



Iowa
Collaborative
Safety
Net
Provider
Network

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Progress Report

Health & Human Services
Appropriations Subcommittee

Background

Enabling Legislation H.F. 825

- **Safety Net Provider Network**
Community Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics & Free Clinics
- **Community Health Center Incubator**
Tri-State Community Health Center, Dubuque

VISION

Network Vision

Preserve and expand the health care safety net to ensure Iowa's most vulnerable populations have access to a medical home for the delivery of comprehensive, high quality health care.

First Quarter Activities

Focus on Process and Initial Organization

- Developed Governance Structure
 - Leadership Group of 6
 - Advisory Group of 18

Chair, Chris Atchison, University of Iowa,
College of Public Health

First Quarter Activities

Leadership Group

Purpose: Analyzing input from the Advisory Committee and making strategic decisions, which IA/NEPCA staff will be responsible for implementing.

Community Health Centers

Terry Meek, Proteus Migrant Health Project

Renea Seagren, United Community Health Center

Free Clinics

Wendy Gray, Free Clinics of Iowa

Sandy Pickup, Iowa City Free Medical Clinic

Rural Health Clinics

Libby Coyte, Redfield Medical Center

Mona Haverman, Trimark Physicians Group

First Quarter Activities

Advisory Group

Purpose: Providing advice and guidance to the Network Leadership Group on issues relevant to safety-net services and activities, as well as needs of safety-net providers.

Members:

Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

The University of Iowa

Iowa Medical Society

Wellmark

Iowa Farm Bureau

Project Export Center of Excellence on Health Disparities

Iowa Department of Public Health

Des Moines University

Iowa Academy of Family Practice

Principal Financial Group

First Quarter Activities

- Introductory Communications with Members
 - Return of a Member Needs Survey
- Assembled Team of Advisors
 - George Washington University
Facilitation
Research
 - Community Health Associates
Data Base Development Support
- Evaluator – Rural Health Solutions

First Quarter Activities

Initial Safety Net Provider Partner Organizations

	<u>Invited-Statewide</u>	<u>Responses</u>
RHCs	139	50
Free Clinics	24	10
<u>CHCs</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	173	70
Percent Response		41%

First Quarter Activities

- Members Identified Top Three Needs
 1. Access to Pharmaceuticals
 2. Specialty Care Referrals
 3. Recruitment of Health Professionals
- Agreed Initially to Focus on Access to Pharmaceuticals

Pharmaceutical Access

Possible Strategies

- Statewide patient assistance program
- Group Purchasing
- Subsidizing cost of pharmaceuticals
- Common formulary
- Develop Disease Management Protocols
- Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

Likely First Steps

- Statewide patient assistance program

Specialty Care Access

Possible Strategies

- Develop data to identify regional gaps in capacity
- Explore relationship/capacity at University Iowa Hospitals & Clinics to support safety net primary care providers
- Deploy Polk County Medical Society effort to other regions of the state

Recruitment of Health Professionals

Possible Strategies

- Increase awareness of members to recruiting resources currently available
 - Iowa/Department of Public Health
 - National Health Services Corps
 - 3RNet
 - Iowa/Nebraska Primary Care Association
- Develop marketing plan for member organizations
- Develop a recruitment service package for use by member organizations
- Retain the services of reputable recruiter to recruit of behalf of member organizations
- Provide financial incentives to health professionals signing at safety net member organizations

Data Gathering

- **Have Preliminary Data on 41% of Potential Members**
- **Goal to Increase Participation Rate to 66%**
- **Need to Develop Creative Formats and Inducements to Gather More Specific and Comprehensive Information**

Second Quarter Activity

- Develop Pharmacy Assistance Program Proposal
 - Continue Discussions with Potential Partners
 - Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
 - Iowa Insurance Division
 - Others
- Determine Best Approach For Data Gathering with Each Member Organization
- Explore Identified Strategies for Specialty Care and Recruitment.

Network Budget

Planning/Facilitation	\$ 65,000
Data Base Development	\$ 50,000
Safety Net Providers Research Awards	\$150,000
Initiatives (Pharmacy, Spec. Care, Recruitment)	\$120,000
Infrastructure-Staffing	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
TOTAL	\$425,000

Community Health Center Incubator

- Tri-State Community Health Center,
Dubuque