

Community Chronic Care Network

Steering Committee Charter 2007

Background

The mission of the Community Chronic Care Network is to ensure that all people with chronic conditions in Santa Cruz County receive consistent and continually improving medical support by employing modern electronic tools and sharing clinical practice innovations among our diverse providers of care.

The Community Chronic Care Network has received grant funding from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) for the period October, 2004 to September, 2007 to implement an electronic registry tool for diabetes care in support of this mission. The Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust (Trust) is the recipient of the grant funds and is responsible for financial stewardship of the Project. The Health Improvement Partnership is the legal entity for the diabetes registry. Participating agencies and providers are contributing matching services, space, equipment, supplies and software to the Project.

Purpose

The purpose of the Steering Committee is to ensure maximum participation in the development of electronic tools and sharing of clinical practices to improve outcomes for people with chronic conditions. This includes guaranteeing each organization's individual data and practice protocols are respected and full compliance with all applicable regulations for privacy and security of personal health information. In addition, the Steering Committee will provide a forum for rapid discussion and resolution of project issues and develop strategies for continuing these efforts beyond the AHRQ grant funding. The Steering Committee, in conjunction with the Trust, will provide policy oversight for the Project.

Membership

The Steering Committee includes senior leadership from the organizations participating as partners in the Project. If the designated representative is not able to attend a Steering Committee meeting, the organization will designate an alternate to participate as a voting member for that meeting.

- Cabrillo College - Rock Pfothenauer, Dean of Instruction
- Central Coast Alliance for Health – Alan McKay, Executive Director
- County of Santa Cruz, Health Services Agency – Rama Khalsa PhD, HSA Director
- Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital – Lee Vanderpool, Vice President (joined 2006)
- Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust - Kathleen King, Chief Executive Officer
- Physicians Medical Group of Santa Cruz County – Marvin Labrie, Chief Executive Officer
- Safety Net Clinic Coalition – Ramón Peña, Chief Executive Officer, Salud Para la Gente
- Safety Net Clinic Coalition – Patrick Meehan MD, Executive Director, Women's Health Center
- Sutter Santa Cruz – Larry deGhetaldi MD, Chief Executive Officer
- Watsonville Community Hospital – Ron Galonsky, Chief Executive Officer (joined 2006)

Chair

A Chair and Vice Chair will be selected at the Fall meeting of the Steering Committee. The Chair will review and approve the Agenda in advance of the meeting and will conduct the meeting. The Vice Chair will lead the meeting in the absence of the Chair.

Meeting Structure

The Steering Committee will meet bimonthly on the 3rd Friday of the month from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. The Steering Committee will meet in February, April, June, August, October and December. In addition the Chair may call special meetings as needed. Meeting locations will be rotated among the partner organizations.

Approved by the Steering Committee on November 12, 2004; Revised February 18, 2005; December 15, 2006.