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Asthma Task Force

Joint Clinical Committee & Schools, Child Development, Home based Childcare Committee Meeting

May 23, 2005, 12-2 pm

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 278

Facilitator: Anjali Nath

Meeting Write-Up

In attendance: In Attendance: Peg Strub, Karen Cohn, Gloria Thornton, Barbara Conner-Anderson, Maria Elena Alioto, Julie, McKown, Marie Hoemke, Micah McLorin, Trish Bascom, Ardis Hanson, Dr. Phil Ziring, Gail Herrick, Anjali Nath, staff;

I. Reviewed Meeting Purpose:

- a.) To assist each other in thinking through strategies that will further successes of various recommendations of both committees.
- b.) To identify whether common goals exist and develop strategies that will address those goals.

II. Reviewed recommendations/needs/obstacles of both committees

Schools, Child Development & Home based Childcare Committee			
Activities: Advocated successfully for passage of policies in SFUSD			
Goal: Putting policies passed into action			
Area of Focus	Objective	Need	Strategies Mentioned
SFUSD Asthma Emergency Care Plans	All students with asthma in SFUSD have an Asthma Emergency Care Plan on File	-Parent follow through -More buy-in from physicians -Outreach/Education Materials Development and Funding (Provider and Parent) – posters? folder? -CDCs fill out “Classroom Management Plan”	-Schedule regular summer asthma follow-ups -Generate all school forms when children are seen by provider
Child care settings	Identify needs and solutions to assist childcare sites to access the tools they	-Childcare -Need to work with clinical community	

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	need to manage children's asthma.		
Clinical Committee			
Activities: Advocated to DPH and Board of Supervisors for recommendations that will enhance linkages and improve care coordination in SF for people with asthma.			
Goal: Beef up asthma care; Know what resources exist			
Area of Focus	Objective	Need	Strategies Mentioned
		-Publicize existing resources -2 way communication -Education Effective Transfer of information	
DPH Website		-What link to SFUSD School Health Programs is needed? -Clarify goals for website	

III. Common Areas of Interest:

- a. Effective Communication between Providers, Schools/CDCs, Parents**
 - Need a simple effective system
- b. Training for providers, parents, school site staff**
 - Educate teachers to recognize signs
- c. Education/Publicity**
 - Parents
 - Providers

IV. Questions/Issues raised:

- a. Asthma Emergency Care Plans**
 - How to publicize care plan
 - How medical providers should communicate back to schools
 - Is there a way to simplify the process?
 - Is there a contact list for appropriate person at School/CDC site to FAX to? (Principal/site administrator, on website)
 - Trainings – How to get them going? Who needs them?
 - Is there a way parents can just sign off in advance?
 - Publicity
 - Nurse of the day exists

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- **There are parent liaisons in the STAR schools**
- **American Academy of Pediatrics has a Committee on School Health**

V. Potential Strategies Brainstormed for addressing common areas of interest:

a. Training

- Advocate for funds from Board of Supervisors Budget
- CDC Teleconference/Videoconference
- Online CMEs
- CD-Rom CEUs
- CEUs as incentives – no fees
- Policy Requiring training
- Stipends (need a funding source)
- Multiple venues for education offered
- Approach Unions
- Need expertise in development of training materials
- Need trainings that are current and concise (1/2 hour)
- Enticements for teachers/administrators (lunch)

b. Education

- Classroom education
- Packaged information re: Chronic disease management
- Uniform education districtwide
- Summer follow up visits
- Awareness campaigns
- Folder with Fax #s of SFUSD sites
- Posters for parents and providers
- American Academy of Pediatrics as a resource
- Make this routine/incorporate into trainings
- Summer follow ups
- Asthma Emergency Care Plans
- Peg offered to write article for SF Medical Magazine

c. Communication

- Make Asthma Emergency Care Plans simpler
- Portable scanners

d. Considerations

- SFUSD must work within State of CA Education Code
- State Law just revised (see if can simplify)

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- SFUSD is paid based on average daily attendance of students
- Parent responsibility
- No financial incentive
- All potentially involved are overwhelmed
- Provider staff
- Unions can't require teachers to be present beyond the school day
- No professional development days – being taken away

VI. Items for Follow-up

- a. Look at National Policy for Schools on www.aaaai.org
- b. Find out about state policy – see if it can be simplified

VII. Next Meeting of Joint Committees: Monday, June 27th, 12-2pm, City Hall, Rm 278

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