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**Board of Supervisors Asthma Task Force
Clinical Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on February 23, 2004
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA**

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

Anjali Nath, the new Advocacy Coordinator was introduced.

The Committee congratulated Karen and Beth on their recent marriages.

Review of Survey of Clinics Providing Asthma Treatment for Low-Income Patients

Karen Cohn reviewed the Survey of Clinics Providing Asthma Treatment for Low-Income Patients. On the first page, third section Karen explained there is a concern about children who spend time in several homes. Would they be able to get supplies for each home? Would insurance cover the additional supplies? The section will be changed to ask: Do you diagnose by severity: Do you ever reclassify? Do you ever give anti-inflammatory medicines? Do you consider if children need supplies in more than one location?

Another question to be added is who is prescribing the medications?

In the “Home Visiting/Ancillary Support” section, the questions regarding staff home visiting, languages and environmental assessments will be reworked and combined.

Included will be a question about whether or not referrals can be made for home visiting support.

Karen suggested asking Rajiv Bhatia for a list of who is available for what services.

Karen stated a Web Site is being made available. Anjali will be trained to use this.

Peg Strub raised the question of how the survey will be distributed. Karen Cohn will compile a list of DPH Clinics. Gloria Thornton will compile a list of Consortium Clinics.

The Survey was approved with the corrections.

The Surveys will be returned to Tirtza to collate.

Peg Strub will do the first draft of the cover letter.

Payor Survey

Gloria Thornton has put together a survey for the private payors. She stated she will do this survey over the phone.

Gloria identified the various plans to be called: Health Net, Pacific Care, Cigna, Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Brown and Toland and Aetna.

The first phase will be the research to find out the contact person. The second phase is the interview. Gloria asked that Anjali assist her in making the calls.

Gloria will take on phase one of the project. It was suggested that she take a look at market share to determine which payors to contact.

Karen Cohn suggested adding “Have you identified barriers in any other way?”

The Payor Survey was approved with corrections.

Meeting Adjourned (2:00p.m.)