



Preparing Waterbury Youth for Life: A Birth to 21 Initiative

Child Health & Development Workgroup Meeting Record

Date: Monday, December 20th, 2010

Attendees: Nicole Porto, Alex Geertsma, Debbie McCusker, Diana Baxter, Mary Held, Marcy Kane, Lori Hart

Absent: Gary Steck, Giselle Booker, Sandy Porteus, Christine Bianchi, CPEP, Linda Erlanger, Mary Bruce, Renae Vitale, Yoelli Iglesias

CALL TO ORDER: 1:15PM

Agenda Item/Discussion Topic: Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No new updates to report</i> • <i>Louise (in charge of school nurses) may be ideal person to join this workgroup</i>
Agenda Item/Discussion Topic: Review goals A & C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alex hopes to be able to confirm what the problems are with "access" – ex: access to pediatricians during the daytime</i> • <i>The ER is the only afterhours alternative for people on Medicaid. We are trying not to use the ER, but people are being referred.</i> • <i>There was concern about MEDPEEDS (which began 8-9 years ago to maintain pediatric training). The concerns were that it takes 304 days before calls are being returned. This may be due to the fact that services are only generated when the MD's are there.</i> • <i>Afterhours are a problem here in Waterbury – only well-child and follow up visits have evening hours.</i> • <i>Pediatricians have arrogant view that people enjoy going to the ER.</i> • <i>Routine care is the best that a school based health clinic can provide.</i> • <i>Electronic medical records would be ideal here in Waterbury, but we do not have (there are federal/innovative grants to get money to get a database)</i> • <i>Waterbury children's weight and BMI are going up and we are ignoring that.</i> • <i>The schools are not allowing anyone to enter the schools to provide services which are critical to the child. This issue needs to be brought forward to the BTSCC.</i>
Next Meeting Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Monday, January 31st, 2011 @ 1:00-2:00PM (Wellpath Home Based Services Office)</i>