

Minnesota Omaha System Users Group Meeting  
St. Paul-Ramsey County Public Health Department  
Facilitator: Joan Brandt  
April 5, 2012  
Summary Minutes

Present: Karen Martin, Omaha Nebraska; Gary Oftedahl, ICSI; Joan Brandt and Cathy Gagne, Ramsey County; Amy Mimm, Laura Fitzsimmons, Dakota County; Linda Bauck, Maureen Alms, MDH; Jill Timm, Ellie Hodgkinson, Emily Robb, Washington County; City of Bloomington; Carol Wentworth, Carver County; Alix Hopkins, Amy Fiala; Carla Prock; Carol Meissner; Christine Bursaw; Cottonwood-Jackson County; Jean Roberts; Grace Gao; Kathy Dubbels; Nancy Acosta, Kitsap County, WA; Lori Fore; Mary Lu Anderson, Brown County; Misty Skinner, Amy Anderson, HEALTHCAREfirst; Sarah Melquist and Emily Curren; Sue Yost; Karen Monsen, Madeleine Kerr, University of Minnesota

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1. Welcome and introductions. Greetings from Rena McManus, Director, St. Paul-Ramsey County Public Health, who invited everyone to celebrate public health every day!
2. Omaha Systems Guidelines: Karen Monsen discussed the process that was used on April 4, 2012 to begin the discussion related to adopting clinical standards in PHN practice. Dr. Gary Oftedahl presented information on the creation of the ICSI guidelines. Suggested that guidelines are more of an intellectual activity and that the importance is how they can be reconfigured to make them more usable on the ground level. Discussion around how the guidelines might be used within the Omaha System. Karen Monsen will be meeting with Dr. Oftedahl to discuss how ICSI guidelines and the Omaha System might be used together. The guidelines are held up as a model across the country and the desire is to make them more meaningful within practice. Thanks to Dr. Oftedahl for his time and willingness to work on this conversation.

Several representatives from PHN worked together with Karen Monsen & Karen Martin on April 4 to see how the ICSI guidelines might be used within PHN. The meeting was well attended. They started with a variety of the guidelines and worked in small groups to examine how the ICSI guidelines and the Omaha System. Karen Monsen gave a special thanks to Karen Martin to traveling to attend yesterday's meeting and to Amy Lytton for developing the website.

3. Linda Bauck and Maureen Alms (Minnesota Department of Health) talked about the PHN Practice Council's current work on the Social Determinants of Health. Karen Monsen is working with the group to try and identify what & how PHN impacts the social determinants. The idea is to look at how the Omaha System can be used to document the problems that fit within the social determinants and what interventions are used to address them. Income, residence, communication with community resources, and interpersonal relationships at the community level, mental health, nutrition (food insecurity) were the problems within Omaha that were identified as fitting within the social determinants. A survey has been pilot tested and the results demonstrated that almost every single problem is being identified and addressed at the individual, family, community level and system levels. The survey will now be revised and sent to a larger PHN audience for completion. The ultimate goal is to identify what services are available or are needed to address

the social determinants. Dr. Oftedahl is extremely interested in this work. El Paso, Co would be interested in participating.

4. Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) project---Sue Ewy (MDH) is currently working with the EHDI project. The interest is in how we might be able to capture the EHDI data more easily and show our interventions related to early hearing detection and intervention in Minnesota. The desire is for LHD systems to be able to the Omaha System and ultimately link to MDH's MEDS in order to easily exchange EHDI data instead of having to duplicate documentation. The question is what is currently being done with other vendors outside of PHDoc. The SCHAC HIE workgroup is addressing this issue. This is an issue bigger than the local vendors, but rather need to be mindful of the national exchange.
5. Disease Prevention & Control project---Mo Alms (MDH) reported that she and Linda are working with state and local public health departments to create an evidence-based Omaha System care plan for latent TB. They have made a connection with the MDH TB experts. They will look at what the evidence says, what the current practice is, what pathways exist to address this and then look at developing or revising a pathway appropriate for work related to latent TBI. Thanks to Ottertail County on their work in this area. They are interested in developing national guidelines so they are interested in other communities that may be already working in this area.
6. Karen Monsen provided an update on the Omaha System Partnership for Knowledge Discovery and Health Care Quality. The Omaha System Partnership has received some funding to support research through the Partnership. Directions for proposing a study are available on-line at [omahasystempartnership.org](http://omahasystempartnership.org).
7. Karen Monsen is working with partners to improve inter-rater reliability and strengthening gold standards. Karen has worked with multiple organizations that have an interest in this project. The intent is that they will begin with a KBS baseline, as well as tools that are already used and examine how they map into KBS ratings. Volunteers are welcome to participate in the development of the new guide – watch for invitation to join the project.
8. Amy Andersen & Misty from Healthcare First updated as to what they are doing currently. CareFacts customers will be receiving an invitation in the next week to attend a meeting where they will update as to where they are with the certification process.
9. Karen Martin provided an update. The Omaha System listserv now has over 1800 members. She reported that there are many home care agencies that are joining the Omaha System community. April 4-6, 2013 in Eagan, MN will be the next Omaha System International Conference. They are always interested in having speakers & posters present at the conference. She announced that there will be another book eventually, but not in the immediate future. Basic workshops are in the works. Thank you again for the energy and work from the group at yesterday's meeting.
10. The next meeting will be in September 2012. A host site is needed – volunteers welcome!
11. Meeting adjourned.