

You had requested a status update for the upcoming Restore Rundberg meeting next week to be held at the N.Central Health Clinic on Braker Lane.

Background

The Restore Rundberg partnership approved the Latino HealthCare Forum (LHCF) to conduct a community health needs assessment as one of four priorities for the Restore Rundberg Team. LHCF was approached because of its successful record in using data based research and community engagement strategies through a culturally competent lens to plan and implement neighborhood health plans. Most recently the LHCF worked closely with the community and assisted Central Health on their Southeast Health and Wellness Center (SEHWC) to be operated by Communitycare which opens this fall.

Funding

The scope of the project includes a community health assessment component and implementation of key focus areas of the community health improvement plan. The LHCF made funding asks to;

Central Health/Communitycare

City of Austin Health and Human Services Department

St. David's Foundation

Today I have heard back from the City of Austin and St.David's Foundation that they will participate in the project.

Next Steps

With this support, we will move forward and I will brief the Health Committee chair(s) on the timeline and action steps next week. Even though I still haven't heard definitely from Central Health/Communitycare about their funding participation we hope and assume that they will participate in assisting the project as a resource with data and information about clinic operations. I am also copying the initial group that met on this topic sometime back as they have been inquiring about the status of this project. Let me know if you have any questions. We are very excited to be working with the Rundberg community on this community driven project. Let's give 'em health! Gracias. FMR

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Priority 2 Update

We are continuing our discussions with **Cap Metro** regarding Public Transportation bus issues in the Rundberg and surrounding areas.

A. Our third meeting will be this coming Wednesday, Oct 15 at the North Austin CommUnity Care Clinic on Braker Lane at 7 pm. All are invited and encouraged to come to this important meeting where we are expecting the results of the action items agreed upon in our September meeting with Cap Metro.

B. A Field Visit via 8 passenger van to examine bus route and transfer issues from the greater Rundberg area to the North Austin CommUnity Care Clinic is planned for Friday, October 24 from 1-3:30 pm. Advance reservations are required due to the small size of the vehicle. We are looking for participants who are very familiar with bus routes and can address Clinic access issues from various sectors of the greater Rundberg area. Please see me if you are interested in joining this field visit.

The **Restore Rundberg Health Needs Assessment** is beginning and you are the first to see a draft outline of the process. There are many factors which determine health as we all know. Population studies have shown that the social determinants of health, such as poverty, education, housing status and inequality, are more important than the brief medical intervention or the care of chronic disease! We will survey the health problems in the community and then go deeper to examine their origin and the resources we currently have or needs that are unmet. Please review the Plan Process scheme that you have in front of you.

As far as funding, the Latino HealthCare Forum asked for support from

1. Central Health / CommUnity Care
2. City of Austin Health and Human Services Department
3. St. David's Foundation

Initially, the proposal was bare bones without the ability to investigate the all important social determinants of health. Thankfully, we are now able to flesh out the Initiative to allow us to look deeper and have the community select those issues of most importance to work on.

As you can see, the City of Austin Health and Human Services and the St. David's Foundation have provided \$95,000 to cover the initial planning process and the first 8 steps of the Initiative. So far, despite a \$49 million dollar surplus from 2014 revenues and an expected increase in funds from property taxes in 2015 as compared with 2014, Central Health is still deliberating on whether they will provide the \$25,000 initially promised for the District 4/ Rundberg Initiative. I have contacted Katrina Daniel, Vice Chair of the Central Health Board of Managers, for a comment. She was unable to clarify the situation other than that it was due to the process of bureaucracy. We hope that when the Board of Managers see the effect that their assistance can have on the success of the Rundberg Initiative, that they will join our initiative.