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Measure Health Care to Improve It (blog)

“Measure twice. Cut once.” Tried and true advice that goes for just about any project we attempt. Same goes for quality health care. While our government debates and stalls on health care reform, communities across the United States are joining together to begin discussing and dealing with our current health care meltdown.

In the Seattle area the Puget Sound Health Alliance is a group of medical professionals, insurance and pharmaceutical company personnel along with patients (consumers) joining together to take action toward making quality health care a reality for all who need it.

They are currently focusing on gathering quantitative statistics from area clinics and hospitals to establish baselines and goals, so that improvements can be implemented and most importantly---**measured!** We simply can not wait another 4 or 16 years to turn around the dive of our health care in this country. And we certainly can't depend that our elected officials will ignore their political gains on our behalf.

Last night I was able to catch a representative from a local diabetes clinic who spoke of doctors and nurses who were **volunteering** to help the many uninsured diabetics get the treatment needed. VOLUNTEERED---Shades of JFK, “Ask not...”

If only we stand up across the country and say, LET US BEGIN. We will live together or die alone. That too is tried and true. Read about the alliance in Washington THE STATE and see if **your** community is getting involved. If not, maybe you can begin measuring.

<http://www.pugetsoundhealthalliance.org/index.html>

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