



Lewis County Local Forum Summary

CPAA Report

Danette York and Heidi Zipperer provided the Health Partnership Team with information from the October Cascade Pacific Action Alliance (CPAA) Council meeting. The progress of the Regional Health Improvement Plan (RHIP) was linked to the work Lewis County is doing for their CHIP process and the criteria worksheet tool that was developed for the CPAA to help narrow down strategies in the RHIP will be used as an example during the next CHIP meeting in November. Katherine Lechner with CHOICE provided the group with more explanation on the strategies within the RHIP including specifics of programs listed that may be adapted or used as an example for Lewis County's CHIP.

Partnership Business

The partnership team confirmed the changes proposed during the last community meeting regarding membership positions. The position of treasurer is now Cristi Heitschmidt, effective immediately.

Standing Updates

A progress update of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was provided. The team discussed that their initial efforts of recruiting community members to join the team was overall unsuccessful. It was agreed that the core team of members would remain and community outreach for further recruitment would continue. Some successful connections were made to bring community members to the November 9th meeting with the goal that many of those members will be retained for future CHIP work.

New Business

It was announced that funding for the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program was granted. Lewis County Public Health and Social Services will hire and train two RN level nurses to initiate the program beginning January 2016. The program will work to develop caseloads of up to 25 expecting and new mothers throughout Lewis County. As part of the implementation of this program, an advisory board will be built to maintain and properly communicate program developments. Danette York proposed that the advisory group have some members from the Community Health Partnership team and that the group meet quarterly.