

Downtown and Point Douglas Local Health Involvement Group

Meeting notes from smaller meetings held: Thursday, January 28 and Tuesday, February 16, 2016. A second meeting was held because only 5 members attended the January 28th meeting. Quorum was not achieved. These are notes not minutes of the meetings.

January 28th – members and staff in attendance

Dennis Ballard
Dessalegn Melesse
Cari La Riviere
Alberto Sangalang
Carla Veldkamp
Colleen Schneider, LHIG Manager
Jennifer Dunsford, Director, Ethics Services
Hannah Moffat, Equity Specialist

February 16th – members and staff in attendance

Kim Calder
Davada Carlson
Blair Hamilton
Wayne Sandler
Aimen Syed
Elaine Bishop (Board Liaison)
Colleen Schneider, LHIG Manager
Jennifer Dunsford, Director, Ethics Services
Hannah Moffat, Equity Specialist

Overview of meeting:

1. Introduction and Presentation of new topic – “The Ethics of Equity and Sustainability”
Colleen, Hannah, and Jennifer presented.
 2. LHIG members were asked to respond to the following questions:
 - What obligation do we have as a society to address the differences in health outcomes that currently exist?
 - What obligation does the health care system have to address the differences in health outcomes that currently exist?
 - What are the ethical issues related to aligning health services to the needs of the population?
 - What would our health care system look like if we aligned health services to the needs of the population without adding new resources?
 - What would our health care system look like (what would be doing differently) if we addressed the underlying causes of unequal health outcomes?
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- Equity is complex social issue that requires more than just health care system to address) Who should the WRHA partner with to address inequities? Brainstorm and then prioritize.
 - As we move towards a more equitable health care system, what is the most important thing that you feel that the WRHA should consider/keep in mind?
3. Colleen shared what the next steps would be – second meeting on Equity to explore criteria for resource allocation/ re-allocation and communicating with the public about moving equity forward in the health care system. Report will be presented to Board at All LHIGs Meeting on April 27, 2016.

*notes from the discussion/input section of the meeting are included in the report – *The Ethics of Equity and Sustainability* (April 2016)

