

Western Massachusetts

Health Access Network notes



COMMUNITY PARTNERS, INC.

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Jones Library – Amherst, MA

Meeting Notes

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AGENDA

9:50 AM Refreshments and settle in

10:00 Welcome, introductions; review agenda and materials

10:10 Community updates

10:35 State program and policy developments:
Jennifer Chow, Health Care For All

11:00 Important Changes to Commonwealth Care:
Melissa Boudreault, Director of Commonwealth Care

12:00 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