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**Board of Supervisors Asthma Task Force
Clinical Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on May 24, 2004
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA**

Members In Attendance: Gloria Thornton, Peg Strub, MariaElana Alioto, Karen Cohn,
Absent Members Lisa Kroon, Kathy Thomas Perry, Barbara Conner-Anderson, Richard Castro,
Guests and Staff: Tirtza Rosenberg

Update on Payer and Provider Surveys

Provider Surveys

Karen Cohn defined what is CHN and what is Consortium. Some of the clinics are part of the Consortium, some are part of the business community of the health network, which is otherwise thought of as the Health Department Clinic. For purposes of the survey, the clinics that are part of the business community were treated as a consortium clinic. The clinics that are strictly Health Department were treated as CHN.

At this time, five have responded. Karen stated she expects five more will respond.

Karen reviewed the analysis of the Survey of Clinics Serving Low-Income Patients with asthma. She pointed out there are many ways to analyze the data collected. This analysis was done per clinic.

Gloria Thornton pointed out that for the “enrollment” information, “enrollment means that an application has been filled out, not that a person is accepted.

Karen Cohn stated there are a lot of people who don't know how to access such services as home visiting. She suggested arranging an educational outreach to let the social workers know about some of the home visiting programs available.

Gloria Thornton suggested possibly meeting with those people who filled out the surveys to clarify some of the responses.

Karen Cohn talked about Sustainability Group that she and Gloria Thornton are participating in. The Group is talking a lot about getting access to specialty care, how to get access to Telemedicine and how to sustain the learning that has occurred from various grants. Another topic is how to form a more cohesive model of everyone working together.

With the Telemedicine Project the child would be referred to specialty care who would then send the child back to the Primary Care Provider. The relationship with the specialist would end. This does not fit into the current payor system. It is, however, a linkage to the primary care.

Payor Surveys

Gloria Thornton reviewed the Payor Survey Telephone Interviews. Gloria stated Anjali has made contact with 11 health plans. Those who have responded are: Brown and Toland; Chinese Community Health Plan; Kaiser; Blue Cross (Commercial and State Sponsored) and San Francisco Health Plan. Pacific Care and Health Net have not yet responded.

A discussion was held about the difference between PPO and HMO. The difference was defined as with a PPO a person can go to a specialist of their choosing without permission from their primary care.

Peg summarized that the rest of the results need to be received, the data needs to be compiled in an access database then studied.

Gloria Thornton talked about a team that has been put together, including Phyllis Whorling, Ardis Hanson and Diane Goldman, who are talking to people about the Emergency Care Plan in Schools.

Meeting Adjourned (2:10p.m.)