



South Shore Community Partners in Prevention

South Shore Community Partners in Prevention (CHNA 23)

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

8:45 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.

Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital- Plymouth

Funkhouser Conference Room A

275 Sandwich Street, Plymouth

Minutes

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Meeting called to order by Mike Jackman, SSCPP Chair at 9:00a.m. Everyone was welcomed and gave self-introductions.

SSCPP's Resource Table: Please bring updated brochures and information to our next meeting(s) as we will be restarting our table.

Mike thanked all who attended our April 6th Health Literacy Awards Ceremony. All nominees received a book related to health literacy. Mike shared book list with all.

Health Literacy Community Leader Nominees: Janice and Lauren Fender, Health Imperatives Plymouth WIC, Bobbi Martino, Patti Menzel, Donna Rodriguez. Winner: Sarah Stanley

Mike introduced panel. Community Health Workers are a big part of SSCPP's Health Literacy initiative.

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Panel: Community Health Workers

Panelists: Jamie Berberena, MA Association of Community Health Workers; Lissette Blondet, MA Association of Community Health Workers; Maureen Doherty, Resource Specialist, BID-Plymouth Hospital

MACHW Slides available on our website here: <http://chna23.org/about-us/presentations-from-chna-23-general-meetings/>

Lissette and Jamie

- MACHW's mission statement: Strengthen the professional identity of community health workers, foster community health worker leadership at policy tables and integrate community health workers in all aspects of health care, public health, behavioral health and human service work. MACHW achieves its mission through education, research, policy development and advocacy.
- Offer certification for CHWs. Are also seeing an increasing availability of core competency trainings. To become a member visit: <http://machw.org/> Currently have 500+ members.
- Community Health Workers go by many names (health care navigator, community coordinator, etc.) and help reduce health disparities. They give context to individual's primary care team and also link individuals with need resources such as food pantries.
- According to DPH, there were approximately 3,000 CHWs in MA as of 2016. The Majority of CHWs are women of color and are under 45 years old.
- Median CHW Annual Salary is \$34,220 according to MDPH, Massachusetts Statewide CHW Workforce Surveillance Survey, 2016.
- CHWs often know the communities they serve very well and have lived experience.
- Discussed emerging opportunities for CHWs in MA.
- Holding 9th Annual CHWs Conference on May 3rd in Norwood.

Maureen

- Shared work done under CHART grant which BID Plymouth formerly received funding from – Maureen worked for 2 years under this grant.
- Grant was focused on behavioral health. Were able to reduce emergency rooms admissions by 30%!
- Worked with individuals with dual insurance eligibility- low income and either elderly or disabled.
- Did home visits under this grant which made a big difference. Also helped make primary care visits. Would meet people wherever most convenient for them.
- Program was short-term- get people through 30 days and move on. No CHWs to help after for follow-up.

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- Learned that for many people, the medical issues were not the reason for ED visits. Often had other social needs.

The floor was opened for questions and discussion with panelists.

The floor was opened for agency announcements.

Mike encouraged all to take SSCPP's brief health literacy survey.

The next meeting is scheduled for **May 9th**.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Allen
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