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New Mexico Cancer Council – Rural Health Equity Workgroup

Date: Friday January 26th, 2021

Time: 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Location: Virtual- Zoom meeting

Participants: All participants by Zoom- Angela Meisner, Jess Quiring, Isela Garcia, Colleen Sullivan-Moore, Remona Benally, Prajakta Adsul, Yan Lin, Audrey Simplicio, Suzanne Gagnon, Jessica Veleta, Amanda Nieto, and Joseph O'Dell

Agenda Items

- I. The workgroup reviewed the on-going Action Items:
 - a. Administrative
 1. Member introductions and new members:
 - a. Suzanne is a Nurse Practitioner at the UNM CCC. PhD in health policy, interested in Native American and rural health
 - b. Amanda is a patient navigator at the NM Cancer Center
 - c. Jessica is an intern with the UNM CCC Community Outreach and Engagement program. She is an undergrad in population health sciences at UNM.
 2. Add Audrey, Jessica, Amanda, and Suzanne to dropbox
 - b. Outreach to Stakeholders and Other Interested Parties
 - i. REDCap
 1. Still live—will continue to be live till further notice
 - c. Elevator speech
 1. Tabled to next meeting
 - d. Rural Health Equity White Paper
 - i. Angela provided a recap of a presentation given to the workgroup in 2018 in which the workgroup decided on which definitions of rural and frontier to adopt.
 1. Based on the presentation, Angela refreshed the workgroup of the adopted definitions: RUCCA and FAR codes.
 2. Rural definitions are necessary for the mapping portion of the project and some parts of the incidence and prevalence data.
 3. Group is relying on Yan Lin for the creation of the maps
 - a. Yan is a professor of Geography at UNM.
 - ii. Tone of the white paper:
 1. Paper will be interdisciplinary; meant for a broad range of audiences
 - a. Suzanne asked if legislators/legislative session would be an audience; Workgroup answer: Yes.

2. Discussion from workgroup was that white paper should not be too technical. Want it to be able to be read by public.
 3. White paper should include definitions.
 4. Suzanne brought up an addendum section of the white paper to contain more technical/professional writing
- iii. Defining our disciplines
 1. Data
 2. Patient navigation
 3. Community outreach/education
 4. Patient advocacy
 5. Border communities
 6. Native American perspective
 7. Clinical perspective
 - iv. Workgroup will add a defining disciplines section to the “dropbox paper” in the workgroup dropbox. Workgroup members can brainstorm and add their area of expertise to the outline.
 - v. Use of the New Mexico Cancer Plan to guide area of foci for the white paper: Yes.
 - vi. New Mexico Perspective vs National Perspective; one of the purposes of the paper is to highlight the unique characteristics of healthcare and cancer care in the largely rural, cultural diverse state of New Mexico
 1. How to approach intersectionality in the paper
 - a. Questions were raised on what is meant by intersectionality; answer was looking at multiple disciplines and how they can exacerbate health issues.
 - b. There was discussion on the use of the word intersectionality; intersectionality is used in the Black/African-American community and has strong connotations. Workgroup does not want conflicting messages in the white paper and will determine a better word/phrase to describe the combined effects of social determinants of health and rural nature on health in New Mexico.
- e. Map
 - i. Not discussed
 - f. Regional snapshot
 - i. Not discussed
 - g. Collaborative projects
 - i. Not discussed
- II. Announcements and Open Discussion
 - a. Cancer Support Now has a program for travel assistance; for more information contact Collen Sullivan-Moore
 - b. NMSU is creating and distributing a social media education outreach campaign regarding the covid-19 vaccine
 - c. Simone has a UNM CCC COE project survey for screen 4 life campaign. Gift cars available for participants
 - III. Action Items

- a. Jess to add Audrey, Suzanne, Jessica, and Amanda to the drop box
- b. Angela to add dropbox link to agenda

IV. Future Meeting Dates: 2021

March 26

April 23

May 28 (note Memorial Day is 5/31)

June 25

July 23

August 27

September 24

October 22

November/December TBD