

HillsboroughHATS Coalition Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2016

Meeting held via conference call

In attendance: Joanne Angel, Katrina Bales, Chelsea Evans, Janet Hess, Jane Krieger, Daniel Plasencia, Allison Rapp, Henry Rodriguez, Brian Rothey, Diane Straub, Lissa Vaile

Welcome and Introductions

I. HillsboroughHATS Coalition Action Plan Update

- The Coalition Action Plan has been updated and distributed to the Coalition www.floridahats.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/HillsHATS_ActionPlan_October-2016.pdf
- In regards to the strategic objective 2.2, the local coalition has been unsuccessful thus far in its attempts to identify MMA plan leadership. In addition to waiting for a transition service financing advocacy letter that is forthcoming from the AAP/Got Transition (to be submitted to insurance plan administrators), CMS Central Office was subsequently consulted. It was acknowledged that AHCA does not currently recognize care coordination codes and other health care transition-related service codes for the purposes of reimbursement. Because all state Medicaid plans look to AHCA for their fee schedules, the success of local objective 2.2 rests upon conversations that will first need to occur at a State level. CMS Central Office is open to initiating discussions with AHCA in the coming months, and will communicate those efforts to the coalition as they occur.
- In lieu of local Coalition pursuing objective 2.2, it is proposed to refocus energies towards encouraging pediatric providers to adopt health transition policies (strategic objectives 1.3) and providing outreach about available tools and transition resources (strategic objective 1.4.3) Transitional success has proven effective when the pediatric provider communicates and assists the patient with the transition process. Dr. Plasencia concurs, and states one of the best tools can be doctor to doctor communication. Lissa Vaile, as transition facilitator, has had great success by performing warm hand-offs to the patient's new provider.
- Proposal to coalition is to form a sub-committee tasked with putting together an outreach package of materials for providers (highlighting tip sheet & floridahats.org provider toolkit resources); will also need volunteers to deliver materials to practices and/or talk to office staff about the material and resource availability

II. Open Discussion/Announcements

- How is the traffic on the www.FloridaHATS.org website since update?
Answer: the total number of hits is reviewed every quarter, and the traffic has been consistently steady.
- How often are materials and resources updated on the website?
Answer: updates are an ongoing, and resources are consistently being updated
- Coalition members are encouraged to visit the website and provide feedback; if notice any item needing update, please communicate to Janet Hess or Katrina Bales. There was consensus that our outreach efforts should strongly highlight the website and its resources.
- Katrina represented HillsboroughHats at the 10/29/16 "Creating a Plan for the Future Fair"; families and youth seemed to like and engaged easily with "Ask Them 3" post cards and 10 Steps
- Please email Hillsborough county transition events information to Katrina Bales; information will be distributed and shared with Coalition.
- Save the Date: "Gazing into the Future: Preparing for Life After High School Information Session" Wednesday, February 8, 2017 4pm-6:30pm @ Strawberry Crest High School

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