

Health Access Coalition

Meeting Minutes, 1/10/06

Present: Aimee Chitayat, Lola Ejiwunmi, Mary Ann Ferrera, Christina Reich, Lisa Morrell, Patricia Snyder, Martha Fuentes, Sandra Padilla, Paula Hines, Sandy Baldwin, Lorena Martinez-Ochoa, Rachel Berry-Millett.

Welcome and Introductions: Lorena welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.

Handouts: Members were given copies of the following materials:

- Meeting agenda and January/February HAC Events Calendar
- Health Access 2006 Legislative Calendar for Health Advocates
- 2006 HAC Meeting Schedule with planned topics & speakers
- Updated HAC Strategic Plan
- Recommendations resulting from the HAC Member Survey
- Certified Application Assistant Training Flyer
- Important Reference Information for Medi-Cal and Healthy Families Programs
- East County February 12th Community Health Forum DRAFT flyer

The handouts were briefly reviewed.

Presentation: Christina Reich, Children's Oral Health Presentation: "Cavity Free Kids' for Staff Members," sponsored by the Washington Dental Service Foundation and the California First 5 Commission. Christina presented on the consumer outreach arm of the oral health project. The overall project aims to train and educate consumers (parents, teachers, children), medical providers, and dental providers, on the "new dental science" and good oral health for children. The curriculum is designed for the 0-5 population and the presentation included visuals, interactive activities, and tips for prevention of cavities and good food choices for teeth. The presentation was in preparation for Children's Oral Health Month in February.

Video: A recently produced 4-minute video on Community Access to Health Care was shown. The Community Education and Information Unit is finalizing the video and translating it into Spanish. Members discussed possible viewing places and other uses for the video, including Parent's Nights at schools, waiting rooms in clinics, town hall meetings, health fairs, TEACH meetings, the mobile van, etc. Aimee took requests for copies once it is finished.

Strategic Plan Update: Lorena explained the revisions made to Goal C: Legislative Outreach and Education. The revised objectives will focus on increasing coordination with PEHAB's Access to Care Committee, developing a policy platform regarding HAC's support for or opposition to current legislation, and supporting other local events related to access to care.

Other Committee Updates:

-The Parent and Community Education Committee:

- Discussed revisions that will be made to the *No Secret* flyer to include a Public Charge statement.
- Sandra updated the group on TALC and on new funding for the Monument Community Partnership that will be used to improve transportation and access to care in the Monument Corridor. Three Community Action Forums will be held in February, April, and July to allow community residents to voice their ideas and needs regarding transportation issues. TALC and the TEACH Project are developing maps for Health Services, with helpful features addressing Transportation Access to Healthcare. Sandra requested input from HAC members on what these maps should include.
- Paula distributed copies of the Request for Information form being piloted in several schools, and reviewed the status of the CHDP school health insurance outreach in Mt. Diablo Unified.

-Health Providers Committee:

- The updated Denti-Cal provider list was distributed to all HAC members via email and has been posted on the Contra Costa Health Services website.
- Paula reviewed the 5% cut in Medi-Cal payments. She explained that these cuts haven't (yet) affected CHDP or the CC Health Plan providers. The cuts will significantly affect children in foster care who see fee-for-service providers.

Updates: Aimee addressed the legislative budget, which was to be released today. There is currently a campaign to gather signatures for a new Tobacco Tax Initiative that would raise the price of cigarettes by over \$2.00. Part of the money would be used to fund Children's Health Initiatives throughout the State.

Announcements:

- At future HAC meetings, each committee will be given time to meet at the end of the group meeting to work on their objectives of the Strategic Plan. At the following meeting, committees will have the opportunity to report back to the group and give an update on their progress.
- At the end of the meeting, each member present was given a blank sheet of paper and asked to write any thoughts, comments, criticisms, or suggestions related to the meeting or ideas for improvement in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.