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**Eau Claire Healthy Communities Action Team Meeting Minutes**

Oral Health Promotion

Thursday August 23rd, 2018

Eau Claire City-County Health Department Room G302

**7:30am-9:00am**

Present: TJ Atkins, Katie Pospishil, Sarah Pedersen, Savannah Bergman, Gina Schemenauer, and Tammy Raeder

**1. Introductions and Announcements: None at this time**

**2. Approval of July 26th, 2018 minutes: Minutes approved**

**3. Update**

- a. Dose of Reality- Post Survey: In March, there was the Dose of Reality event around prescriber medication. Group has decided not to complete this as it has been too long since the pre-survey.

**4. Community Health Improvement Plan**

- a. Recap of last “Prioritization/Root Cause Analysis” meeting. In August, Gina facilitated a root cause analysis of the data indicators the group selected to move forward their process on: % of population that hasn’t seen a dentist in the past 2 years and percentage of third graders that have dental decay.
- b. Review Goals & Objectives – (see attachment)- Gina shared a draft of our goals and objectives.
  - i. In relation to the objective: By 2021, coordinate with local organizations to develop least two policies, practices, ordinances and/or codes to provide better access to oral health services for children and pregnant women. Gina talked about what policy could look like for this objective.
    - 1. Katie informed group that if a pregnant mom has Medicaid, she can get extra cleanings during her pregnancy. She thought it may be worthwhile to make more dentists aware of this as well as pregnant moms too.
  - ii. Group discussed strategies for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and how to measure tooth decay when they leave 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. It was suggest getting into the schools for school orientation nights or a church sponsored back to school nights. TJ informed the group CVTC is having diversity orientation days next week, which would be an opportunity to provide education to these young adults.
- c. Strategy Discussion- Gina shared the Spheres of Influence and approaches handout with potential strategies for our action team listed in the grid. Strategies discussed are detailed below.

- i. CVTC dental students working with schools and other places (like libraries) to do education. Northlakes is in the schools currently, but not sure if they are going into individual classrooms. We need to check what they are doing. Sarah sends information home for Headstart and then talks to the children she sees. We could look at getting into the schools for teacher conference and collaborating with a nurse. Discussion on how to get parents to talk with the nurse.
- ii. Would be nice to have education for seniors as well, but there are challenges of going to the Senior center.
- iii. Katie suggests put to videos on our Facebook page as another outreach method.
- iv. Tammy suggests putting information in the Amish newsletter and trying to get into their school with oral health education.
- v. Sarah states Lisa at Northlakes was going to be checking into about getting information in to the schools or their bathrooms. Signs should be easy to read or like an infographic. We could have a picture graph for Lisa to put up.
- vi. A slide may be put in the monitors at the school (Augusta middle/high school). Katie recommended, "Sip all day get decay." Sign.
- vii. Discussion of drink water campaign and team up with chronic disease on this. Katie also suggested the following sayings, "Hydrate to be great!" "H2O is the way to go!" Carol suggest a focus on athlete students. Gina shared there is a Life of an athlete presentation that we could maybe tag onto.
- viii. Another idea mention is at lunch time in schools, students can buy water enhancers or fruit for their water bottles or have a sign by the water bubbler to encourage them to put fruit or enhancers in their water. Carol suggested perhaps we can work with the school to get Gatorade out of the vending machines.
- d. Group discussed assets and resources in the community that can help us move forward our work and identify gaps/areas to grow.
- e. CHIP Next Steps --Will finalize goals and objectives at our next meeting. Then the group can start looking at the low hanging fruit.

**5. CVTC Student Projects Next Steps- Tabled for next meeting when Debbie is present.**

- a. Pregnancy Referral List
- b. Powerpoint for Healthcare providers
- c. Children's dental health awareness
  - i. Library story time? Schools?

**6. Sharing of other oral health topics of interest**

- a. Midwest Collaborative Grant- Gina informed the group this grant was renewed so we will have an additional \$1500 to use through April 2019. Focus on handouts, give aways, and media campaign boosts.

**7. Next meeting: Thursday, September 27th from 7:30-9am**

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