

**MINUTES**  
**New Mexico Cancer Council – Rural Health Equity Workgroup**

**Date:** Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

**Location:** Virtual- Zoom meeting

**Participants:** All participants by Zoom- Jess Quiring, Angela Meisner, Isela Garcia, Colleen Sullivan-Moore, Joseph O'Dell, Suzanne Gagnon, Audrey Simplicio,

**Agenda Items**

- I. The workgroup reviewed the on-going Action Items:
  - a. Administrative
    - i. Introductions were made, and previous meeting minutes approved.
    - ii. Suzanne and Audrey are having issues accessing drop box.
      1. Issue is believed to be a UNM access issue. Both will try to access outside of their work computers
    - iii. Susan Anderson email did not work
      1. Jess said, Susan retired and to remove name from contact list.
    - iv. No new members to introduce
    - v. Jess and Angela announced to the workgroup they will be stepping down as co-chairs of the workgroup. Both have been co-chairs for three years.
      1. Isela Garcia has been named a chair for the workgroup. Angela and Jess would like to name a co-chair with Isela. Attendees were asked to email Jess and Angela if interested in co-chairing. An email will be sent out to the workgroup with announcement of change of leadership and to seek interest in co-chairing
      2. Jess and Angela will remain as executive committee liaisons.
    - vi. Workgroup decided to keep the May meeting date as is, for May 28<sup>th</sup>.
      1. This is the Friday before Memorial Day.
  - b. Outreach to Stakeholders and Other Interested Parties
    - i. REDCap
      1. According to IRB approval, survey was approved through January 2020. Given current date and no recent participation in the survey, the REDCap survey will be closed as of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.
      2. Talking script and survey questions will still be available in the workgroup dropbox, for reference or for individual questioning of stakeholders.
      3. Suzanne, asked what the data from the survey will be used for.
        - a. Angela reminded the workgroup the survey was non-scientific, did not included random sampling, so data cannot be used for scientific writing—per IRB approval

- b. Data from the survey was to identify cancer resources throughout New Mexico, identify themes of cancer resource needs, identify new workgroup stakeholders.
    - i. Goal of the survey was to help populate infographic maps of the public health regions.
  - 4. Responses from the survey are available in a PowerPoint on the workgroup dropbox
- c. Elevator speech
  - i. Jess has completed the elevator speech and will send to Joseph and/or upload to dropbox to distribute to the workgroup for feedback and editing.
- d. Regional Data Snapshots
  - i. Angela now has access to county level cancer surveillance data through 2018.
  - ii. Angela will create a draft of a public health region data snapshot for review at the next workgroup meeting
- e. Map
  - i. Map task force has not met since previous workgroup meeting.
    - 1. Nothing to report
  - ii. If workgroup members would like to join the task force, please email Jess.
  - iii. Jess mentioned the map task force recruitment may be shared with non-workgroup members if interested in assisting
  - iv. Isela is scheduled to have an undergraduate intern this summer, that individual may be able to help.
- f. Rural Health Equity White Paper
  - i. Isela gave a recap of the white paper discussions of the March meeting
    - 1. Dropbox was organized
    - 2. Use of the words intersectionality and intersection were discussed.
      - a. Workgroup decided to use intersection instead of intersectionality due to context of the latter word.
      - b. Interconnectedness may also be used
  - ii. Workgroup members are encouraged to contribute to the outline of the white paper in dropbox
    - 1. If you have the subject area as someone else in the workgroup, you are encouraged to reach out to that individual to discuss your shared subject area
    - 2. Jess and Angela will review contributions to the outline.
- g. Collaborative projects
  - i. Joseph brought it to the attention of Jess and the workgroup that members of the DOH Comprehensive Cancer Program and Prajakta Adsul has participated in a policy, systems, environment change workshop held by George Washington University Cancer Center and American Cancer Society. An outcome of the workshops was the identification of a goal and the planning

process to achieve the goal. The participant group set a colorectal cancer related goal involving increasing access to information related to colorectal cancer in rural New Mexico. One of the steps to achieving the goal was increasing collaboration and information sharing among the colorectal cancer and the rural health equity.

1. Joseph said there are no tangible actions step yet, but he is the lead for connecting the two workgroups, given his role with both workgroups.

## II. Announcements and Open Discussion

- a. New Mexico Cancer Center recently restarted their wig and headwear exchange. For more information contact Jess.
- b. UNM Cancer Center Community Outreach and Engagement will be posting a position for a program specialist soon. Check the UNM jobs website periodically for more information and to apply.
- c. Cancer Support Now has their annual survivors conference on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The conference is virtual and provides CME's for community health workers/representatives

## III. Action Items

- a. A large email will be sent to the workgroup containing the following:
  - i. Announcement of change of leadership; seeking co-chair with Isela
  - ii. Sharing draft of elevator speech and asking for feedback
  - iii. Map task force recruitment
  - iv. Contributions to the white paper outline and review by Jess and Angela

## IV. Future Meeting Dates: 2021

May 28

June 25

July 23

August 27

September 24

October 22

November/December TBD