

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2019

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Attendance:

Deb Maietta, HealtheConnections	Renita Malone, HealtheConnections
Irma Arce, HealtheConnections	Lillian Jimenez, WMC PPS
Cheryl Hunter Grant, LHVPN	Maxine Golub, Institute for Family Health
Bonnie Reyna, WMC PPS	Kevin McKay, Rockland DOH
Diane Labenski, HealtheConnections	Jackie Lawler, Orange DOH
Liz Connolly, Dutchess DOH	Erin Ray Pascaretti, Putnam DOH

I. Welcome & Introduction

Introductions were made and Deb Maietta started the meeting at approximately 2:05 p.m.

II. Staff Update

Deb informed the group that Stephanie Parenti has started as one of our new Population Health Coordinators and will be heading the Workplace Wellness Workgroup and the Behavioral Health Workgroup.

Philip Ginter, Regional Director of the Community Network in the Southern Tier as well as well as Jo DiFulvio who was a Population Health Coordinator in the Southern Tier have both taken other jobs and no longer are working for HealthlinkNY. This means that HealthlinkNY no longer has any PHIP staff in the Southern Tier. Deb has picked up the projects that are in progress, but we hope to hire new staff up there soon.

III. Merger Update

HealthlinkNY is completely ready to merge with HealtheConnections of the Syracuse area. The two organizations have been working together for quite some time. The HealthlinkNY Community Network will be assuming the name HealtheConnections at the end of April at which point the merge is predicted to be complete. HealtheConnections has its own PHIP in its region.



IV. Old Business
a. Workgroup Updates

i. Social Determinants of Health

Hisieni Sacasa relayed to the Committee that the two-day Racial Equity in Health Fellowship is coming up at the end of April. Now that the PHIP has its funding until January 2020, a follow up event to the fellowship will be explored.

Additionally, two Blueprint for Health Equity events will be held in 2019 – one in the Upper Hudson Valley and one in the Lower Hudson Valley. We will make those details available as dates and spaces are secured.

ii. Workplace Wellness

Next, Stephanie informed the Committee that there are two workplace wellness events approaching soon. The first event will take place in Orange County in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. The next event will take place in Rockland County at the Fire Training Center in Pomona.

iii. Behavioral Health

Next, Deb informed the Committee that we are looking at bringing back the Behavioral Health Workgroup and this time with a focus on ACES as it is increasingly being brought up as a topic of importance. New participants will need to be recruited for the group. Anyone who is interested in joining the group can send their request and information to Stephanie Parenti (sparenti@healthconnections.org) or Renita Malone (rmalone@healthconnections.org).

iv. Local Health Department PA Collaborative

Hisieni then reported to the Committee that the Community Health Assessment (CHA) is still underway. At the time, the PHIP and the local health departments are finishing up the provider focus groups to supplement the CHA.

b. LIFT Update

The next items discussed was the update regarding the LIFT Grant.

i. NDPP

Irma Arce reported that as of right now, there are four NDPP classes being conducted as part of the LIFT Grant. There is one class in Goshen and the one class in Newburgh –

each class is in the 13th week. The participants are losing weight but they are at a stall which is expected with an emphasis on physical activity showing an increase.

The third and fourth classes are being conducted at Orange Regional Medical Center (ORMC) on Mondays and Fridays with these classes currently in their 6th week. ORMC is planning a third class in August 2018.

Additionally, St Luke's Cornwall will start one in April though there is no firm date. Anyone who could not take the previous classes will be referred to this class.

ii. **RFA's**

Next, Diane Labenski explained that originally there were ten projects chosen from the RFA's submitted to address diabetes prevention, health, and obesity. These projects are to be LIFT mini grants. Due to some issues, the chosen projects have been narrowed down to three that will be moving ahead, which include the following:

Cornerstone Living with Diabetes Classes
Port Jervis Department of Works Watershed Projects
And a Community Garden Project

V. New Business

a. PHIP Funding Update

Next on the agenda, the Committee was informed that the PHIP has been written back into the budget and will continue to receive its funding until January 2020.

VI. Announcements

Next, Committee Members shared announcements with the Committee:

IFH is starting a program in Kingston with their family practitioner in Kingston as well as the school district to start a trauma and resilience program

Lower Hudson Valley Perinatal Network has a few job openings including CHWs in Rockland as well as a managerial position.

The Ulster County Department of Health will show the film Resilience on April 11th 9:30-11:30.

Another group in Kingston will be showing Resilience on May 16th that will be open to the community.

There will be a screening of the film The S Word on April 24th at 6:00pm at Dutchess County Community College. It is open to the public.

Deb then polled the group to inquire as to whether the Committee is still interested in meeting on a quarterly basis and the Committee stated that they would still like to meet quarterly. Renita will update the calendar invite and forward to members accordingly.

VII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: TBD