



## **DELTA BRIDGE HEALTH CARE GOAL TEAM**

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
DELTA AHEC

### **1. Updates on current health care issues**

- Farmers Market
  - Main Street Helena recently received two grants to fund the Farmer's Market. The first from ARCF will allow the market to purchase needed EBT equipment to allow the market to accept SNAP and EBT. The second grant from the USDA FMPP program will fund a part-time market manager for two years, as well as market supplies and promotional materials. This grant will fund a pilot fruit and veggie prescription program, working with doctors to direct their patients to eat healthily by shopping at the market.
- Teen Pregnancy Grant
  - Ollie White is leading the Teen Pregnancy Prevention project, funded through a three year Delta Bridge Project Grant. Almost all health teachers at all four public school districts in Phillips County have been trained in the appropriate curriculum, with school.
- Promise Neighborhood
  - The announcement of the 2012 Promise Neighborhood awards will be made by the end of December.
- Nurse-Family Partnership
  - A position is still being filled for this program, prior to beginning in Phillips County.
- Trails and Greenways Plan
  - Alta Greenway Planning and Design has begun work on the development of a trails and greenways plan for the city. In the short term the plan will target the development of a sidewalk and bike lane system throughout most of the town. This plan is being developed in coordination with a city parks plan. The draft plan should be ready for review by January.
- Hospital Updates
  - Arthur Nito is the new gynecologist replacing Dr. Moore who will leave in early July
  - The hospital has begun a residency program with 6 residents cycling through the hospital next year

- Both Jim and Janet expressed a need to better demonstrate community support for the residents in the hopes of keeping them in PC
- Early Childhood
  - The Baby Safety Showers have been very successful with 275 to date in 2011
  - Next year the AHEC will begin childbirth classes in February, March, April and May
  - The Education Goal Team has also moved to focus in part on early childhood, with a focus on literacy. Crossover exists with daycare provider training and other potential programs.

## **2. Updates from other committee members**

### **3. Next meeting**

- Jim and Becky will get together to suggest a date for the next meeting