

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

**Date:** Friday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

**Location:** Virtual- Zoom meeting

**Participants:** All participants by Zoom- Jess Quiring, Isela Garcia, Colleen Sullivan-Moore, Remona Benally, Prajakta Adsul, Yan Lin, Simone Guambana

**Agenda Items**

- I. The workgroup reviewed the on-going Action Items:
  - a. Administrative
    - i. No email or dropbox issues
    - ii. No new members to introduce
  - 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. Workgroup has specific conversation on use of the word intersectionality. Prajakta and Jess conducted research on the use of the word and alternative words.
      1. Workgroup will not use the word intersectionality but could use intersection. The addition of -ality, connotes a different meaning the workgroup does not intend to use.
      2. Interconnectedness would work, but does not provoke the same meaning as intersection
    - ii. Workgroup members provided an overview of their contributions to the living summary/outline project
      1. Isela brought up that there is a lack of current evidence/scientific support for her area; border health.
        - a. Potential stakeholder identified who could contribute to this area are Yadira Aguero and Travis Leyva with the office of border health.
      2. Jess brought up that her area, patient support, would also lack some scientific evidence and reference. Colleen would also contribute to this area
    - iii. Due to the small attendance at the meeting, workgroup took some time to organize the dropbox folder.

1. Colleen has created an outline of her area of expertise; patient advocacy and patient navigation. Her outline was added to the live outline
  2. Prajakta created a resources folder and dropbox paper for resources to be shared within the workgroup.
- e. Map
- i. Not discussed
- f. Regional snapshot
- i. Not discussed
- 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. Yan recently facilitated a webinar. A link to the webinar will be posted in the dropbox resources folder.
  - b. Joseph provided a recap of the recent cancer council meeting; AAIHB presentation, Cecily from ACS on cancer screening + covid resources presentation, and workgroup update presentations.
- III. Action Items
- a. None to report
- IV. Future Meeting Dates: 2021
- April 23  
 May 28 (note Memorial Day is 5/31)  
 June 25  
 July 23  
 August 27  
 September 24  
 October 22  
 November/December TBD