

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012, WITH COMMISSIONERS EDWIN H. HUMPHREY AND DAVID H. UIBLE IN ATTENDANCE. LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT COMMISSIONER ROBERT L. PROUD WAS NOT PRESENT.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND DEBORAH BRITTON, CLERMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE. ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES AT THE INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ARE LISTED ON THE ATTACHED ATTENDANCE SHEET.

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE OCTOBER 15, 2012 INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION WAS VIDEOTAPED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME. IN ADDITION, THE INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THROUGH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE AT <http://www.clermontcountyohio.gov/videos-bcc.aspx>.

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Issue - Health Chain Solutions, LLC – Mr. Swart

Discussion – Jim Schwab from the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, Dave Swart, and Jeffrey Bush from Health Chain Solutions, LLC (HCS) attended to discuss Oral Care/Health Care Initiative they seek to execute in Clermont County. HCS has collaborated with Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and United Way, to improve oral health care in our Region.

Jim Schwab explained that The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati has been in existence since 1997, and they have awarded 127.9M in 2,559 grants in that time. The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati (HFGC) started as a 501C4 organization that distributes about 5% of their assets each year in grants or approximately 12M in donations.

The HFGC has four focus areas for grant awards: School-Aged Children's Healthcare, Community Primary Care, Severe Mental Illness, and Substance Use Disorders. These are made through program grants, most grants have a beginning and an end, but it is the hope that the programs they start will have continued success after the grant ends. There are four areas outlined in the handout we concentrate on prevention and wellness.

Access to primary care: Delivery of health care to the rural areas; health care is just as difficult as the need for urban area health care. School age children access to health care is one of the programs; nurse practitioners through a federally qualified health care center are used in school buildings to deliver primary care services to needy children in addition to the school nurse. Most of these children are at or below poverty level and qualify for Medicaid which means these programs become self-sustaining.

Severe mental illness and substance use disorders: These two areas have separate delivery systems and are the most under resourced. In the public eye they do not merit as much attention as some of the other areas of primary care. HFGC feels that programs offered in these areas need to take a more thoughtful approach and realize that in many instances there are biological reasons for these disorders. HFGC knows that more and more mental illness is occurring. 20% of our population has some sort of depression issue during their lifetime. It is a growing need and HFGC feels there are many opportunities for a positive impact on the delivery of services.

HFGC is focusing more on prevention and wellness and on ways to get and keep people healthy. Statistics show that 50% of our health and wellness is based on diet and exercise, 10% of our resources are directed to these types of programs.

Health Care Reform activities: Affordable care act, HFGC has been working on the political level on the misunderstanding of the laws and the impact of the laws that exist today. They have worked very hard to develop a one-page explanation of the laws that exist today.

Serving our community: The Assistance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) program works with groups in the communities such as Parent Teacher Organizations, community groups, and churches to help them organize activities to help aid in the prevention and spread of substance abuse. There are ways the community can organize and help the spread of substance abuse; the program leaders teach community leaders how to set up and organize these types of events.

HFGC has a capacity building in their office in Cincinnati that is available to any non-profit organization. They can hold meetings or training, help is available to aid them with understanding financial statements, designing strategic plans, business plans, social media campaigns, and fundraisers, etc.

On an annual basis grantees receive about 7M the remainder is used to invest in programs and follow up evaluations of the programs.

Oral care needs: HFGC came together with HCS through a study that was completed 10 years ago on oral care needs in the community. There is not a significant amount of data on oral health care available. HFGC believes that there is a significant unmet need for oral care services throughout the region.

Oral care for children is a little easier than it is for adults due to the accessibility through the schools. There are some plans in place in the State of Ohio to develop a funding source and resources to provide loans for federally qualified health care centers and dental care facilities for adults that need oral care.

Health Path is working together with Anthem to bring resident physicians and dentist from other states to do their training in this region so that they will be available to provide services to this area. Part of these programs focus on finding qualified dental care providers and the other half is getting the public to the providers for services. There is a large correlation between oral health and your overall health.

In August 2010, a citizen of Clermont County had an oral infection and died within a 10 day to 2-week time span, Mr. Swart from HCS became very interested in how this could happen in this day and age. It was at that point that Mr. Swart and HCS decided a study was needed to determine where need versus costs where the citizens would benefit most from grants and the programs available through the United Way and HFGC. (See the presentation for additional information regarding population health management costs.) HCS and HFGC are looking to the County for support of this data analysis project as well as to participate in the project design and define meaningful data that will benefit to the County and its citizens.

The Federal Government is looking into a program where low-income citizens will be able to seek primary and dental care in one facility. HCS will be looking into concluding a data assessment study to finding where those citizens are and how we can best assist them. The focus will be making certain programs are not being duplicated, preventing ER visits for oral care issues by making sure that hospitals and citizens know that free services are available at the appropriate oral service care providers.

This data analysis project will consider what types of services and resources citizens are lacking, as well as barriers such as geographic, demographics, transportation, etc. The analysis will also expand the depth of the community GIS map on the needs of citizens. The focus will bring resources and the needs of citizens together, as a model that may be used throughout the State. HCS would like to spend time speaking with dentists and doctors in the area to assess the services they offer, barriers they see, the products being used, problems they are seeing and come up with means to fund projects addressing those issues for the citizens. HCS does not yet have the baseline analytics to answer these questions.

Billie Kuntz from Community Services made the suggestion to contact the Oral Health Council, as they have studies in this area. Community Services does offer Adult Oral Care and they previously conducted offered childcare services but were not able to sustain those due to the fact that the adult needs were so much greater.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed: HFGC would like to see a steering committee formed to include Hamilton and Butler counties where there is interest as well. Health Source Ohio, United Way, and Cincy Smiles Foundation are other organizations that would be able to provide assistance to this collaborative.

Commissioner Humphrey would like to schedule another informal session with representatives from the Department of Job and Family Services, the Educational Service Center, Community Services, Oral Health Council, United Way, Clermont County Health District, Clermont Senior Services, Child Focus, as well as any other nonprofit agencies that are interested in this program in two weeks.

Adjournment

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

Absent/Abstained

ROBERT L. PROUD, PRESIDENT

EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, VICE PRESIDENT

DAVID H. UIBLE, MEMBER

STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1/30/13
DATE APPROVED