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Minutes of February 9, 2011 Advisory Body meeting

Department of Public Health, Office of Health Care Access
Statewide Health Care Facilities and Services Plan Advisory Body
Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 9:00 AM
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Commissioner Hearing Room
3rd Floor, OHCA Office

Attendance: Karen Buckley-Bates, Lisa Winkler, Kimberly Martone, Kaila Riggott, Kennedy Hudner, Stuart Markowitz, Paula Chenail, Melanie Dillon, Karen Roberts, Stan Soby, Meg Hooper, Olga Armah, Brian Carney, Margaret Hynes, Karen Goyette, Al Bidorini

Absent: Wendy Furniss, Yvette Highsmith Francis, Evelyn Barnum, Ken Ferrucci, Lauren Siembab

Notes: Leslie Greer

Kimberly Martone, Director of Operations of the Office of Health Care Access at DPH welcomed everyone. Kim apologized for the parking issues which caused a delay in starting the meeting. Due to the late start of meeting, Kim moved items around on the agenda.

Item I. Presentation of chronic disease data

Margaret Hynes of DPH Planning Branch gave a presentation entitled "Tracking Chronic Diseases in Connecticut."

It was brought up that the hospitalizations mentioned in the presentation does not capture 23 hour stays.

Incidence data is now being documented better.

Question was asked why the Hispanic population has lower death rates in Connecticut. Margaret responded partly due to Hispanics having more family and social support or the cause of death may not have been captured on death certificate.

The presentation will be available on the OHCA website.

Item II. Discussion of emailed documents

Karen Roberts, Principal Health Care Analyst, at OHCA discussed that the link to survey monkey for Outpatient Surgery and Imaging would be emailed to members on 2/10/11. So far two survey monkey

results have been received and one paper. Dr. Stuart Markowitz turned in two surveys at the meeting. Discussion centered on the definitions of # of patient visits and # of patient scans for the imaging survey and # of patient visits vs. the # of procedures for the outpatient surgery survey. Discussion also included how to facilitate the release of the surveys for wide-release (email from OHCA, email from associations, mail, other).

The minutes from December 8, 2010 meeting were approved.

Item III. Presentation on evaluating unmet need of at-risk or vulnerable populations

Olga Armah, Associate Research Analyst at OHCA gave a presentation and discussed evaluating unmet need of at-risk or vulnerable populations.

Item IV. Other Business

When the survey testing is completed, Kim will email CEOs of hospitals to make aware of the survey.

How much time do the providers need to respond to the survey was discussed and will be determined. The draft cover letter will go out to Associations.

Kaila will add a link to the draft guiding principles on OHCA's website. These are a "work in progress" and will evolve as the plan is written. Melanie Dillon, OHCA staff attorney, has reviewed the wording of the guiding principles.

Kimberly Martone closed the meeting.