**CHIC Steering Committee Minutes**

Monday, July 22, 2019

The Caring Place 510 Cranberry St. Suite 100 Erie, PA 16507

**Attendance**: Melissa Knapp ENS/PAT; Dani Schmidt, Hospice of Crawford County; Ashleigh English, and Andrea Kessler Titusville YWCA; Kelly Schreck CC EHS; Trevor Pearson Heartland; Donna Johnson, The Arc of Crawford County; Kandy Foote CCDAEC; Lisa Cox, CHS/MMC; Paula DiGregory, NWPA Tobacco Coalition, Connor Dawley, Highmark Caring Place, Robin Deeter, MMC; Leanne Peterson, Guardian Elder Care.

**Welcome** by Paula / I**ntroductions** by members in attendance.

Review and **approval of minutes** motion to accept the minutes with correction of CCDAEC as Kandy’s agency and Darling not Dowling Home Health by Paula DiGregory; second by Trevor Pearson, All agreed Minutes of June 24, 2019 accepted.

**Treasurer’s Report** Kandy shared a written report with one outstanding check of $722.04 for MOB classes. The unrestricted Fund Total Ledger is $18,681.30. The total actual Balance is 24,942.01 due to restricted account total of $6,260.71.

**Committee Reports**:

**CCOPC** is setting up a board. Looking for Professors, Providers, School Board-Educators, and Titusville Law Enforcement. Any contacts please send to Jayme or Kandy.

**Tobacco Report**: Paula reported a Playspace for kids was established at Venango County Fairgrounds. It is a tobacco free zone and includes ENDS (Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems).

Meadville city is still working with Paula to be Tobacco free.

Paula has resources on 1-800-Quit-Now which is offer 8 wks instead of usual 4 of NRT and 2wks for online participation as well as one month Chantix which has never been offered.

Pregnant moms program flyers accepted at Quick fill and Red apple. Program is Healthy Choices, Healthy Children – Smoke Free Moms and offers cash incentives in addition to free NRT and included an extra $50 bonus for completion of Quitline or in person program. Ashley English is getting hoping to get a class together at YWCA Titusville.

**PAIC**  - CHIC is a chapter for the Coalition in Crawford and Venango Counties and they are the speakers in September. Amy Wishner and Samantha Pierpoint. They are also seeking to look for collaboration with CHIC member orgs that service children and pregnant and postpartum moms.

**STEDI/MOB Report**- There is a CDC sponsored toolkit for Balance (65 or older) Ashley reported there were 2 trainings held for MOB coaches and plans are underway to have a class in Titiusville.

**Old Business**:

**Needs assessment** – Dr. Dawson is continuing, The focus of the needs assessment is cancer. Goal is to use data and develop better questions for next year and make the survey broader. This year cancer seemed to be the greatest need.

**New Business:**

**Sub groups:**

**HPV Planning**– Nick Hoke is going to be asked to speak about his personal experience as a HPV cancer survivor and also plans to re-use the video **Someone You Love; The HPV Epidemic.** the group felt there was a need to look at men and cancer- Date TBD.

**Health Insurance Panel** Kathy Rapp will do opening at 5:30pm the date Is October 1 and venue in Titusville area. a panel regarding the Current state of Insurance in Pa—Info on single payer and Private insurance programs. David Buono from PA Dept of Insurance. Tia Whitica will also be a panelist. CHIC will hold another one in Meadville area but Kathy Rapp will not be at that one. The committee is still planning venue.

At the meeting it was announced that the insurances had just reached a 10 year agreement for local hospitals and doctors to accept UPMC and Highmark insurances instead of making people change providers. And that starting in 2020 PA will admin it’s own insurance model outside of the current federal market place.

**Walking Media Campaign** was discussed and suggestions requested. The first week of October trying to have a campaign on Health Benefits of being physically active. “Sitting is the new Smoking” was mentioned. Kandy Foote approached Dr. Carol Wagget from BEAM for money to buy socks and promote the walking (Old Wald Works) Promotion of Safe walking routes.

August 14 1:30pm there is planned a walk at YWCA in Titusville

**Today’s Guest Speaker** was Conor Dawley Outreach & Education Coordinator and Child Grief Specialist from Highmark Caring place HIGHLIGHTS OF presentation are: The Caring place opened in Erie in 2001, it is part of the Caring Foundation, serving people birth to adult who have experienced loss of a significant person in their life. The sessions and meal are at no cost to participants. Mr. Rodgers was instrumental in the program from 1997 to his passing in 2003.

There are 4 sites in PA serving people who are grieving. 800 volunteers serve the people to help them through the grief and know they are not alone there is hope; thus the butterfly on the logo. They are not bound by state or county lines for who they serve. (They have grief support resources in the schools in Meadville.) At the Erie site there are weekly meetings for 10 weeks attended by 70-100 people. Each group starts and ends together and often continues to keep in touch after the 10 weeks. They share a meal and then have age related sessions each week. The 8th night they all make a square for the quilt and many quilts were displayed in the building. Those in attendance took a tour of the rooms and discussed the activities the groups do. They do not provide transportation but will help families with gas cards to defray transportation costs. It was a very educational presentation. Conor can be reached at (814)871-844 or [conor.dawley@highmark.com](mailto:conor.dawley@highmark.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS : Erie Gives is August 12 and 13.

Hospice in Titusville still is open just moved to 417 N. Monroe St.

The Arc in Meadville is having an outdoor movie in new green space beside parking lot at corner of Arch and Market **The Greatest Showman** all invited. If rain inside The Arc 222 Chestnut St.

CATA bus Passes still available for people who have exhausted all other sources- CHIC and Community Council by contacting Kristin Arendash at CATA.

**Motion to adjourn** by Trevor and second Paula Meeting adjourned.

No August Meeting Next meeting September 23 noon in Titusville, Location to be determined. Paula will send out information. Speakers will be Amy Wishner and Samantha Pierpoint from PA Immunization Coalition (PAIC) and the Pa Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (PA AAP)

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Johnson