

- ◆ Mark Babson discussed the presentation he gave to the Medicaid Health Connections team on July 25th 2016. Mary Sheridan briefed the group on what Healthy Connections is and what they are doing. Healthy Connections can work as a link between clinics and CHEMS agencies.
- ◆ Mark Babson briefed the group on the progress of outreach training that is currently going on and the locations of this outreach training. Mr. Babson also discussed the administrative and mentoring training that the Ada County Paramedics provide for interested agencies in CHEMS.

Report – Last Minute Action Items – Mark Babson, Ada County Paramedics and Miro Barac, IDHW

- ◆ Mark Babson presented on the Medicaid tiered payment system and how it will be implemented and what effects it will have regarding the future of the ISU program with Blackfoot Fire and Chief Gray. A breakdown of the tier payment system will be sent out to workgroup members
- ◆ Miro Barac presented on the SHIP project's goals and the success measures that are associated with each goal. The CHEMS workgroup is directly aligned with goal 4 of SHIP. Since the success measures were first developed for each goal over a year ago these measures are undergoing reconstruction to reflect more updated information. There is also a CHEMS charter that has identified specific measures with desired outcomes, there is a proposal to review an updated charter and approve it at the next CHEMS workgroup meeting.
- ◆ At the previous CHEMS meeting workgroup member Gina Pannell had an action item for today's meeting regarding CHEMS programs across the country that specifically work with primary care clinics. Mark Babson said he is not aware of any CP programs working only with a primary care clinic and will reach out to national contacts for additional information and share this information at the August meeting.
- ◆ Dr. Sarah Toevs also had an action item from the June CHEMS meeting regarding where the gaps are in Medicaid and Medicare system that potentially have not been looked at by the workgroup. Wayne Denny commented that they are working with Medicaid and Qualis Health to identify these gaps but do not have anything to report on currently.
- ◆ Wayne Denny shared the results of the meeting survey and determined the best option is to meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 10am to 11am MST, the CHEMS workgroup will meet on August 24th, 2016 for their next meeting.
- ◆ Mark Babson covered an additional action item from the June meeting on community engagement an outreach by CHEMS workgroup members. Mr. Babson reiterated this ask of the workgroup and provided members with potential questions they can use when engaging co-workers in CHEMS discussions. Workgroup members are encouraged to share their experience in future meetings.
- ◆ Wayne Denny asked workgroup members to give a short presentation on current events or projects that they are working on related to CHEMS.
 - Wayne Denny talked about the meaningful use money that has become available through Medicaid that is being looked at presently to see if the EMS Bureau will be able to use these funds.
 - Mary Sheridan spoke on the data collection strategy and there is work being done on this issue and it is slowly being resolved.
 - Bill Holstein has talked with providers in his area, with the main concern being how or who will be paying for the program.
 - Jason Creamer has reached out to Dr. Dunn and is working on a proposal with the goal to align themselves with Dr. Dunn who is the Regional Health Collaborative chair in district one.
 - Mike Mikitish updated the workgroup on the Idaho State University CHEMS students who are now finishing their didactic portion of the course this week. Upcoming work will be with clinical sites, a letter has been sent to clinical sites explaining what community paramedics do.
 - Chief Kevin Gray updated the workgroup on the Hennepin students who are currently finishing their clinicals. Upcoming events are a meeting with Rhonda D'Amico and the Regional Health Collaborative in district six.
 - Rhonda D'Amico also spoke on the upcoming between the Regional Health Collaborative in district 6, Blackfoot Fire and Bingham Memorial Hospital.
 - Pat Lara updated the group on his discussions with administration on preventing in-patient readmissions. There are limited options of care coordination, and CHEMS could be an opportunity.
 - Juan Bonilla presented on the work he has been doing with the McCall consortium on development and implementation going on at St. Luke's McCall as a potential funding source. Cascade Medical Center is also on board with the CHEMS initiative. The pilot program in the area is ready to move forward.

- Travis Spencer shared their CHEMS program challenges, including a lack of finances; however his agency is planning on sending two students through the Idaho State University CHEMS program next year.
- ◆ Wayne Denny presented an update on the Boise State University project currently taking place. Students working on the project are working to drill into the value and sustainability of CHEMS. They need to build out what disease conditions need to be looked at moving forward. There is also a need for the students to find a control group, a population that is not in the CHEMS program.
- ◆ Michelle Arnett has initiated a meeting with stakeholders; she also has been looking at the Minnesota Medicaid reimbursement and has a call with Minnesota there are a lot of metrics that need to be updated. Ms. Arnett will provide more information at the next workgroup meeting.
- ◆ Wayne Denny presented the idea of establishing a BLS/ILS subcommittee of the workgroup which will include EMTs and advanced EMTs. An email request for these participants to engage will be sent out following the workgroup meeting.

Timeline and Next Steps –

- ◆ The next CHEMS meeting will be August 24th, 2016 from 10:00am to 11:00am Mountain Time.

There being no further business Wayne Denny adjourned the meeting at **11:00am**.