

Richland County



Richland Health Network

Charter

Introduction

The Richland Health Network (RHN) was originally established in 2000 and has addressed many health issues over the years. The network has been recognized as a best-practice. In 2004, the network was instrumental in initiating the MAPP (Mobilizing Action through Partnership and Planning) community building process called "Communities In Action"(CIA). The network acts as an action group of CIA. The partners have used the network to implement collaborative efforts that address health needs in the community that are not already addressed by other "Community In Action" action groups.

Purpose

The purpose of the Richland Health Network is to integrate the work of the Sidney Health Center, Richland County Commission on Aging, and the Richland County Public Health Department in addressing Chronic Disease issues in Richland County. The role of the Richland Health Network will be:

Promote awareness of chronic diseases in Richland County

Promote prevention efforts

Promote early recognition

Promote appropriate self-care

Use best-practice interventions and utilize both primary and secondary data
to identify issues and measure success.

Use a three year planning cycle
to have sustained, comprehensive efforts and to align with the Community Health
Assessment timeline.

Committee Composition

The network is made up of representatives from the three partnering agencies: Sidney Health Center, Richland County Commission on Aging and the Richland County Health Department. Other committee members will be added as needed and to represent the population we serve.

Operating Principles

- The members are expected to: act as a conduit of information between their constituency and the Committee; solicit input from their respective constituencies; and assist in the identifying the direction of the RHN and ensuring its sustainability in Richland County.
- It is up to the discretion of the network to decide the frequency of the meetings.
- The Charter is to be reevaluated at a minimum of every three years. As the Community Building Process evolves and matures, the role, function and structure of the RHN may change substantially in an effort to sustain the Community Building Process to meet the current needs in Richland County.
- Community partners are integral components of the Community Building Process and are involved in the process through the action group structure and other avenues of public input (including, but not limited to the County-Wide Conference and Community Health Assessment)
- The network will select someone to represent the network at the CIA steering committee meetings.

Decision Making Process

- ⬇ The decision making process is not meant to be restrictive, but rather a method of keeping the process organized and with a unified direction under the Richland County Strategic Plan.
- ⬇ The consensus method will be used to make decisions.

Recommendation Process

Step 1: A "County Quality of Life Issue" is identified in the "State of the Community" County-Wide conference, another assessments, by the various action groups, or the public and brought to the CIA steering committee or the RHN directly.

Step 2: For issues in alignment with the Community Strategic Plan, the RHN members:

- ✓ Formulates a recommendation on how the issue can be resolved as well as an implementation plan.
- ✓ Decide if an issue falls under the jurisdiction of another entity, or outside of the scope of the Committee it will be directed to that entity.


Step 3: The recommendation is sent to Steering Committee via the Representative to gather feedback, input and coordination with other action groups if needed.


Step 4: The final recommendation is presented to the Steering Committee and updated on the Community Strategic Plan to be reviewed at the next "State of the Community" County-Wide Conference (or other public review session).


Committees

None at this time. They will be created as needed.

Member Signatures and Date

 3/8/16
 Sidney Health Center Representative Date
 Representative Title: Continuum of Care Administrator

 3-8-16
 Richland County Commission on Aging Date
 Representative
 Representative Title: Commission on Aging Program Director

 3/8/16
 Richland County Health Department Date
 Representative
 Representative Title: Department Administrator