

Steering Committee March 2019 Meeting Summary

Attendance

Steering Committee Members

Present: Jack Billi, Trish Cortes, Krista Girty, Norman Herbert, Peter Jacobson, Scott Menzel, Sharon Moore, Ellen Rabinowitz, Alfreda Rooks, Brent Williams, Marianne Udow-Phillips

Phone: Connie Conklin, Ann Davis, Nancy Graebner, Mark Hausman, Pam Smith, Rosalie Tocco-Bradley, George W. Waddles, Jr., Marti Walsh

Absent: Ginny Creasman, Tony Denton, Greg Dill, Mark LePage, Bill Manns, Doug Strong

Guests: Jimena Loveluck

Work Group Chairs: Kim Hulbert, Ruth Kraut, Paul Valenstein, Doug Weaver

CHRT staff

Present: Nancy Baum, Megan Foster Friedman, Elizabeth Jahn, Jaque King, Jeremy Lapedis, Kathyne O'Grady, Carrie Rheingans, Karin Teske

Key Summary Points

- **December Notes:** accepted unanimously
- **State Policy Update**
 - End of December CMS approved waiver request for implementation of work requirements for those on Medicaid. Documentation requirements were softened. Requirements for those on Medicaid for 48 months were changed to begin January 1, 2020 instead of this July.
 - Medicaid funds cannot help people with job training or child care, but Governor Whitmer just provided \$10mil to work support to Michigan Works agencies.
 - Disseminating information to those who will be impacted by the new policies will take effort.
- **WHI Project Updates:**
 - Submission for Vital Seniors spinoff project was accepted by the Ann Arbor Community Foundation. The AAACF will fund the WHI approximately \$150,000/year for three years to assist with coordination and shared learning with Vital Seniors prizewinners.
 - Cohen Smith also reached out to CHRT about a potential senior services millage in Washtenaw County.
- **WHI Strategic Priorities:**
 - By May, the WHI Steering Committee will finalize strategic priorities for the WHI for the next 2-3 years.
 - The group brainstormed priorities:
 - Determine who owns a problem- if it doesn't have an owner yet, WHI can take on that role. If there are other groups already taking the lead to address an issue, WHI should take a back seat. If there are too many owners, WHI could be useful to coordinate and facilitate
 - WHI shouldn't focus on issues that would be addressed by the market
 - Focus on projects that are the 'right size' for WHI to address

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- Ask ourselves what would happen in situations if the WHI did not address certain issues.
- Stay focused on outcomes and well-being and not overly administrative.
- The question was raised as to whether the WHI should take on an advocacy role, which it has not done in the past. The group will discuss this further at future WHI Steering Committee meetings.
- **Washtenaw County Health Department Neighborhood-Based Work**
 - Health Officer Ellen Rabinowitz described the health department's past two years of work to address health equity in Washtenaw County. The health department is targeting four geographic areas and two population groups in which to address structural inequities and the social determinants of health. She proposed that each of these groups bring their findings, successes, and challenges to the WHI Steering Committee in 2019. The Steering Committee unanimously approved.
- **SIM Updates:**
 - Governor's Budget came out with \$7mil for CHIR work statewide. It remains unclear at this point how the funds would be allocated. The funds may not be shared entirely to the five CHIRs - some could go to the state.
 - We continue to seek additional funding sources to sustain the intervention.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 10:00 –11:30 AM