

LHIC Access to Care Work Group Meeting

7.23.15 – 9:30 a.m.

Minutes

Members Present:

Patricia Omaña, Healthy Howard
Linda Zumbrun, Dept. of Social Services
Mary Harrison, Columbia Medical Practice
Jason Brown, Walgreens Pharmacy
Brian Mattingly, Healthy Howard

Kate Schulz, United Way of Central MD
Paula Blackwell, FIRN/HC MOTA
Marsha Dawson, Office of Children's Services
Liddy Garcia-Buñuel, Healthy Howard

Also Present:

Cheryl DePinto, DHMH
Dr. Virginia Brown, University of Maryland Extension
Caryssa Thomas, CCT Administrative Assistant

MEETING MINUTES:

1. Introductions:
 - Liddy opened the meeting at 9:46 a.m., and had members introduce themselves and their organizations.
2. UMD Extension Presentation - Dr. Virginia Brown:
 - Overview of Smart Choice Program:
 - Newly insured Americans don't understand basic health care terms.
 - University of Maryland Extension to focus on education.
 - AIR to focus on research and development.
 - Consumer Union to focus on tracking research around health insurance.
 - Smart Choice Full:
 - Full 2 hour in depth health insurance literacy class.
 - Smart Choice Basics:
 - Shorter class with the primary focus on understanding why it is important to have health insurance.
 - Smart Use:
 - How to access care, track costs, and dispute an insurance claim.
 - Record keeping and Disputing Costs under development.
3. Approve minutes from June meeting:
 - Liddy asked for a motion to approve the minutes, Patricia motioned to approve, the motion was seconded and the minutes from June were approved.
4. Access to Care Work Group Updates:
 - Draft Health Insurance Literacy:
 - Access to Care work group members are to review document and come to August meeting with any suggestions or edits.
 - What are steps to be taken once health insurance is obtained?
 - New Data Tracking Sheet:
 - Access to Care workgroup members to review and make any suggestions or edits at August meeting.
 - Need to begin better tracking what Access to Care is doing and successes.
 - Use data to report back to larger group.

Respectfully submitted by,
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