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New Mexico Cancer Council – Rural Health Equity Workgroup

Date: Friday September 25th, 2020

Time: 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Location: Virtual- Zoom meeting

Participants: All participants by Zoom- Angela Meisner, Joseph O'Dell, Vicki Nakagawa, Audrey Simplicio, Simone Guambana, Patricia Torn, Jess Quiring, Leslie Byatt, Isela Garcia, Dolores Guest, Cindy Blair

Agenda Items

- I. The workgroup reviewed the on-going Action Items:
 - a. Administrative
 1. Joseph shared three emails that no longer work/go through.
 - a. Jess will reach out regarding two of the emails; Fran Robinson and Deb Albin.
 - b. Angela will reach out to David Briseno at La Casa about the third non-working email which belonged to a La Casa staff member.
 2. Member introductions and previous meeting minutes' review
 - a. Minutes were approved as written
 - b. Patricia Torn's name was added in a correction sent out prior to the meeting.
 - b. Outreach to Stakeholders and Other Interested Parties
 - i. REDCap
 1. Still live—will continue to be live till further notice
 2. Angela gave a presentation of all the survey results through 09/24/2020.
 - a. Thus far there have been a total of 75 respondents to the survey, including 55 completions.
 3. Angela will share the presentation with the workgroup and upload the presentation to dropbox.
 4. Workgroup had a discussion about revising existing survey questions and adding new questions.
 - a. Angela and Jess asked workgroup members to review responses included in the presentation and brainstorm edits or additional questions
 - b. Potential edits and additions will be shared at the next workgroup meeting

- c. One potential additional question is the availability of internet in your community.
 - i. Cindy B. found two sources of internet availability questions during a search during the meeting. She will look into the two sources.
 - ii. Workgroup will consider comparing community survey responses to an internet availability question to the two other sources found by Cindy.
 - 5. Outreach is still needed to recruit survey participants.
 - a. Workgroup chairs ask if workgroup members are comfortable to continue to conduct outreach.
 - c. Map
 - i. Mapping task force, consisting of Yan Lin, Jess Quiring, Lindsay Walker and Deb Openden, met to discuss creating maps.
 - 1. Focus of the maps so far will be transportation, lodging and gas assistance.
 - 2. Map will also include clinic/providers though exact form is not yet known.
 - d. Regional snapshot
 - i. Angela did not have access to the necessary data to create a mock-snapshot
 - e. Collaborative projects
 - i. Dolores Guest, a Research Assistant Professor with the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center, presented a current project she is leading- Elevating Nutrition Services in Outpatient Cancer Centers
 - ii. Environmental scan will begin in September 2020, facility surveys will occur in October and November 2020, and interviews with patients will occur between January and May 2021.
 - iii. Workgroup can help Dolores make connections to cancer centers.
 - II. Announcements and Open Discussion
 - a. Friday October 3rd is the New Mexico Public Health Association's Annual Conference.
 - i. Cancer Outreach Core at NMSU, including Isela Garcia, will be presenting at the conference.
 - b. Workgroup will discuss the November and December meetings at the October meeting.
 - III. Action Items
 - a. Workgroup members are to review the responses included in presentation and brainstorm edits to existing questions and potential new questions
 - b. Cindy will review two existing sources on internet availability and report on their appropriateness for use by the workgroup.
 - IV. Future Meeting Dates: 2020

October 23rd
November/December TBD