

Access Workgroup Minutes

2-3 p.m., April 26, 2018

Attendance

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Topic/Action

Welcome

- Welcome, introductions and attendance.
- Review purpose of meeting:
 - › Discussion of current projects and efforts to increase access to care from workgroup members.
 - › Determine collaborative efforts that could be done to increase/improve access to care and cancer treatment throughout the state.
 - › Determine next steps.

Updates from the group

- The group decided to be a project-based group and focus on specific work in access to care, with the immediate focus being transportation as a major barrier to care.
- The American Cancer Society has a goal of increasing patients' access to appointments by 10%.
- The group discussed health systems understanding how investing in a transportation system could save money. Less missed or no-show appointments.
- Kelly A. attended the "Beyond the Bus" symposium and came away with ideas for alternative modes of transportation for patients having difficulty getting to their appointments.
- Discussion about John Stoddard using UBER Health and the logistics of this program. Questions were raised about liability, who lines up the rides, how is the program paid for through the hospital, etc?
- Gabbi mentioned Tama County specifically regarding transportation and patients not having reliable vehicles often being the issue. Iowa has many rural areas where public transportation is not an option.
- Jeremy mentioned collaboration with public transit and public health associations in more urban areas like Des Moines and Iowa City/Cedar Rapids.
- Discussion continues on the issue of rural transportation challenges and how to reduce that barrier to care.

Next steps

- Organizations/People to invite to this group were discussed. Iowa Rural Health Association, Iowa Public Health Association, Iowa Hospital Association, Buchanan County Health Center were all mentioned as partners that would make sense for this group.
- Gabbi mentioned focusing on the Amish community as a possibility.
- Kelly A. has submitted a proposal with the Consortium for funding for a transportation project. If funded, how can this group be supportive?
- Continue to work on enhancing the patient health experience by reducing the barriers to care.

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