

Washington State Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Advisory Committee

Date: April 27, 2010

Time: 10 am to 3 pm

Location: DOH Center Pointe Office at Kent, Suite 100

Attendees: Sue Grinnell, Danielle Kenneweg, Kyle Unland, Timothy Moody, Elaine Engle, Peter Browning, Elisabeth Long, Penny Hetzel & Debbie Ruggles via telephone.

This meeting was chaired and facilitated by: Danielle Kenneweg, per Maxine Hayes request

Welcome– Danielle Kenneweg

Review of minutes

October 26, 2009 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as is.

2009 Annual Report Review

Please see attached document for the required report of activities sent to CDC in late February. The following notes are in addition to the written summary report.

A. Executive Summary – Danielle Kenneweg

The Health Objective stated in the 2009 Annual Application had to be changed, per CDC request. The CDC project officer requested a stronger connection to the accountability objective.

B. Annual progress on OHP activities – Danielle Kenneweg

The OHP section has selected Health Literacy as the Healthy People 2010 Objective that is more in-line with actual work performed. There still remains a lack of coordinated policy around translations in DOH. A concern is that DOH is out of compliance with the CLAS standards. A reduction in public health funding has decreased OHP's funds for material printing and material translations. OHP invested staff resources to publish and disseminate a report connecting health risk behaviors to academic achievement. Staff conducted audience testing to determine the best ways to disseminate this information to key stakeholder groups. The Academic Achievement report establishes a relationship between 13 health risks and academic achievement.

C. Annual progress on Community Grants – Kyle Unland

- Cowlitz County is working on improving walking trails by establishing working relationships with city and community members.
- Seattle King County is working on marketing the menu labeling campaign and is creating a menu labeling kit. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Washington are supporting evaluation of this project.
- Pierce County is focusing on improving the walkability in their community through adopting the "Complete Streets" concept. **Action item:** Kyle will send Tim Moody more information on the TPCHD Complete Streets project.
- Changes were made to the Snohomish grant activities. The community of Everett was removed and replaced with Marysville.
- Spokane is mobilizing local pedestrian plans & advocating for a "Complete Streets" resolution.
- Lummi Nation has adopted Whatcom County's Master Bike-Pedestrian Plan.
- Skagit County is working on a "Complete Streets" and trail plan. In addition, they are focusing on safe and active routes to school in Sedro Woolly.
- Island County is working on partnering with schools to implement policies that increase access to healthy foods.
- Yakima County has expanded its partnership with "Rev It Up" coalition to include four more school districts in the program.

D. Annual progress on Sexual Assault activities– Debbie Ruggles

Debbie provided background on the history of the program, funding and activities. All 39 counties receive funding for sexual assault and services.

Healthy Communities Washington – Sue Grinnell and Danielle Kenneweg

Sue and Danny provided a background on the DOH, Community Wellness and Prevention Office's Healthy Communities Washington initiative. Please see the attached Power Point presentations. Conversation was held around allocating future PHBG funds towards the Healthy Community projects. For the past three years, PHBG funding has been restricted to supporting projects focusing on policy change for physical activity and nutrition. Funding for the DOH Tobacco program will be significantly reduced next year. Therefore it is proposed that work on tobacco related projects be included in the Healthy Communities Project.

Advisory Group recommendation

After much discussion, it was concluded that:

- PHBG funds may be used to support the Healthy Communities Project with the stipulation that they not be used for tobacco enforcement or monitoring.
- Use this language in the new statement of work.
- This allocation of funds will be for a three year cycle beginning in January 2011.
- Support of the Healthy Communities Project will be reassessed in three years (December 2013.) If successful, it should be extended for an additional two years.

Tacoma Success Story – Elisabeth Long

Each year the Office of Health Promotion submits a success story to CDC about one funded community. Please see the attached story.

Advisory Groups – Sue Grinnell

Sue shared a summary of work in Community Wellness and Prevention to organize a strategic alliance for chronic disease prevention. She is open to comments and suggestions from all advisory group members.

General Roundtable discussion on Public Health

Peter Browning emphasized the need to support Healthy Communities coordinators locally to build on-the-ground capacity. Elaine Engle reiterated Peter's concern that there needs to be a local coordinator to ensure the sustainability of the work.

There is a concern that there is no one from DOH explaining the effects of the Health Care reform to the local health jurisdictions.

Skagit (Peter Browning) reported that they lost 27% of his staff this year. This reduced much of the work to what funding sources are paying for.

Whitman (Tim Moody) reported that they are running a skeleton crew. Many of the staff have been reassigned and are doing more work.

Spokane (Elaine Engle) reported that they have not experienced the layoffs felt by other local health jurisdictions.

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