

GREATER FLINT HEALTH COALITION

TERMS OF REFERENCE

DIABETES GROUP VISIT WORKGROUP (2008)

MISSION:

In the area of diabetes, to support the mission of the Greater Flint Health Coalition:

- Improve the health status of residents of Genesee County
- To improve the quality and cost effectiveness of the health care system in our community.

VISION OF THE COALITION:

A healthy Genesee County community practicing healthy lifestyles with access to the best and most cost effective health and medical care.

CORE VALUES:

Consensus
Collaboration
Fairness
Integrity
Continuous Improvement
Innovation
Public Participation

VISION OF THE WORKGROUP:

To reduce the morbidity related to diabetes and diabetes related illnesses by improving the quality of life of individuals with diabetes. Special emphasis will be placed on patient/support system interaction, adherence to drug therapies, patient education, and improved self-management and understanding of the disease and its long-term complications.

OUTCOME OPTION:

1. To support the continuation/expansion of Diabetes Group Visits within McLaren Regional Medical Center's Family Medicine Residency Program.
2. Develop strategies for the expansion of the Diabetes Group Visit concept to other healthcare organizations within Genesee County, including Genesys Regional Medical Center, Hurley Medical Center, Hamilton Community Health Network, and any other potential Genesee County organizations exhibiting significant capabilities/interest.
3. Promote education related to diabetes self-management to those affected by the disease and their support systems.
4. Promote improved health outcomes and lower overall costs of care associated with diabetes and comorbidities of diabetes.
5. Improve patient access, enhance patient and physician satisfaction and increase physician productivity.

OUTCOME OPTION IMPACT ON 2007 - 2012 GOAL FRAMEWORK

Improved health status is promoted collectively through the focus areas of access, quality, cost, and health improvement. Specifically, promoting the continuation and expansion of diabetes group visits within Genesee County increases access (options #1,2). The quality of diabetes related healthcare is impacted by promoting education related to diabetes and improving the efficiency of physicians treating diabetic patients (option #3,5). Cost is impacted as self management of the disease is improved and comorbidities are reduced (option#3,4). Health Improvement is impacted as Genesee County residents are educated about diabetes and how to properly care for the disease. Improved education related to the disease will increase both patient and provider satisfaction (option #3,5).

MEASURABLE HEALTH OUTCOMES:

Collectively, this initiative's approach to care will seek to reduce diabetes mortality and morbidity, with considerable focus on the racial disparity that is present. The following five year goal is achievable by 2012:

	Overall Genesee County rate	Genesee County African American rate	Genesee County White rate	GFHC FIVE YEAR GOAL (2012)
Baseline Year:	2004	2004	2004	
Diabetes Mortality rate:	35.7	44.7	31.3	30.0

*Rates per 100,000 population / Rate Source: GCHD & MDCH
Goal Source: Healthy People 2010*

TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP:

All individuals will either be appointed by their organizations' chief executive officer/director or the president of the coalition. The individuals should be senior enough to be able to influence and represent their organization's policies on the subject matter.

Commitments: The task force will meet monthly for one and a half hours at the coalition offices with a time to be determined by members. Additional commitments of time will occur through specific working groups.

The membership will be categorized by the Coalition's "sectors":

Providers (6)	Genesee County Medical Society Genesee County Osteopathic Society Genesys Health System Hamilton Community Health Network Hurley Medical Center McLaren Regional Medical Center
Government (1)	Genesee County Health Department
Insurers (3)	Blue Care Network/Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan HealthPlus of Michigan Genesee Health Plan
Consumers/ Community Residents (2-4)	UAW/GM Community Health Initiatives
Chair (1)	Paul Dake, M.D., McLaren Family Practice Residency Program
Ex-officio Members:	President, Greater Flint Health Coalition Chair, Greater Flint Health Coalition

REPORTING:

The workgroup will report to the Cost & Resource Planning Committee.

STAFFING:

The staffing of the workgroup will be handled by the Greater Flint Health Coalition.

BUDGET:

External funding will be pursued.

On October 18, 1999 the board approved the REACH Task Force Terms of Reference. In doing so, the board recommended the vision and outcome option of REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) become part of the operational terms of reference of every committee/task force of the Coalition.

THE REACH TASK FORCE

Vision:

To keep before the Coalition the issue of ethnic & racial disparities in health care.

Outcome Options:

- To assist a broad base of community leaders in health care in understanding the multifaceted challenges of race relations and its impact on individual community member's health.
- To keep front and center the issue of ethnic and racial disparities in the work of the Coalition.

Approved by the Executive Committee on February 29, 2008.

Approved by the Board of Directors on September 15, 2008.