

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MIGRANT HEALTH (NACMH)

Meeting Minutes

December 10-11, 2013

Seattle, WA

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

NACMH Members in attendance

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CALL TO ORDER

James Laughlin (Vice Chair)

- Welcome to Meeting
- Motion to approve **Agenda** by Edelmiro Garcia with no changes; motion was seconded by Joan Tronson
- Motion to approve **prior Meeting Minutes** (August 19-20, 2013, Rockville, MD) by Jill Kilanowski; motion was seconded by Martha Lopez.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations started approximately fifteen (15) minutes late due to technical difficulties with phone lines and connectivity information supplied. The Bureau of Primary Health Care presentation was moved to the second day of the meeting.

PRESENTATION 1

Presenter: Jennie McLaurin, Specialist in Child and Migrant Health, Migrant Clinicians Network
Presentation title: Clinical Needs of Farmworkers: Continuities and Changes
Presentation included:

- Overview of Migrant Clinicians Network
- Social Determinants of Health
- Long term effects on health
- Prevention and Health Promotion
- Expansion of clinical model: Community Health Workers, Accountable Care Act, Patient Centered Medical Home
- Template for identifying a patient as migrant or seasonal farmworker
- Health literacy toolkit
- Health Network enrollment steps

PRESENTATION 2

Presenters: Bruce Gray, CEO and Seth Doyle, Manager, Community Health Improvement Program, Northwest Regional Primary Care Association
Presentation title: Update on Health Care Services at the Regional Level

Presentation included:

- An overview of the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association and its members
- Information on funding opportunities for expansion of outreach programs, along with training opportunities (and budget allocation) for outreach program staff, including community health workers and *promotoras(es) de salud*.
- Ideas on expanding resources for improved data collection, including farmworker enumeration studies and surveillance of farmworker health issues and access to health care.
- Strategies for collaborating with other, non-health center, farmworker serving agencies and organizations.
- Strategies for developing training opportunities (and budget allocation) for providers unfamiliar with farmworker health issues, and strategies for recruitment of culturally competent providers.

PRESENTATION 3

Presenter: Colleen Pacheco, Program Manager, Sea Mar Community Health Centers
Presentation title: Health Care Services at Migrant Health Centers at the Local Level: Sea Mar's Experience

Presentation included:

- Brief overview of Sea Mar
- Services specifically for migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFWs)
- MSFWs barriers to health care access in Skagit and Whatcom county

PRESENTATION 4

Presenter: Alexis Guild, Migrant Health Policy Analyst, Farmworker Justice (*via telephone*) **Presentation title:** The Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its Effect on Farmworker Access to Healthcare

Presentation included:

- Overview of the ACA and Farmworkers
- Eligibility overview
- New opportunities for healthcare coverage
- Medicaid expansion
- Health insurance marketplaces
- Minimum essential coverage provision and exemptions
- Transitional workers
- Mixed-status families

PRESENTATION 5

Presenter: Roger Rosenthal, Esq., Migrant Legal Action Program, Washington, DC (*via telephone*) **Presentation title:** The Status of Immigration Policy and Its Impact on Migrant Farmworkers

Presentation included:

- Consequences of the Failure to Pass Immigration Reform
- State and Local Law Enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws
- Access to Public Schools
- Immigrants and Government Benefits
- Federal Programs for Which Undocumented Persons are Eligible
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Government Action/Policy

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Sonsy Fermin and James Laughlin

The meeting started at 8:15 am due to technical difficulties.

- Welcome to Meeting
- Recap of the previous day and outline of agenda for the day

PRESENTATION 1

Presenter: Alek Sripipatana, Chief, Data Branch, Bureau of Primary Health Care

Presentation title: Uniform Data System: Child Health Indicators

Presentation included:

- Information on Uniform Data System (UDS)
- What the UDS informs us of children seen at HRSA-funded health centers
- Clinical quality metrics, such as Trimester of Entry into Prenatal Care, Low Birth Weight
- Advances in health information technology and electronic health record (EHR) adoption
- Patient Profile of HRSA-Funded Health Centers with Migrant Health Center (MHCs) Funding
- Some new screenings include Clinical Depression screening for those 12 years and older

PRESENTATION 2

Presenter: Bobbi Ryder, President & CEO, National Center for Farmworker Health
Presentation title: ACA & Migrant Health Centers and the Populations They Serve

Presentation included:

- ACA, Benefits and Advantages to MHCs and MSFWs
- Potential Pitfalls and Disadvantages of ACA to MHCs and MSFWs
- Workforce Development
- Board Recruitment, Orientation and Training
- Adoption of Administrative and Governance Policies
- Community/Civic Engagement
- How to assure that these solutions are reinforced by HRSA's Policy/Systems,

PRESENTATION 3

Presenter: Alice Larson, Larson Assistance Services
Presentation title: The New Migrant Faces

Presentation included:

- Information on enumeration of migrant and seasonal farmworkers
- Migrant health definition
- How to estimate new populations
- Indigenous workers and language interpreter services
- How mechanization depends on labor availability
- Defining seasonality and food processing

PRESENTATION 4

Presenter: Commander Sony Fermín, Office of National Assistance and Special Populations
Presentation title: Bureau of Primary care Update

Presentation included:

- Overview of the health center program
- Farmworker health care data
- Health center program growth - national impact

- BPHC organizational structure
- ONASP Branches
- National Cooperative Agreements
- ACA and ACA Health Insurance Marketplace
- Access for farmworkers and their families
- Affordable Care Act and Health Centers - Resources
- Technical assistance resources
- BPHC Help Line
- UDS Web Tools

FORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY

Ideas

- Lack of language capacity
- Lack of access to care, models that do not work, hours of service
- Lack of enforcement of related department policies (housing, field sanitation, etc.)
- Lack of culturally competent service (potential misdiagnosis, potential outbreak of disease, potential infection of food supply)
- Safety net may be disappearing under the assumption that **all** will be insured (specialty care, hospitalization)

Solution ideas

- Request re-working of accountability system to ensure the intended purpose for MSFW is met
- ACA - in order to ensure that health care disparities for MSFW is not exacerbated by ACA implementation, HRSA needs to establish an approach to collect impact data to address issues as they arise

Highlights from Testimony

- Quality of care
- Not receiving care
- Behavioral health
- Affordability of co-pay
- Cultural competency
- Loss of focus on MSFW
- Enabling services (transportation outreach, interpretation education)
- Logistical mismatch (hours, mobile units, location, transportation)
- Interagency coordination
- Specialty care
- Violence-domestic /women, trafficking, sexual harassment, employment-related
- Other women's issues
- Literacy needs
- Adult immunizations/Adult cancer screen
- ACA services available to MSFW (clinical quality of care is equal)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LETTER

- Focus on vulnerabilities of populations (accountability to MSFW populations, creative models of care)
- Outreach/enabling (translators, transportation)
- Access and quality (not lost in ACA process, clinical quality, equality and access)
- Accountability (system of integrated accountability)
- Specialty care (currently no programs to address funding mechanism)
- Dental care for adults (prevention re: kids)
- Social determinants of health (housing conditions)
- Accountability (Plus); MSFW funding=MSFW Services, therefore application process should include a requirement to address enabling services needs or justify why not offering
- ACA rollout and impact on MSFW; important to be aware of issues and not create second class services for MSFW
- Ethical and moral obligation if receiving MSFW funding-need to document provision of services which meet needs of the population
- Choices we make are determined by the choices we have before us
- Health literacy (self-management goal)
- Provider recruitment commit to NHSC (possibly extend requirement for service)
- Interagency collaboration, possible shared definition (HUD, FHA)
- Comprehensive/Specialty Care (same benefits to MSFW as available to eligible ACA clients)
- Health of MSFW's potentially impact overall health
- Public health is a national security issue
- Lack of updated immigration policy impacts public health access to services, availability of workers

Timeline for Drafting Letter to Secretary Sebelius

Date	From	To
12/20/13	Writers	Editing
1/2/14	Editors	Writers
1/16/14	Writers	Group
1/20/14	Group	ONASP

Logistical Information and Voucher Reimbursement Policy and Procedures

- Gladys Cate, Staff Support, NACMH

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