

**Minutes of PanhandleHATS Coalition  
Children's Medical Services Board Room - Pensacola  
March 28, 2013**

**Present:**

Janet Hess, FloridaHATS Program Office  
Jane Gonzalez, CMS-RN  
Melody Jemison, CMS Social Work  
Denise Adams, Sacred Heart Health System  
Bobbie Huffman, BSW- ECC/SRC/FQHC  
Dr. James Burns, SHH Pediatric Clinic

**Present via Teleconference:**

No staff available to attend

**Staff:**

Pat Dunn Cole, PanhandleHATS Coalition  
Coordinator

**Presiding:**

Pat Dunn Cole

**Recording:**

Pat Dunn Cole & Jane Gonzalez

**Date:**

March 28, 2013

**Call to Order:**

3:35 pm

**Adjourned:**

4:35 pm Post Mtg. Networking until  
5:00pm

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Pat Dunn Cole called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.	
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>		
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS</b>	Pat Dunn Cole, PanhandleHATS Coalition Coordinator, opened the meeting at 3:35 p.m. at the Pensacola CMS office. Teleconferencing links opened and webcam of Panama City CMS office viewed. No members from the Panama office were available to join in. Pat initiated introductions of the attendees from each agency. Bobbie Huffman, BSW was in attendance from ECC/FQHC. Ms Huffman is a new member to the coalition but not to the many services provided along the panhandle for this client population. Bobbie Huffman will be replacing Amelia Kazakos, LCSW.	Information Only
<b>UPDATE ON CREDENTIALING</b>	Pat Dunn-Cole, Jane Gonzalez and Bobbie Huffman reported to the staff the latest updates on the new CMS provider credentialing process and guidelines. Since the provider training held at ECC in 12/6/12, additional problems have occurred regarding credentialing eligibility. In January and February 2013 it was learned only one of the many providers at ECC & SRCC were already credentialed and many were pending, leading to more confusion for the status of the new client transitioning model developed. Both CMS and ECC staff had been trying to clarify the status of this problem for weeks in preparation for the March meeting. Janet Hess agreed during the discussion that is critical to have clarifications and a policy in place, as other HATS programs had hoped to work closer with their FQHC's in their state regions.	Continue to monitor from both ECC/FQHC and CMS and follow-up at next mtg.

<b>WALTON AND BAY COUNTY OFFICE UPDATES</b>	<p>Glenda Thomas, Director was unable to attend this meeting but had been to the adjacent offices over the last few weeks. Jane Gonzalez confirmed the unfilled positions from budgetary reductions and staff retirement has placed a burden on many of the staff and partnering agencies, county health departments, school health fairs, etc.</p>	<p>Information and Discussion</p>
<b>NEW BUREAU CHIEF SELECTED</b>	<p>Janet Hess was able to share with the group her trip to Tallahassee and how she an opportunity to meet with the Bureau Chief, Charlotte Curtis. Ms. Curtis has been serving as 'acting chief" but has now been officially appointed. Ms. Curtis is not new to CMS or the DOH and has a very lengthy history with the numerous services that currently exist and those that no longer exist. Janet was able to review with Ms. Curtis the model that has been developed between CMS and an FQHC (PanhandleHATS).</p>	<p>Information and Discussion</p>
<b>OTHER PANHANDLEHATS COALITION ACTIVITIES</b>	<p>Other discussion focused on outreach in the PanhandleHATS area to physicians. Denise Adams from Sacred Heart talked about the success of past Grand Rounds at Sacred Heart and also Escambia County Medical Society. There might be an opportunity to do other grand rounds at area hospitals. Sacred Heart is also able to distribute HATS information to over 1,600 physicians through SHH Physician services. Dr. James Burns reminded the group of the importance to address the residents as well. Group discussed the opportunity to have Dr. Northup and Dr. Burns to host a breakfast event with an emphasis on information and the critical need for other specialties to learn about this client population and ECC/SRCC expanded services. The group felt this may be a very appropriate venue to utilize budgeted monies for a "meeting with the doctors' educational breakfast" (physicians and residents). It was once again discussed by the members that the lack of the traditional health fairs in our counties has impacted the opportunity to inform and educate teachers, counselors, and parents regarding services.</p>	<p>Information and Discussion Group agreed to revisit school systems strategies, reductions and priorities</p>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<p>Dr. James Burns reminded the members that for a number of years Florida State College of Medicine has sponsored an Annual Pediatric Symposium in Walton County. Usually well attended and CME's are awarded. Dr. Burns encouraged Jane Gonzalez and Pat Dunn-Cole to see if CMS materials and ECC/SRCC (FQHC) could provide materials for the symposium. This is a potential opportunity to use budgeted monies for promotional/educational items.</p>	<p>Information and Discussion Jane Gonzalez- CMS and Pat Dunn Cole to follow up with symposium coordinator</p>
	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next PanhandleHATS meeting is to be announced. Members remained after the adjourned meeting to network and continue the discussion of new opportunities.</p>	