interface with FC.

The group felt they didn't have enough information about the objective and methodologies of the assessment to recommend using it in other arenas. There was also a request for a clearer understanding of how this approach fits into the broader CHNA that is conducted by Healthy Columbia Willamette of which FC is partnering. Also, would the counties be involved in the implementation of interventions?

A concern was raised about using Medicaid dollars for non-Medicaid recipients and whether there were other priority areas to focus on; for example, untreated addictions. It was suggested that FC could create a pilot that would address substance abuse issues for kids.

Jan, the Chair clarified that today she would like us to decide on a response to the Gladstone community about some of the concerns raised in the report and that possibility of replicating the process in other areas could be a discussion at another meeting.

Everyone was in full agreement that responding to the Gladstone community was a part of the original project. It was recommended a more clearly articulated proposal(s) be presented to the CAC for consideration of next actions and prioritization.

CAC Development and Recruitment:

A request was made to change "notes" to "minutes" and that they be reviewed and voted on by the CAC. There was a question about whether the CAC had decided on the Gladstone area. The majority of the group recollected they had agreed on this area, but Laura does not recall the CAC doing this. Review and approval of the minutes will help accuracy and keep the CAC members on the same page.

It was suggested that the next CAC meeting be held in Gladstone and be open to the public. Some individuals felt that the CAC had not developed enough to be open to the public and a central location was more convenient for members who travel across the Tri County region.

Meeting Adjourned.