

Western Massachusetts

Health Access Network Notes



COMMUNITY PARTNERS, INC.

January 5, 2007
Jones Library – Amherst, MA
Meeting Notes

Attendance:

John	Bergeron	Hilltown Community Health Center	(413) 667-2203	
Sonia	Bouvier	Cooley Dickinson Hospital	(413) 582-2848	x5
Molly	Butler	Department of Public Health	(413) 586-7525	x1148
Martina	Carroll	Stavros - Center for Independent Living, Inc.	(413) 256-0473	x213
Michael	DeChiara	Community Partners, Inc.	(413) 253-4283	
Maribel	DelRio-Figueroa	Chicopee Community Health Center	(413) 420-2152	
Pat	Duma	Berkshire Medical Center	(413) 445-9480	
Brian	Eno	Community Action	(978) 249-5634	
Carolyn	Ford	Berkshire AHEC	(413) 447-2417	
Katheryn	Geha	Cooley Dickinson Hospital	(413) 582-2883	
Daniel	Gilrein	SHINE	(413) 750-2093	
Julia	Hallman	Community Partners, Inc.	(413) 253-4283	
Carolyn	Heiden	Franklin Medical Center	(413) 773-2725	
Octavio	Hernandez	Community Health Programs	(413) 528-8580	
Michelle	Hill	Accent on Health-HCAP	(413) 447-2397	
Meg	Kroeplin	Community Partners, Inc.	(413) 253-4283	
Chris	MacBeth	BMC HealthNet Plan	(413) 730-4804	
Ada	Masiero	Community Health Center of the Berkshires	(413) 528-8580	
Nicholas	Mazanec	Western Mass Legal Services	(413) 584-4034	
Joane	McNabb	Baystate Health System	(413) 794-9124	
Diane	Meehan	Hilltown Community Health Center	(413) 667-2203	
Dorothy	Pilkington	Mercy Medical Center	(413) 748-9036	
Nikki	Riel	Department of Public Health	(413) 773-5555	x254
Tracy	Rogers	Office of Rep. Stephen Kulik	(413) 665-7200	
Anne	Rosen	Community Partners, Inc.	(413) 253-4283	x19
Brian	Rosman	Health Care For All	(617) 275-2920	
John	Stocks	Prescription Drug Assistance USA	(413) 736-1533	
Kevin	Weir	Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership	(413) 322-1801	
Devon	Wilson-Hill	Cooley Dickinson Hospital	(413) 582-2848	x4
Lorraine	York-Edberg	Franklin County Home Care	(413) 773-5555	x275

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Friday, January 5, 2007
Jones Library, Downstairs Meeting Room
Amherst, Massachusetts

Next Month's Meeting:
Melissa Boudreault, Director of Operations
for Commonwealth Care, will be our guest
at the February 2 meeting.

AGENDA

- 9:50 AM Refreshments and settle in
- 10:00 Welcome, introductions; review agenda and materials
- 10:15 State program and policy developments: *Brian Rosman*, Director of Research, Health Care For All
- What's expected from the new administration
 - State budget
 - Advocacy priorities
- 10:45 Community updates
- 11:15 Commonwealth Care, Phase 2: *Meg Kroepin*, Community Partners and *Brian Rosman*, Health Care For All
- Ask questions, check facts and compare notes
- 11:45 Adjourn

Group Mission and Agreements

The Western Massachusetts Health Access Network (HAN) meeting is designed to bring together individuals, organizations, and systems around health care access issues in Massachusetts. Though participants may embrace different perspectives on how best to expand health care services, all are committed to improving access to care for low and moderate-income members of their communities.

HAN meeting participants generally fall within three different groups. The first group consists of the community-based organizations that provide frontline services to individuals in need of health benefits. The second group is the state agencies that run the state's publicly funded health care programs. And the third is a group of advocates that track public policy and promote community engagement in health access issues on a legislative level.

Community Partner's role in HAN is to facilitate the meetings and to create a safe space in which people are comfortable engaging with one another on issues related to health care access. Community Partners also provides administrative support for these meetings.

The meetings serve 4 objectives:

1. to exchange information among meeting participants
2. to build relationships and support one another in our collective work
3. to share experiences and best practices, and
4. to advocate for increases in the number of people who receive the health care services they need

Group Agreements

1. Listen respectfully. Talk one at a time
2. Everyone will be heard
3. Act as a reliable resource for others – bring printed information to share
4. Welcome new people – this is not a closed group
5. Appreciate our successes
6. Give constructive criticism
7. Respect that there is a limited amount of time for everyone to speak
8. Have a clear agenda
9. Start and end on time
10. Provide meeting-to-meeting follow-up
11. Explain acronyms