



Reproductive Health Workgroup Meeting Minutes

DATE: 04/28/2021

TIME: 3:00 PM

Location: Teams

Present: Michelle Compton, Amy Roberts, Joyce Harant, Kim Glow, Erin Miller, Nmerichi Nwakanma, Jimena Lopez, Phoebe Maholovich, Angela O Bryant, Mariola Kabat, & Monica Newlon

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. Data Updates

- Michelle has been in contact with Amanda Smith, who is the Chair for the Data Committee for the Partnership for a Healthy Community
- Amanda will make a data dashboard like she does for the priority action teams for this workgroup
- STI rates, data from the next CHNA as to how sexual behavior ranks, and data around pre-term births has all been requested to be on the dashboard
- This should be able to be presented at the next meeting
- Michelle shared that the Peoria County Maternal & Child Health report is being worked on for 2018 and have sent Michelle the preliminary data for that.
- Pre-term births have decreased 10.6% in 2017, now 9.7% for 2018 - which is lower than the National rate of 10.3%.
- Low birthweight also decreased from 9.1% in 2017, now to 8.7% in 2018.
- As soon as the data is finalized, Michelle will send the final report for the group to review & discuss.
- Michelle shared that teen pregnancy rates have gone up, greater than the state and National values. 2018 was 29.1%, which is an increase from 2017 when it was 25.9%. Joyce asked for zip code information with this.
- Amanda will be reaching out to Hult about getting sex education data.
- Mariola stated that she has noticed more teens refusing birth control lately, because they do not want to “mess up their bodies”. Jimena added that they don’t want to gain weight. The teens are stating they are okay with the risk of pregnancy.

III. Workgroups – Report Out

- a. STIs
 - i. includes comprehensive sex ed, 5 P’s, provider education, & Expedited Partner Therapy
- b. Outreach, education, & Marketing/Getting to Zero
 - i. Includes behavior interventions to prevent HIV and STIs, LGBTQ and PrEP education, GYT events
- c. Preterm Birth
 - i. Includes Centering Pregnancy, preconception care, and education and home visiting

IV. Next Steps/Action Items

- Conversations and perceptions with teens about their futures, possibly in the schools
- Jimena mentioned that Centering Pregnancy's needs are always community awareness
- Jimena noted there is a possibility to open a Centering in a high school – and they are looking for an additional Co-Facilitator. If you know anyone that would be interested in applying, the position is posted on the Heartland site.
- Michelle will follow up with Ashwin & Becca at Hult to see if she can get some more information on their plans for in school health.
- Michelle will see if Dr. Watts would do a Centering presentation in the next month prior to leaving or someone else if she cannot do it.

V. Brief Announcements

- Angela shared that she has gotten permission to create a Breastfeeding elective for their students, which previously had to go to Chicago.

Next meeting:

Full group meeting: May 26, 2021
PCCHD- 2116 N. Sheridan Rd. Peoria