

Health Network for Rural Schools
Team Meeting Minutes
Jan 27, 2004

Those present: Patrice, Karen, Vicki, Kathy, Diane, Sue, and Nancy

1. Nancy reported that she is looking outside OHSU to find a replacement for the HNRS program director. Because this is a part-time position, anyone hired for this job will likely also work in another capacity for the School of Nursing. Nancy is currently talking with a nurse practitioner from Montana about the position. This transition will, hopefully, occur in June.
2. Tim Neilson has been hired to replace Selina in the Elgin & Imbler schools. Kerma Berry, Mike Mills, and Michelle Jones participated in the interview. Tim will be a great addition to the HNRS team.
3. Glenna Awbrey has been hired to replace Linda Carter as the Health Insurance Coordinator for Union & Wallowa counties. After Linda resigned, Nancy made the decision to split this job into two part-time positions. Nancy has contracted with the Baker Co Health Dept for a person who will carry out the duties of the grant in that county. Nancy explained that, unlike the first version of the Covering Kids grant, this grant is not particularly linked to the HNRS – instead, its purpose is to address barriers to health insurance enrollment & retention across a 3-county area, working with DHS and other service providers. Kathy & Diane will be working with Glenna to help to identify children in the HNRS schools who are not insured and to provide information & assistance to their families in getting them enrolled ... but this is the only link between this grant and the HNRS.
4. Vicki drafted new QA forms for use in auditing the HNRS records. These were shared & discussed. They will be implemented next year. It was noted that the HNRS records have improved considerably in the past 1-2 years.
5. Diane wrote to all dentists in Union, Baker, and Wallowa Counties asking them if they would be willing to see adults and/or children at no cost or on a sliding scale basis. She has heard from five dentists so far and some did agree to provide this service. Diane has created a notebook with the dentists' responses. She'll use this notebook to record information on clients referred to each of these dentists by date. If you know of clients who need dental care but cannot afford to pay, please contact Diane and she'll assist them to obtain an appt with one of these dentists.
6. Lee noted that the nurses & counselors have not always been coding a visit classification when they see a client. For each client seen, we would like you to code the visit as to what type of service has been provided. (Nurse practitioners have been doing this but the nurses & counselors are not as consistent.) Please remember to code your visits.
7. It was noted that the HNRS calendars have many inaccuracies. Lee has graciously agreed to resume this responsibility.
8. Vicki reported on the cholesterol screenings that have been scheduled in the schools for February. The nursing students will be helping with these. GRH included the HNRS screenings in a huge ad that was recently placed in the Observer.