Community Paramedicine in Delaware County
Overview of Delaware County
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Committee Began Exploration in 2013
Committee has Grown to Include

- Fire and EMS Providers
- Local Hospital
- General Health District
- SourcePoint
- Family Physicians
- Mental Health
- Home Health Care
- County Prosecutors Office
- Helpline (2–1–1)
- Developmental Disabilities
- Jobs and Family Services
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Where are we headed??

• Identification of a Regional Approach.
• Working to identify services provided.
• Working to identify what gaps exists in service.
• Working to identify the services that can be provided.
• Working on identification of what funding.
• Working on legal aspect– Business Agreements
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Where are we looking for data?

- Evaluate State EMS repository for data
- Review ODH Data
- Evaluation of DGHD Community Health Assessment
- Review Hospital Data and Trauma Registry
- Review COT’s data
- Upon collection of data – analyze to paint picture of overall county related to disease and EMS
- Evaluate recidivism rate and identify cost savings
Delaware General Health District

Access to Care

1. Community Paramedicine included in County’s 5-Year Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

2. The CHIP was developed over 1 ½ years with community and systems assessments. Access to Care is one of five overall objectives.

3. The CHIP has support of the broader group of county residents and agencies and built-in progress reports.
First in Response to Seniors Team (FIRST)

• Cooperative Program with SourcePoint (formerly –Council for Older Adults)–MOU

• Population of Seniors over 60 will nearly double between now and 2030

• Designed to keep seniors home and independent

• Prevent repeat calls
First in Response to Seniors Team (FIRST)

- Identifies seniors who need assistance
  - In-home services
  - Meals-on-Wheels
  - Personal care
- Program is for Seniors over 60
- Social Worker located in Fire Station – 0.5 FTE
- Program Began November 5, 2012
First in Response to Seniors Team (FIRST)

Stats

- In 2014 program assisted 426 unique individuals. 2015 YTD–370 unique individuals
- Services Provided
  - Meals
  - Fall Assists
  - Emergency Response Systems
  - Social Worker intervention
  - Caregiver Support and Assistance
  - House Keeping Assistance
First in Response to Seniors Team (FIRST)

- What we Have Learned
  - Support all team members/stakeholders
  - Incorporate Service Coordinator into Department
  - Continue interaction with Service Coordinator
  - When hiring, incorporate the FD
  - Identify the outcome measure
  - Identify the communication lines
First in Response to Seniors Team (FIRST)

• What we Have Learned
  • Provide a site supervisor
  • Prepare Service Coordinator – dynamic environment
  • Streamlined referral process
  • Ensure the collection of contact information
  • Share information about the partnership
  • Address Legal/Insurance issues early
Community Paramedicine

• We are a Business!!!!

• Look and research
  • Do Not Set Boundaries
  • Look Outside Box – Europe, Canada

• Look at Partnering
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