

San Diego Diabetes Coalition

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History

The San Diego Diabetes Coalition first met on May 24, 2004 with the intent for its public/private business, agency and organization members to collaborate their needed resources to care for all people with diabetes in San Diego county with hopes of decreasing the severe consequences of this disease if left uncontrolled. After another year of organizational discussions and increased membership, the Coalition decided that it needed formalize its structure. With an initial grant from the County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency, the Coalition's Steering Committee was able to hire a project director to lead the organization through a strategic planning process to identify and implement a countywide response with tangible outcomes.

Our Composition

Steering Committee: Invited members with professional distinction in their represented agency, that include but are not limited to, health care providers, health associations and medical societies as well as business, government and academic interests. The Steering Committee members are responsible for providing their expertise and direction on pending issues concerning the Coalition.

Executive Committee: Three volunteer members from the Steering Committee who oversee the performance and activities of the Coalition's project director.

Project Director: The Coalition's hired their first program director in July 2005. The role and responsibilities of the director is to identify, implement and coordinate productive and beneficial collaborative efforts that will forward the Coalition's financial and programmatic development.

Funding Committee: The Funding Committee will meet at least twice yearly and will consist of representatives from the Coalition's Steering and Action Committees. The Committee will be responsible for outlining the Coalition's Pilot Project as well as author a business plan that will identify collaborative partners, program development processes and a funding strategy.

General Coalition: Open to all members of the public with interest and/or involvement in San Diego county area diabetes-related issues.

Action Committees: Policy • Prevention and Education • Access to Care • Quality of Care

Our Mission: To improve the health and well-being of all San Diego county residents at-risk or living with diabetes by facilitating high quality diabetes care that includes education and prevention.

The Coalition's work will be epitomized by: • a transparent operational structure that is collaborative and non-competitive facilitating member efforts in the use of best practices, resource sharing and fund raising • increased access to care regardless of ability to pay • improved cultural competency • development of an advocacy network that connects all service levels • a comprehensive prevention focus that includes obesity risk awareness

Our Goals

- Increase access to best practice, comprehensive outpatient diabetes care for underserved in San Diego county using a chronic care/empowerment model
- Prevent additional cases of Type II Diabetes in San Diego County and improving the awareness of prevention measures among the at-risk populations
- Create effective advocacy and policy strategies that support the SDDC mission
- Establish a coordinated-community response network to empower San Diego County residents to know their diabetes health status

For more information about the San Diego Diabetes Coalition, please contact Marti McQueen, Project Director at the contact information above. Thank you for your interest!