

## **Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant Advisory Committee**

**Date:** December 17, 2008

**Time:** 10 AM to 11 AM

**Location:** Conference Call

**Attendees:** Maxine Hayes, Danielle Kenneweg, Julie Peterson (representing Larry Clark), Tim Moody and Penny Hetzel

**The meeting was chaired by:** Maxine Hayes

**The meeting was facilitated by:** Danielle Kenneweg

### **Welcome**

Maxine welcomed all the participants.

### **Review of minutes**

September 18 meeting minutes were reviewed.

### **Status of grant application for FY09**

Training for new web system is complete – was delayed at CDC thus delaying the application for WA. Deadline is early February. No comments from public hearing. Coordinators have been told to use level funding for FFY 09 applications, but president has zeroed block grant out of budget.

### **Healthy communities update**

Reports for the 2008 are in. Communities are doing well. Amendments based upon work and funding adjustments will be in place by mid January. Office of Health Promotion sponsored three people from LHJ's to attend a health impact assessment training in Spokane in early December.

### **Success Stories**

Reviewed the plan for the use of the stories. Stories are in review for active voice and are being formatted by graphic designers. They will be sent back to LHJ's in a format that allows them to add their logo and messages. Chris Townly from the Policy office will share with congressional members when she and Mary Selecky do the DC Hill visit in March. Danny shared the draft Mason County success story with the group. It was suggested that general information about the LHJ be included along with the success story.

### **Budget and Spending Update**

Maxine shared that revenue from sales and property taxes are not generating enough revenue. 80% of the state budget is spent on education, Medicaid and incarceration, which only leaves 20% for other state work. There is a shortfall in the current budget. DOH must reduce spending of general fund state dollars by 7 million prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. There will be less service from DOH. The Senior Management Team is working to protect LHJs. The next biennium is still an unknown. Community and Family Health management requested that we not fund another community, but do more technical assistance at the local level, complete printing projects to share with locals and pay for Danielle Kenneweg and Penny Hetzel's salaries out of the PHBG money instead of state general funds.

## **Healthy Communities Work**

### Healthy Communities Team

OHP has 2 members on the team. The team is working towards an integrated approach to prevention and Healthy Communities. The team is learning as it goes.

### New Role

Daisye Orr will be taking on a new role in the very near future. Using unspent STEPS funds, Daisye's position will be funded at .5 FTE to become a community capacity coordinator. This role involves working with CFH programs to develop a plan for technical assistance and training that will build capacity at the LHJ level for policy and environmental change.

### PHBG Technical Assistance Funds

It's the intent of this advisory group that each year, \$12,000 is set aside for technical assistance and training that builds LHJ capacity for policy work. Some funding was directed to Skagit County to provide site visits and phone consultation with three other LHJ's and one tribe. Discussion is underway with the national organization Directors of Health Promotion and Education, to conduct training on policy and environmental change. It was suggested that connecting this training to the Joint Conference would be productive. Committee members also suggested that marketing for this kind of training be worded very carefully.

### **Advisory group members**

Sue Grinnell, Office Director from Community Wellness and Prevention has agreed to become a member of the Block Grant Advisory group starting next year. Danny will contact Mary Wendt about becoming a member. She will also work to expand the membership according to the guidance at the September meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

Late May was the preference for the next meeting. Penny will work with Maxine's calendar to schedule. Location will be the DOH offices in Kent.

### **Action Items**

- Post updates and send links periodically about the current and federal budgets.
- Post the updated success stories.
- Post minutes of all meetings and send link to committee members.