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Minnesota Omaha System Users Group

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1. Presentation on sharing data across counties: our findings, and what next?

Karen Monsen presented findings from the study that compared 2005 Omaha System data across counties (Dakota, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington). The article was not accepted for publication. Prospective journals that would be interested in the information were suggested. The article will be resubmitted. There was interest in expanding the outcomes comparison effort to include more counties and to look at specific client populations.

3. Nursing Students and the Omaha System; possible collaboration with the Henry Street Consortium

The Henry Street Consortium is a metro-based collaborative of educators and public health nursing agencies.

Dakota County: If the schools could lead the Omaha System piece, then it would be easier for agencies to support the process. The agencies already deliver a lot of orientation materials re: county government. Beth Vance has given students an hour presentation on the Omaha System.

Washington County: Students glaze over when we talk about our documentation. They have so many other things to do that it's very hard to engage them in learning about Omaha System.

Mary Ellen: gaping chasm between education & practice?

Karen Lindberg: That's what the Henry Street Consortium is for.

St. Louis: Would not educate them on the Omaha System – they shadow PHNs on visits and may learn about the Omaha System if the PHN shows them charting.

Mary Pat: Standardized language is coming. It is to show value in work. Suggested developing a module. Here's what we do – here's how we show our value.

Karen Lindberg: is the U of M module the gold standard?

Karen Monsen: maybe other alternatives – shall we talk to Henry Street consortium about co-developing a web-based module available to all of us?

Mary Ellen: This would be a great project for your group. You have great capacity and potential.

Karen Lindberg: Willing to take this to Henry Street to assess their interest in this potential project. Karen will report back to the MOSUG. If favorable response, we will develop a work plan to guide the project.

4. Local updates

Scott County – Getting groups organized that are meeting to review pathways that they have in place – updating pathways for beginning of the year in MCH and DP&C.

Washington County MCH – attended CF conference, learned about reporting and new CF features. Metro Alliance for Healthy Families is a metro child abuse prevention program. Child protection rates were down for families served. First time parents not involved in child protection will be served. Now we need to review our pathways to make sure that the specific interventions in the MAHF protocols are reflected.

Washington County Healthy Communities – Taking the manual created for PHNs in Washington County and changing it to community level work instead of a nursing/client focus. 2008 will be the big push with using the Omaha System. People have caught on to CF because of the need to enter dailies to get paid – but they were not doing the visit note to record interventions and outcomes.

St. Louis County – Evaluation data – planning and evaluation in HHS. Jane Gilley – comparing CF and SSIS, lots of good outcome data in Omaha System. Rewriting the CF manual for agency use, based on Dakota County, Washington County, and CF manuals. Now have 25 pages plus appendixes. Some pathways are included. It will be a lot easier for new nurses to look at and use as they start their charting. It's simplified. We didn't know how long it would take to orient the nurses to the new manual, it only took 3 hours instead of all day! Planning annual pathway review and will add them to the phiddleheads.org web site.

LCTG (Cecelia Maeder Collins) – considering using the Omaha System for a telephonic case management program.

Mary Pat Raimondi – attended an Omaha System presentation at APHA. We are at the grass roots of this movement. Trying to get physicians not to be memory-based caregivers. Strong examples of why not to use memory-based practice. (A postal worker with a skin rash may have anthrax.)

Mary Ellen – CF is in the throes of getting a new release out – the PH version will be released in January, and the home care version will be released in December. PPS reform impacted CF ability to address desired agency changes in the software. There will be significant changes (pediatric growth charts, BMI calculation). Training sessions for the new release will be done by webinar. They're going over very well. A CD of the trainings is available for sale. An advisory committee for PH users was in-effect the virtual users group. There will now be 3 advisory committees in the future: Home care, public health, and hospice.

Ramsey County (Cathy Gagne'): Still building practice standards. Cheerleading for the change in CF. We are going to change to PH version. With that brings changes in servers – may end up having health education professionals and public health social workers using CareFacts and the Omaha System.

Dakota County (Karen Lindberg): New position: public health informatics specialist! This will enhance our capacity to analyze data. This is an additional position, and they will be replacing Lila too. There is a new oral health initiative going on in Dakota County. Dakota County has sent some people for dental varnish training. PHNs are assessing oral health for all adults and children. They have developed an oral health pathway, and are working on a KBS rating guide for the oral health problem. They will post this pathway on phiddleheads.org.

Karen Monsen: Using cmaptools.com software to map the concepts of the Omaha System for teaching purposes. Will present on the Omaha System as a meta-language for health informatics at the U of M Health Informatics seminar on 11-27-07.

5. Set meeting dates and suggest agenda items for 2008

January 30

April 30

September 30

December 4

Meetings will be held at the Forest Lake Service Center in Washington County.

The Family Health Data and Practice Quality Work Group will meet from 11 AM to 1 PM. (Bring your lunch!)

The Minnesota Omaha System User Group will meet from 1 PM to 3 PM.

Agenda items for January 30:

- We will review updated pathways on the phiddleheads.org web site
- If Dave Muhovich is available he will demo the application described in the minutes above
- Report back from Henry Street Consortium about joint efforts (Karen Lindberg)
- Update from St. Cloud and So. Minn. Omaha System Users
- Local Updates