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New Mexico Cancer Council – Rural Health Equity Workgroup

Date: Friday January 22nd, 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, Dakotah Jim, Simone Guambana, Cindy Blair, Joseph O'Dell

Agenda Items

- I. The workgroup reviewed the on-going Action Items:
 - a. Administrative
 1. Member introductions and previous meeting minutes' review
 - a. Minutes were approved as written
 2. Colleen, Simone, and Audrey will be added to dropbox
 3. Workgroup chair and Joseph will review member list for any contacts to remove, due to inactivity
 - b. Outreach to Stakeholders and Other Interested Parties
 - i. REDCap
 1. Still live—will continue to be live till further notice
 2. UNM COE can potentially share the survey with their health council contacts
 - c. Elevator speech
 - i. Jess suggested the workgroup come up with an elevator speech when connecting with people in cancer related activities or regular job duty activities
 1. In plain language the elevator speech will explain who we are, what we do, and how we can help
 2. Elevator speech is not exclusive for community assessment outreach, but rather when the topic of rural health, equity, cancer resources in New Mexico or all the above come up in conversation
 3. Jess will send her ideas for/draft of the elevator speech to the workgroup (or to Joseph to distribute)
 4. Elevator speech can condense the information from the intro to the community assessment/call script; mainly convert to plain language.
 - d. Rural Health Equity White Paper
 - i. At the December meeting the workgroup chairs bought the idea to the workgroup of completing a white paper examining the intersection of rural health equity and cancer care in New Mexico

1. At the December meeting, workgroup approved moving forward with this as a tangible project/goal for the workgroup moving forward
2. A related topic brought up at the December meeting and briefly brought up was funding. Jess will handle the discussion moving forward about funding for this project
- ii. Workgroup conducted an open discussion on the white paper:
 1. White paper should contain/cover topics such as:
 - a. Cancer prevention
 - b. Tumor registry data
 - c. Speak on diversity of RHE workgroup
 - d. Cover a background of NM, rely on community assessment results (conducted by RHE workgroup), NM cancer plan
 - e. Identify barriers—geographic, insurance coverage, cultural diversity
 - f. Process analysis for individual communities
 - g. How is NM rural context unique (compared to national narrative) and the intersectionality with other social determinants of health
 - h. Articulate opinions and different perspectives from county to county
 - i. Provide the rural context, paint the picture of what rural New Mexico is and what it is like to receive healthcare in New Mexico
 - j. What it means to face cancer in rural New Mexico
 - k. Give a New Mexico definition of rural
 - l. Information sharing
 2. Question: how do (we intend to) use the white paper
 - a. Allow for communities, populations to have their voice heard
 3. COPE program has worked on grant for technology sharing
 4. White paper intent is something that can be given to colleagues to inform them on the issue of rural health equity and cancer care in New Mexico.
 5. Jess mentioned there is a new Primary Care provider at NM Cancer Center that could provide perspective
 6. New Mexico Cancer Plan can serve as a resource; especially the implementing the NM cancer plan in native American communities
 7. Related: Yan mentioned after conducting a literature review she found four relevant publications that examine geography and cancer outcomes
 - a. Yan can share with the workgroup
 - b. Point out in the white paper, the lack of evidence/research on rural/geographic outcomes on cancer is a reason for the white paper.
 8. Next step is for workgroup chairs to create a plan to guide future discussion

e. Map

- i. Not discussed
 - f. Regional snapshot
 - i. Not discussed
 - g. Collaborative projects
 - i. Not discussed
- II. Announcements and Open Discussion
- III. Action Items
 - a. Jess to add Audrey, Simone, and Colleen to the dropbox
 - b. Angela and Jess create a plan to guide future conversations on the white paper
 - c. Yan to share the four articles she found and reviewed during literature review
- IV. Future Meeting Dates: 2021
 - February 26
 - 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