

Minutes: Douglas Diabetes Working Group
Thursday September 7, 2000
First Presbyterian Church
760 10th Street
Douglas, AZ 85607

The meeting began with welcome and introductions. Updates were provided in the following areas:

Continued Dissemination Activities

- The group would like to postpone the presentation to the Chamber of Commerce until November in order to have enough time to bring together a team of presenters and formalize the presentation. Once the presentation is formalized, the group would like to use it in other dissemination efforts. The presentation will involve a doctor and staff hired for the Rural Health Outreach Grant.
- A presentation will be provided to parents at Isle of Happiness daycare on September 14.
- A presentation will be provided to the Board of Health at January retreat.
- There will be a presentation to AAFCFA staff.

School Board and School-Related Activities

- Yolanda Caruso reported that an in-service for school nurses on diabetes has been scheduled *for* November 1.
- The group would like to work to get diabetes on the agenda at the next National School Nurses Convention taking place in Phoenix.
- Marilyn Bowen is working on K-12 curriculum.
- The group would like to take formalized presentation to school faculty as well. Mike Lebowitz suggested that school principals from Yuma who are currently participating in a diabetes study/intervention come to speak.
- Lisa Staten can provide technical assistance to schools wishing to utilize the CDC School Health Index www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash
- Douglas High School will be involved in a study to screen all students, entailing questionnaire, finger stick, height, weight, follow-up, and education

Grant Activities

Rural Health Outreach Grant

- The group agreed to act as an advisory board. This role will be added as a separate agenda item for all future meetings.
- Staff have been hired: Lea Dodge, Program Coordinator; Angie Ramirez, Health Educator; Ivlaricela Lerma, Promotora (Chiricahua Community Health Center); Sydney Fimbres, Promotora (Chiricahua Community Health Center); Frances Aparicio, Promotora (Compafieros); Anita Noriega (Compafieros)
- The group would like an outline of roles and responsibilities and goals, objectives, and planned activities for the first year.
- Ginger Ryan and Lucy Spikes will present the program and curriculum to providers.

- A group of different diabetes programs along the border will be coming together to look at treatment issues. Ginger Ryan agreed to chair the group

SEAHEC

- A proposal for \$25,000 from HRSA has been submitted through SEAHEC and the Rural Health Office. Resources will be used to hire a 6 month staff person to interface with the Rural Health Outreach Grant to train a cadre of volunteer diabetics and other interested individuals to provide outreach and support in the community.

Other Business

The Douglas Community Healthcare group has become a non-profit that will be working with the new hospital owners to ensure that community needs are met. It will be important to include the group in the many health-related meetings taking place, especially the Sustainability Task Force. Both groups should be expanded to others outside of the healthcare field, and the suggestion was made that promotoras work to encourage community participation.

The Douglas Diabetes Working Group has agreed to hold tandem meetings with the Sustainability Task Force, as many of their members are the same. Each meeting will last no longer than one-and-a-half hours. *The next meeting is scheduled/or:*

Tuesday, December 5
4:00-5:30 p.m.
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