

**Education Work Group**  
 January 29, 2009 9:00-10:00 am  
 Teleconference Summary

**Attendees:** Patricia Burk (OK), Barb Schweitzer (ND), Robin Troxell (MO), Ralph Vogel (AR), Jayne Brown (ND), Judy Welch (IA) and Gina Direnzo-Coffeey (NE) **Staff:** Lori Williamson and Shona Whitehead

**Meeting Summary:**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Attendance	<p>Sharon Vaz will continue to participate in this work group, but because of her increase responsibility at the OK State Dept. of Health, she will no longer facilitate this group.</p> <p>The purpose of this meeting was to regroup and refocus on educational opportunities within the region. Historically the Education work group has been very active with many accomplishments.</p>	
Diagnosis Module update	<p>A. Modules Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NF questions complete</li> <li>• Hurler's Syndrome complete</li> <li>• MCAD and PWS modules complete and expected to go live on the recently re-designed MedHome Portal website in the next few weeks.</li> <li>• FAS—Gene Hoyme and Quinn Stein have agreed to co-author the module</li> <li>• PKU—no author has been confirmed, Dawn Peck has been suggested</li> </ul> <p>B. CME--The process for securing approval for CME credits has been slow and frustrating. Currently the plan is to receive CME approval through ACMG.</p> <p>Gina Direnzo-Coffey suggested exploring using UpToDate, an online subscription service that provides the CME credit. Users earn credits by the amount of time spent logged in, not by answering questions. . Users print their own certificates, as needed.</p> <p>C. Polling AAP/AAFP—a poll will need to be developed to survey the AAP and AAFP members to rank their choice for the next module. Gina Direnzo-Coffey and Robin Troxell offered to help with contacting AAP/AAFP members.</p> <p>No additional modules will be started, until the current modules are complete and</p>	

	<p>evaluation has been conducted to determine if we should continue to put energy and money into this project.</p>	
<p>Future Projects</p>	<p>A. Family Health History—is there room for expansion?</p> <p>B. Iowa Nursing Genetics Modules—exploration of promotion and incentives for nurses to participate in the U of IA’s online Nursing Genetics Modules. Suggested means of contacting nurses across the region included: state nursing boards and statewide nursing newspapers. CEU credits would be paid for by Heartland.</p> <p>C. Ounce of Prevention Curriculum—originally developed in Southern Missouri with funding from March of Dimes. It is a well-vetted, complete curriculum for high school teachers (although public health nurses have also used the modules). The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition is being updated and a chapter on NBS is being planned. Is this an appropriate project for Heartland to be involved in? Resulting product could be available for distribution across the region. It was suggested that it could be of particular benefit to Native American and Hispanic populations.</p> <p>D. Medical Student Education—related to the Family Health History project. The Univ. of Okla. Health Sciences Center originally received a grant from the Genetic Alliance to educate first year medical students on gathering family health histories. It could be used also for other health providers, such as advanced practice nurses. With approved updates from Genetic Alliance, Heartland could distribute curriculum and materials to interested medical schools in the region.</p> <p>E. Diagnosis Modules and LEND—it has been suggested that LEND students could complete and evaluate the online diagnose modules. This has the potential of increasing the mutual partnership between Heartland and the six LEND programs. Patricia Burk suggested that maybe the modules could be incorporated into the LEND students practicum hours, rather than a “project” since LEND students can select their own projects and the module usage may be low.</p> <p>F. Any other ideas?</p> <p>a. Angels Program in Arkansas uses Telemedicine to conduct CEU presentations to AHEC in rural areas.</p>	<p>Please send any additional ideas and rank your top two picks for projects to Shona at <a href="mailto:shona-whitehead@ouhsc.edu">shona-whitehead@ouhsc.edu</a> by <b>5:00 pm on Friday, January 30, 2009</b></p>

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Transition	<p>Transition is included in the Guidance from HRSA, but HRSA also knows there are other Federal programs that focus on transition. Question for the group—What is the role of the Heartland RC in transition activities in the region.</p> <p>Ralph Vogel facilitated a conference call to discuss transition on 1/27/09. Two representatives from IA and one from the national Healthy and Ready to Work initiative were on the call. The topics discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the needs in the region?</li> <li>• What are the needs in each state?</li> <li>• Identification of current programs and their status</li> </ul> <p>A survey of the states regarding transition activities will need to be conducted and possibly a resurce page for transition added to the Heartland website. Another call will be scheduled for March 2009.</p>	<p>If you or know of a colleague who would be interested in participating in a conference call to discuss transition related issues in the Heartland region, please contact Shona at <a href="mailto:shona-whitehead@ouhsc.edu">shona-whitehead@ouhsc.edu</a>.</p> <p>An announcement regarding the March conference call will be sent when the date and time are confirmed,</p>
Membership	<p>Today's meeting attendees are considered core members of the Education Work Group, (unless decline by the individual). Those who were not in attendance will be contacted so they can identify whether or not they would also like to be a core member. Work Group membership is defined below.</p>	<p>If you do not wish to be a core member of the Education Work Group, please notify Lori at <a href="mailto:lori-williamson@ouhsc.edu">lori-williamson@ouhsc.edu</a>.</p>
Mid-year Work Group Meeting	<p>After discussion with the Advisory Board it was decided that the February 2009 face to face mid-year meeting should be cancelled.</p> <p>It is possible that specific work group meetings could be held in conjunction with other meetings like the NBS Workshop in Lincoln or the GSA meeting in May 2009. Stay tuned.</p>	<p>The February 23-24, 2009 Mid-year Work Group meeting in Kansas City has been cancelled.</p>
Next meeting	No February meeting	The next meeting will be held in March the date is TBD.

**Defining Education Work Group Membership (as defined at the 2008 Heartland Annual Conference)**

**Core Work Group Member**

Core members of the Heartland Work Groups agree to a two year commitment to work group membership, including participating in teleconferences, scheduled every one to two months, email communications and a work group project. Core members may also be asked to represent Heartland on national committees or groups. Attendance at the annual in-person meeting, and if needed, one additional mid-year meeting, will be funded by the Heartland Regional Coordinating Center.

**Work Group Members**

Other members of a work group may wish to receive work group communications but not commit to active attendance and participation, or may wish to participate only on a specific project.