

Community Health Improvement Plan Working Session, October 1, 2014

Access to Health Care Table Notes

Sue Mitchell provided handouts and described preliminary objectives and strategies for the Access Action Team from both the Community Health Improvement Plan and national Public Health Accreditation Board.

Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health will provide administrative support to the action teams to assist with meeting set-up, minute taking, mailings etc. The Access Action Team will also be provided with limited data analysis support from the department beginning with an analysis of emergency department use.

Data from the 2013 Minnesota Health Access Survey (updated in May 2014) was distributed. Sue is working on a Ramsey County specific report that will mirror this statewide report. Other potential data sources were discussed.

Who's missing?

Individuals were asked to think about and contact Jocelyn Ancheta (jocelyn.ancheta@co.ramsey.mn.us) with additional names of people they felt should be part of the discussion/ work of the action team.

Other comments and concerns:

- It will be important to try and get 2014 data (if possible) because of the anticipated dramatic shifts in coverage because of MNSure enrollments.
- It will be important for the team to have a common definition of what “access” means (not insurance status alone but transportation, language, disability and more). The answers lie in consumer behavior.
- Several people stated they are holding out for the other two teams to start (specifically Mental Health) rather than join one at this time.
- Individuals were unclear about the time commitment for Action Teams.

Conclusion:

After all three rotations, no one was ready to commit to the team or be the lead at this time. Individuals will contact Jocelyn after they think about it more.