

TURNING POINT INITIATIVE COMMUNITY REPORT ON PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

November 2002

OKLAHOMA COUNTY

- 2002 Activities
 - The Central Oklahoma Turning Point Initiative hired a facilitator to help define the scope of the initiative to design a constructive process to improve community health.
 - A Working Group was formed to begin work on initiating tasks (e.g., identify stakeholders, design a constructive process, define information and education needs, identify resource and logistical support needs, and review makeup of the convening group and expand as necessary).
 - The Working Group and Facilitator, David Chrislip, met to review “lessons learned” about successful collaboration, to clarify essential tasks for the initiating phase, and to assess the process for broad-based community inclusiveness.
 - Two breakfast meetings were convened with business leaders, educators, foundation directors, media representatives, local government leaders, the faith community and medical professionals to build awareness of health issues and enlist support and participation.
 - Funding Subcommittee Co-Chairs were recruited.
 - Job descriptions (role definitions) have been developed for the following positions: Initiative Co-Chairs, Steering Committee members, Fundraising Co-Chairs, Executive Director, and Facilitator.
 - The Steering Committee met to review/ approve job descriptions, to review/ approve the budget, to review/ complete the stakeholder list, to define next steps and schedule meeting dates in 2003 for the Initiative.

- Outcomes
 - David Chrislip, of Skillful Means, was hired to facilitate and help design a constructive process to address/ improve health status in Central Oklahoma.
 - United Way of Metro Oklahoma City hired AmeriCorps Promise Fellow, Diane Caballero, to assist with the activities of the Initiative.
 - The breakfast convening group meetings netted twelve signed commitments to endorse the project, secure funding, provide financial and or in-kind support, and help recruit stakeholders.
 - A list of potential funders has been developed.
 - The Funding Subcommittee is developing campaign plans.

- Future Plans
 - An Executive Director will be hired to manage the overall planning and implementation of the Central Oklahoma Turning Point Initiative.
 - Two business leaders committed to Co-Chair the Fundraising Subcommittee
 - A second Co-Chair will be recruited for the Initiative.
 - The stakeholder list will be expanded to ensure diversity and broad-based community inclusion.
 - The first stakeholder meeting will be held early in calendar year 2003.

- Participants
 - Ackerman McQueen
 - Association of Central Oklahoma Governments
 - B.D. Eddie Enterprises
 - Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Oklahoma
 - Catholic Charities
 - Central Oklahoma Integrated network Systems
 - Clements Food Foundation
 - Community Council of Central Oklahoma
 - Cox Communications
 - Daily Oklahoman
 - Evaluation Research Institute
 - Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce
 - Millwood Schools
 - Oklahoma City-County Health Department
 - Oklahoma City Public Schools
 - Oklahoma County Medical Society
 - Oklahoma Gas and Electric
 - Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy, Heart of OKC
 - Oklahoma Primary Care Association
 - Oklahoma State Department of Health
 - Presbyterian Health Foundation
 - St. Anthony Hospital
 - United Way of Metro OKC
 - Veterans Administration Medical Center