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Charity Care Project

December 19, 2008; 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
101 Grove Street, Room 302
Minutes

Introductions

The following individuals attended the meeting:

- Denise Fontaine, CPMC
- Jennifer Errante, Operation Access
- Anne Kronenberg, DPH
- Barry Lawlor, St. Mary's Medical Center
- Judy Li, CPMC
- Shirley Manly-Lampkin, CPMC
- Susan Moore, UCSF
- Alicia Neumann, DPH
- Ron Smith, Hospital Council
- Ed Steward, UCSF
- Amy Tsui, Chinese Hospital
- Abbie Yant, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital

Goals/Issues/Expectations

Alicia Neumann opened the meeting. The group approved minutes from November.

Agenda

1. Charity Care Report Update

- a. Presentation to Health Commission on 1/20/09: the group agreed on the following order of items for the presentation: 1) Charity Care Report – Alicia Neumann; 2) Community Benefits Report – Ron Smith; 3) Community Benefit Partnership: Overview of new directions by Anne Kronenberg and Abbie Yant based on meeting minutes from 12/19/08, followed by a representative from each hospital and SFCCC to discuss for no more than three minutes an example charity care patient or other beneficiary of hospital community benefits.
- b. Report Review – the group discussed the following issues:
 - i. Judy Li and Ron Smith asked Alicia to verify the number of unduplicated patients for SFGHMC at 78,740.
 - ii. Judy Li, Shirley Lampkin and Ron Smith asked whether trend data was necessary. The group decided it was given its importance to the work of the Community Benefit Partnership and Building a Healthier San Francisco.

Judy Li and Ron questioned whether 2001 should serve as the baseline year, given the improvements in data collection over the years. The group thought that 2004 (the first year of a new billing system at St. Luke's), or 2005 might be better than 2001. Alicia will send out a table showing all years and the percentage changes so the group can review.

- iii. Judy and Shirley also raised the issue that hospitals may include services as charity care for which incomplete charity care applications were received. They would like the report to identify that this occurs, and CPMC does not currently include these services in their reporting.
2. Update on Hospital Council Meeting with Tangerine Brigham: Ron Smith reported that Tangerine will meet with the Hospital Council about the HSF issues she presented at our November meeting on January 13, 2009.

To Do

- Alicia to check with SFGHMC to verify unduplicated patient count in FY 06-07.
- Send Alicia any comments or edits on the draft report by Tuesday 12/23/08 for inclusion in the next draft, which will go out Monday January 5 for review before Friday's meeting on 1/9/09.
- Contact Hospital Association about Form 990 workshop – Ron Smith

Next Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for **January 9th from 11 am to noon in Room 302 of 101 Grove St.**