

DIABETES WORKING GROUP

Douglas Presbyterian Church

April 30, 2001

Updates on School Activities:

- With the School Survey--85% complete of total high school students (at 80% completion letters and calls went out). The screening done by volunteers, including nurses, retired nurses, a lab tech, and moms. Approximately 1-2% of the participants were positive with a level of 140.
- The School Health Index was discussed as a possible intervention in the school in that it helps evaluate school policy in relation to risk behaviors and can be utilized by schools in the development and implementation of an action plan. Karen Halverson at SEAHEC has worked with the school health index, as well as with specific interventions in the schools. They might be good models to look at for the future.
- Cochise County is coming out with a report card that looks at physical education and other factors countywide in the schools.

Update on Community Activities:

- CHD -Has community, physician, and staff support for future and success for SEAMC. There is strong community pride in hospital and its future. There are telemedicine classes at hospital linked with UMC. Dr. Spikes talked about being designated CAH by feds and waiting to see if same legislation passes in this state. Very good for hospital to get reimbursed at cost. Could be in black within two years. Also:
 - Must improve census.
 - Patient care is our reason for existence.
- Next semester nursing students from Cochise College will be helping.
- Lourdes -Chronic Disease Screening -Promotoras have referred sixty women for screening, prevention, etc. Getting word out.

Update on Rural Health Outreach Grant:

- Diabetes screening every other month, on last Saturday, at Lions Club. Volunteers are needed.
- Mobile eye unit for eye screening done in Douglas (20) and Elfreida (20)
- Lots of outreach needed to get people.
- Church outreach helpful to get individuals.
- Providers are referring people to classes but still need more referrals.
- 27 individuals have graduated from the classes.
- SEAHEC is providing funds to get Ella twice a week to support Angie.
- A support group for diabetics has also been started. Francis and Angie are providing the facilitation.
- Medications are a problem across the board. People cannot afford the meds that they need, Maybe coop is needed to buy meds at lower prices.
- Karen H. -Applied for the Diabetes supplemental grant to help with funds for materials (strips) during six-week class; for demonstration, training, reinforcement, etc.

Other Business:

- ADHS is assisting in the implementation of a binational prevalence and risk factor diabetes study for the entire U.S.-Mexico border. Some homes in the Douglas Region will be selected for participation in the study.
- Two individuals are giving presentations at CCPH in San Antonio. Dr. Ariaga on, "Details of Diabetes," and Carol Huddleston on, "Turning Point, Community Partners, and Networking."
- Info for Acton Conference on May 4, 2001 in Nogales, Arizona. RHOG will be presenting the program.
- Marilyn passed out calendars from drug company that pertains to diabetes. If we like it, maybe we can get the company to translate it into culturally appropriate document.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for:

Monday, July 30, 2001
4:00pm to 5:30pm
First Presbyterian Church
760 10th St.
Douglas, Arizona