



## SLV Diabetes Summit Partners

### Project Information Sheet

#### Project Overview

The Diabetes Summit Partners formed when local health care providers and community health workers sought to address the improvement of diabetes care and prevention in a collaborative, synergistic manner. The Partners states their mission as follows: "The Diabetes Summit Partners is a group of community organizations and individuals in the San Luis Valley dedicated to preventing or delaying the onset of diabetes, improving diabetes care, and helping prevent complications related to diabetes." The Partners' vision on how to achieve this mission is through "using a collaborative, inclusive process that is action oriented." The Diabetes Summit Partners will "make a positive difference for those affected by diabetes through improvement of care, treatment, education, and prevention in the San Luis Valley." The RMPRC is an active member of the Partners, and is studying the process as part of the Sustainable Community Academic Partnership Project. Funding is from donations (SLV Rural Healthcare Network, SLV Regional Medical Center, RMPRC, SLV Cooperative Extension).

#### Guiding values / principles

- Commitment to our mission is energized by *passion, optimism, and Intention*.
- We value innovation in seeking *creative, coordinated, multidisciplinary* solutions to improve diabetes prevention and care.
- Recognizing people's time demands, we seek to engage people through a collaborative process that is *thoughtful, efficient, and fun*.
- We strive for excellence /quality using methods that are *objective, evidence-based, and relevant* to our community.

(Adapted from the SLV Diabetes Summit Partners Mission /Vision statement, March 10, 2004.)

#### Why? A description of the health problem

Diabetes is a long-standing health problem in the San Luis Valley that is commanding ever-expanding resources in an environment of increasingly scarce resources for treatment and management. Diabetes Summit Partners seeks to enhance diabetes care, management, and prevention through a collaborative engagement with the community that identifies areas of strength and weakness, seeking to enhance the first and overcome the second.

#### Benefits of participation

Participation will result in a community based, community developed strategy to enhance diabetes care and management in the SLV.

#### Time line

Because the Partners group is not grant funded, the process is not driven by grant deadlines. Partners have been in the process of formalizing their organizational structure and seeking ways (financial and non-financial resources) to support that structure. To date the Diabetes Summit Partners have conducted two summits on diabetes care and management in the Valley (2002, 2003), with the third Summit taking place November 2004. They have formalized their structure, and clarified their mission and goals. Planning for their primary activity began in summer 2004. They have begun a comprehensive planning process using a graphic facilitation process to identify "what is" in relation to diabetes management with the goal of identifying a "where to" scenario. Planning involves how to bridge the "what is" to the "where to."

#### Partners membership

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