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CHCANYS Clinical Committee Conference Call – September 21, 2007

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CHCANYS Staff Participants: Elizabeth Swain, Roxanne Wynn-Trotman, Renee Maxim

I. Clinical Representation to CHCANYS Board of Directors – Status Report – Elizabeth Swain

Currently CHCANYS is reviewing proposals from other Primary Care Associations throughout the country regarding how they handle clinical representation on the board.

Most of the proposals have clinical representatives from regions in their state. Usually four is the number of representatives. These clinicians have a board function in addition to having administrative or CEO Representatives from the same organizations. The clinicians serve as special representatives and bring issues particularly important to Clinicians to the board. The issues may not always be Clinical issues per se, but they are issues of importance to Clinicians.

Next steps:

- By-law Committee meeting scheduled before the Board of Directors meeting, which is happening in the next 10 days.
- Board of Directors of CHCANYS will be meeting October 14, 2007, at the Annual Conference in White Plains, NY. By-law committee will be presenting a report to the Board. By-laws changes can not be made at the meeting of the Board of Directors, any changes have to be proposed.

Neil Calman, MD - Question

When is the soonest this could be effectuated if it was approved by the Board of Directors? If the by-laws made a recommendation that was approved, does this need to go to membership?

Elizabeth Swain

We can't change the by-laws, per our by-laws restriction until our next full annual meeting, which is held in the first quarter of the year, which is held between January and March.

The best opportunity to participate in the dialogue and provide input would be to stay involved in what's going on at the Board meeting coming up on October 14th and the last Board meeting of the year, which will be in December. Also, Dr. Calman represents the Clinical Committee on this issue at the Executive Committee meetings.

Dr. Alfalla

When treated differently was mentioned, in what respect, vote on issues or participate?

Elizabeth Swain

That statement was meant in a positive way. What CHCANYS has now are a few Clinicians who were elected to represent that board seat from that region and they are not given any special say or powers around clinical issues, they are simply clinicians who happen to be representing that board seat for that region.

Neil Calman, MD

A report was done at the last Board of Directors meeting and there's still some descent among Board members. It's really important for the Clinical Directors to speak to their Executive Directors and to have them speak to people from their region that are on the Board and express how important it is for this to move forward. There was clearly some descent on the part of some of the Board members, feeling like the Board was for the Executives and that there were other venues for Clinical Directors to have their issues heard.

II. Clinical Workshop Meeting – CHCANYS Annual Conference – Elizabeth Swain

The Clinical Workshop meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16th, from 10:45 am – 12:00 pm. Introducing our new Clinical Chief Wanda Montalvo, she will be overseeing clinical and quality programs; she also will be supporting the Board Committee.

A structured agenda for the workshop is needed, which should consist of the list of items from the last meeting, along with:

- Topics which are continuous from the round table:
 1. Clinical Representation on the Board.
 2. Clinicians being a part of other CHCANYS Committees, i.e., Policy and other areas.
 3. Emerging HIV issues.

- Three face to face meetings for Clinical Directors. The Annual conference is supposed to be one of those three meetings, conference call capability is necessary for those who can't attend.
- The agenda should be sent via email in draft form to help those decide if they're going to attend the meeting or not.

Other workshops happening at the same time as the Clinical Workshop are:

- Emergency Preparedness - "The Role of Leadership and Planning and Response"
- Policy workshop around Coverage for Children Campaign.

There are two major sessions following lunch:

- Finance session
- Health Information Technology session – This session was moved from the morning in order to avoid a conflict with the Clinical Workgroup.

Dr. Calman

There's an opening in CHCANYS Committee, the list of openings and descriptions for CHCANYS Committees should be sent out with the draft agenda for the Clinical Workshop. The opening does not require a by-laws change for Clinical Directors to express an interest in participating in any of the CHCANYS Committees. One of the things done at the meeting is to see who has an interest or wants to volunteer on the committees. Maurice Reid had indicated his interest in moving forward with this subject.

III. Specialty Services and HIV – Merle Cunningham, MD

HIV

What are the barriers in NYS for routine HIV screening? This topic should be on the agenda for the Clinical Workshop, so others could share their current issues & barrier concerns.

Gal Mayer

There will be an HIV meeting, "Putting the Pieces Together: Routinizing HIV Testing in New York City" held on November 13, 2007, sponsored by the Commissioner of NYC Department of Health. Location: Saint Francis College, 180 Remsen Street, Callahan Hal, Brooklyn Heights, NY 11201, this information is also available on CHCANYS website.

Dr. Alfalla

The Bronx is starting an initiative in early 2008. The NYC Department of Health is in collaboration with hospitals for a Bronx-wide campaign. CHCANYS is invited to be part of those conference calls. Only problem noticed is the Department of Health is focusing its efforts

on the hospitals emergency department and in patient. CHCANYS needs to stay involved to bring a focus to community health care.

Specialty Services – Dr. Merle Cunningham

There's a draft PIN Policy information notice updating the way HRSA is going to be approaching requests for adding specialty services to scope of practice. NACHC will respond in the next two weeks. This nine page document should be distributed to everyone on the Clinical Committee and discussed in a few weeks. PIN response period ends the end of September 28, 2007. CHCANYS should also send comments to HRSA.

Elizabeth will make sure a response is put together and sent back. CHCANYS will also send the information to the health centers.

Another follow up topic is FTCA coverage.

Prison Health has had a more positive outcome nationally. The biggest center is in Washington DC – Unity Health. This center was asked to take over the prison system for the District of Columbia, not just the correctional health, but the entire system.

IV. Member Lab Technician Issue – Dr. Robert Krausz – ODA, Primary Health

A few years ago, the State took over regulations of the laboratories and divided it into two groups: 1) Regular Laboratories, 2) Physicians Office Laboratories. Health centers have been grouped into regular laboratories category.

New York State Department of Education has gotten involved and they want all Lab Technicians to have training and certifications as trained Lab Technicians.

The problem is health centers don't work as labs and just run a few tests, such as urine analysis or throat cultures. Basically now all the medical assistants running these tests are going to be required by DOE & DOH to have specialized training. To change it requires a change in the law moving health centers into the physicians' office laboratories. Recently there was a deadline for registering lab medical assistants to get them "grandfathered" in, but they still need the training by next year 2008.

Elizabeth

Beverly Grossman who is on CHCANYS Policy Team has been working with Stephanie Sorretino and Assembly Majority Leader Canestrari office since the beginning. This is a much more complicated issue than the State had originally realized. The Department of Education and Department of Health, have disagreed about what should be included as waved test. Their intention was never to interfere with the way we do our business and looks like we'll be pushing to make the necessary amendments to the law.

V. Updates and Future Items

Dr. Cunningham

NACHC has completed an information bulleting for a new special population in the USA -- the Lesbian, Gay, bi-sexual, transgender population. Information will be distributed in the next week or so. Dr. Gal Mayer has helped with some of the content.

NACHC is asking for suggestions on how to develop specific trainings on health care for this population. It was mentioned that some of the centers in NYS who have an interest in this topic area. There is a budget to so something to help implement this around the Country in urban, rural and multi-ethnic populations.

Future Item:

Pay for Performance, should be placed on the agenda. CHCANYS will follow-up in the future to form a work group.

Respectfully Submitted,

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