Minutes - Approved
Wisconsin Partnership Program
Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF) Steering Committee
YWCA of Greater Milwaukee
1915 North Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212
January 9, 2013 at 11:30 am

Members present: Fritz Broekhuizen, Georgia Cameron, Ron Cisler, Deborah Embry (by telephone), Phil Farrell (co-chair), Cindy Haq, Mark Huber, Cheryl Jackson, Tito Izard, Sheri Johnson, Murray Katcher, Katherine Marks (co-chair), Betty Stinson, Jack Waters and Lora Wiggins

Members Absent: James Ivy and Veronica Lawson Gunn

Staff: Quinton Cotton, Cathy Frey and Eileen Smith

Guests: Nancy Eberle (UW SMPH), Shawn Green (Milwaukee LIHF), Don Grey (WPP Consultant), Lorraine Lathen (Jump at the Sun) Patricia McManus (Milwaukee LIHF), Paul Moberg (UW SMPH), Angela Moore (Beloit LIHF), Patrice Onheiber (WI DHS), Samantha Perry (Racine LIHF), Chinagoze Ugwu (Jump at the Sun), Stephanie Veazie (UW SMPH)

1. Welcome and Review of Meeting Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am. Farrell asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

2. Decision on November 7, 2012 and December 3, 2012 meeting minutes

After a motion made by Waters and seconded by Cisler, the meeting minutes were approved.

3. 2012 Reflection and Future Directions

Marks asked committee members to provide reflections on 2012 and share ideas on possible future activities of the LIHF Steering Committee.

- The initiative had some momentum with Community Action Plan finalized and launch events in each community.
- Project grantees applications were made available through an RFP process.
- Resources for project; resources for Milwaukee, renewed energy in Milwaukee.
- Other people have been engaged and attracted to the issue. We are part of a much bigger picture of trying to improve communities.
- It is positive that some of the communication issues and challenges have surfaced. This is part of the tough work doing community engaged work.
- Results from the community planning process, number of people who are attending collaborative meetings (people are participating and active).
- Deep commitment to building the foundation first.
- Looking forward for funding and resource development.
• Impressed by dedication of community members.
• Steering Committee started to rotate meetings and it has given the Committee a chance to connect with the local communities.
• We made progress with communications. We added members and retained members.
• Many stakeholders need to be involved in Milwaukee for the collaborative to be successful.
• We have to provide real specific direction and give collaboratives flexibility.

4. LIHF Collaborative Update

Cotton reported that each collaborative continues to make progress on executing their project work plan. Jackson noted that Beloit LIHF has experienced some challenges related to governance and staff but that efforts were underway to build the governance structure and hire additional staff.

Farrell introduced Lorraine Lathen and described her role as a consultant to the Wisconsin Partnership Program to support and make recommendations regarding the Milwaukee LIHF. Extensive discussion followed. Lathen noted her firm’s history of using a collaborative approach working with communities and cited examples the firm’s work in the Southeastern region.

5. Discussion on Request for Partnerships for Development and Implementation Project Grants

Cotton noted that 29 full applications had been received and that applications were currently under expert review. Applications would then be shared with the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) for its review and to discussion. The OAC will discuss and make decisions on grant awards at its February meeting.

6. Evaluation Workgroup Update

Moberg provided an update to the Committee on recent evaluation activities, noting that Collaborative staff were pilot testing a standardized activity log to be used to document activities and participation in meetings and events, and that the evaluation consultants were revising an existing survey for the Collaboratives to use to assess their functioning and development.

7. State/Federal Maternal and Child Health Update

Patrice and Cameron provided an update on the Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network (COIN) to Reduce Infant Mortality, a federal public health region effort designed to find out what works to reduce infant mortality and scale up the best interventions to the national level. Wisconsin will be assembling a team in this process that will last approximately 12 to 18 months (see Attachments). An invitation was extended for a LIHF Steering Committee member or a LIHF Collaborative representative to join the state team. Interested persons should contact Onheiber for more information. Region V will host an infant mortality summit in March 2013.

8. Announcements and member Updates

Smith noted that recruitment efforts were underway to identify a senior maternal child and health faculty member to lead the Lifecourse Initiative. Up to six candidates are being interviewed. The first
candidate visit will be in Madison and the second candidate visit will be in Milwaukee.

9. Open Forum

No remarks were provided.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Recorder, Quinton Cotton