

DIABETES WORKING GROUP

July 30, 2001

Angie Ramirez and Maria Patino welcomed the group and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Update on School Activities

The School Survey is completed. Six-to seven students needed follow-up with random glucose over 140. The blood draws were sent to the University of Arizona and the results are not known. Mike Lebowitz agreed to follow up with the University to check on results as well as information on students with high-risk profiles.

Update on Community Activities

- The hospital does not have OB services available and patients are being sent to Bisbee. The census for the hospital is up and the emergency room is very busy. The Critical Access Hospital Application has been submitted as of July 21st.
- The renovation of the Food Bank is going slow. It should be completed in the next three to four months –and then outreach -education -activities -can begin.
- Cochise County came out with a community Report Card. This is a very useful resource to find out what the community needs are and to prioritize interventions.

Update on Rural Health Outreach Grant Activities

- The program has four promotoras doing outreach and assisting in the classes. Twenty participants attended a graduation dinner on June 6th. New classes continue to be available to patients and their family members.
- The project also provides screening through the Lion's Club and provided screening to over 200 border patrol agents. The Mobile Eye Clinic will be at Companeros on August 20th.
- By January the project will have data available on the participants in the project. This data should help the group understand who is being reached by the project and what results from the educational intervention

Update on Border Health Strategic Initiative (Border Health SI)

- Jill de Zapien provided the group with an overview of Border Health SI. This project is a comprehensive diabetes prevention and control model being implemented in Santa Cruz and Yuma counties. Border Health SI is a partnership of community based organizations and the University of Arizona. The project encompasses six components: community health worker capacity building, patient self-management, health care provider gaps in care, family prevention and support behaviors, community nutrition and physical exercise and school policy change. Each component provides information and action items to a community based coalition, the *special action group (SAG)* which is focusing on identifying and implementing an action plan for policy development and environmental change.
- The University of Arizona would like to strengthen the work of the Diabetes Working Group by exploring the replication/adaptation of the different components of Border Health SI in the Douglas area. The group agreed that -it would be good to initially explore the ideas of working with the schools to implement the school health index and looking at a policy and environmental change focus for the diabetes working group as modeled in the Special Action Groups. The group will look more carefully at the School Health Index at the next meeting.

Other Business

- Ernesto Archuleta provided the group with the latest research which he has done on the number of local diabetics (Douglas, Bisbee, and Pirtleville) currently undergoing dialysis treatment. The data shows that at this time there are 41 local area diabetics undergoing dialysis in either Tucson or Sierra Vista.
- Representatives from the Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Children with Special Needs in Health Care were at the meeting and would like to present the results of a study done in ten communities including Douglas. The group suggested that they present the information at the next Turning Point Meeting

Next Meeting

The next meeting will beheld -on:

Monday, October 29, 2001
4:00 PM to 5:30PM
First Presbyterian Church
760 10th Street
Douglas, Arizona