

MCH Community Based Services Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2022

Member Attendees

Amy Lell, Wilson County (Southeast Public Health Region)
Cortney Murrow, Mitchell County (North Central Public Health Region)
Jennifer Bruns, Lawrence-Douglas County (Northeast Public Health Region)
Julie Laverack, Community Health Center of SEK (FQHC)
Karen Hammersmith, Reno County (South Central Public Health Region)
Monica Reuber, Sheridan County (Northwest Public Health Region)
Shanea Bea, Delivering Change/Geary County (Nonprofit/Community Organization)
Shruti Chhabra, Finney County (Southwest Public Health Region)
Shaylee Mosher, Kearny County Hospital (Hospital System Partner)

Other Attendees

Jennifer Marsh, KDHE
Carrie Akin, KDHE
Kelsee Torrez, KDHE
Kaylee Goss, KDHE
Holly Frye, KDHE
Zachery Leeker, KDHE
Dennis Kriesel, KALHD
Shelby Ostrom, KALHD

Introductions

Jennifer Marsh called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and called for the committee members to introduce themselves.

Workgroup Goals

Jennifer reviewed the goals of this workgroup. These goals include providing information on how to better collaborate, provide recommendations for the needs assessment and grant application processes, and informing resource needs.

Jennifer also mentioned that this PowerPoint shared during the meeting will be sent to the group, however, she requested that the PowerPoint stays within the group.

Review Data and BFH Proposal

Jennifer reviewed the available slides about the aid-to-local grant and the declining applications for that grant at this point.

Dennis Kriesel opened the discussion to the LHDs and partners on the call about the grant. Cortney Murrow mentioned that they are still part of the grant at this point, but she knows of those who have decided to no longer participate, and the length of the application is a barrier,

and the grant funds are not worth the length of the application. Dennis also offered that some local health departments have dropped the MCH grant but are still offering the same services via using other grants that permit similar objectives; he asked similar questions to other applicants. Amy Lell also discussed that the data tracking portion of the grant is heavy and Carrie Akin, KDHE provided a quick solution for the problem. The group had a discussion on the outreach activities for the MCH grant. The group also discussed home visiting for MCH, and how that grant was much easier than the original, but it is still fragmented.

Jennifer reviewed the current system and evaluation process and had groups complete a SWOT analysis that was shared with this group. Jennifer shared the results of the analysis including potential strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

After the discussion, Jennifer shared recommendations for the applicants and the grant itself including funding, funding periods, grant scoring,

Next Steps

The group will meet in late October to re-review these slides and have a more in-depth discussion about the grant. Jennifer and Dennis would like this group to review the slides for the October meeting and add notes that you would like to discuss. Dennis suggested attendees organize their comments, by relevant slide, into a document that they can refer to and bring up during the October meeting. It was noted that if an attendee is unable to attend the October meeting they can send their notes to Dennis to ensure the feedback gets shared.

Adjournment

Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.