

Health Disparities Committee Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, July 15, 2008
 9:30 am – 11:30 am
 Location: Arizona Cancer Center, Tucson
 Conference Call-in number 866-762-4504 pscd: 7123018

Attendees: Agnes Attakai, Sylvia Brown, Hector Cariello, Tim Flood, Francisco Garcia, Jana Granillo, Doug Hirano, Sharon Jaycox, Angie Lorenzo, Catherine Marshall, Tomas Nuño, Veronica Perez, Jennifer Prissel, Kendra Sabol, Denise Steinbach, Kristina Valenzuela, Teresa Wall
 On Phone: Cynthia Claus, Nancy Johnson, Jeanette Honey, Nate Smith, Fred Taylor
 Apologies: Victor Carrasco

Agenda Items	Discussion	Follow-up Items
Review of previous Minutes	Minutes from the 2/27/08 meeting were reviewed and approved by committee.	
Introduction	Introductions were made. All new and existing committee members welcomed by Co-chairs Sharon Jaycox and Veronica Perez.	
Presentation	Dr. Francisco Garcia, Director of the UA Center of Excellence in Women's Health gave a presentation. The Center has been funded by the CDC for a cervical cancer prevention and outreach project, focused on underserved and Latina women. After the presentation, several opportunities for collaboration with the health disparities committee were identified, including expanding outreach to counties outside of Pima County, training, and information exchange.	Committee chairs will follow-up with Dr. Garcia to collaborate on future projects, and identify specific partnership opportunities
Community contact report	Jana Granillo presented an update on the community contact report. The purpose of the report is to identify organizations for community involvement, planning and partnership with the AZCC. She has received 25 forms from organizations in 8 different counties. The main gap identified is information from missing counties such as Mojave, Coconino, Greenlee, La Paz, Gila, Graham. She plans to contact the ones that have responded to ask if they are interested in partnering with the Coalition for community planning.	Jana will conduct another round of solicitations, focusing on the missing counties. She will look at prevalence maps and other analyses.
Community planning & matrix	Veronica stated that the identification of these county and community level organizations is the first step toward community planning. By identifying partners, the Coalition can move to community-level planning and translate the state cancer plan to the county level. The Coalition can provide communities with the tools necessary to do this. Veronica mentioned that there are models of this process from other states, and she will research them for the next meeting. Veronica asked Tim Flood to give a quick overview of the matrix tools that have	Veronica will summarize other state models of community cancer planning for the committee and report at the next meeting. Dr. Flood will continue to work with Doug Hirano and others in

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	<p>been developed and are being tested in a couple of communities. Tim explained the process and origin of the matrix, including the evidenced-based information and proven interventions. The purpose of the matrices is to engage communities to address cancer disparities among racial/ethnic groups – Asian/PI, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, African American. The emphasis is on primary prevention and early detection. At this point, all the matrices are complete and the Coalition is ready to engage communities, some are already underway. The key components in engaging communities will be 1) identifying themselves as a community and 2) identify what is important in the community.</p> <p>The committee engaged in a discussion regarding prostate cancer and the fact that the US Preventive Services Task Force does not have an evidence-based intervention that can be added to the matrix. The research is varied in the extent to which PSA screenings are reported to impact mortality rates. Fred Taylor expressed concern that the matrices (specifically for the African American community) did not list prostate cancer in the top 5 to address. The committee did not come to a conclusion, other than to determine that we need a better way to address this issue so that it is not viewed as a low priority.</p> <p>Dr. Garcia stated that “evidence-based” in a community is based on perception. He further stated that evidence is not perfect, but still a big issue and sometimes it is best to give in to what the community identifies as a need.</p> <p>Veronica reiterated that the matrices are not intended to be prescriptive; they are a tool to be used for education and movement toward action. Dr. Garcia commented that the information in the matrix is digestible and felt that he could walk someone through the information.</p>	<p>the utilization of the matrices.</p> <p>The committee will need to discuss the best way to address prostate cancer, especially when working with the African American community.</p>
<p>Cancer 101</p>	<p>Denise Steinbach presented an overview of Cancer 101, developed for American Indian tribes in the Northwest. It is a basic cancer education curriculum, containing 7 modules that give an introduction and overview of cancer. This module has been adapted to Spanish and there has been some delivery of the module in AZ.</p> <p>Jana stated that it is important to identify community champions for community education. Cancer 101 is a tool that can be used in the community planning effort.</p> <p>Doug Hirano stated that he is ready to bring in the Asian/PI community to look at the matrix (July 26) and test the interest of the group on the matrix. He mentioned the tobacco RFGA that has been released, emphasizing community readiness and assessments and that the matrix can fit into that project.</p>	<p>Doug Hirano and Tim Flood will work together to give a presentation on the matrix to the Asian/PI community.</p> <p>Cynthia will obtain a copy of the community mobilization tool developed by SPIPA and forward to Sharon to share with the committee.</p> <p>Veronica will research funding</p>

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	<p>Cynthia Claus stated that Cancer 101 was a result of an NCI funded Spirit of Eagles project. Also, Navajo Nation has received funding to translate the curriculum for providers, then to the community in the next year. There is a coalition of tribes that have presented the curriculum over the past year. She also stated that there is a cancer planning tool, developed by the South Puget Sound inter-tribal planning agency, which has been rolled out to several tribal communities.</p> <p>Jana stated that the Health Disparities Center at ADHS can serve as a partner in helping to build capacity of communities engaged in cancer planning.</p> <p>Veronica stated that she can research funding sources for community level cancer planning.</p> <p>Dr. Garcia stated that we need to keep in mind that who the “convincers” are in a community depends on the community itself.</p>	<p>sources for community cancer planning and report findings to the committee at the next meeting.</p>
Misc.	<p>A new committee co-chair has been identified for the committee. Victor Carrasco of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society has accepted the position of co-chair, to replace Veronica Perez. Veronica has committed to staying on the committee as an active member.</p> <p>Kendra announced that the Undy 5000, a colorectal cancer walk/run event will occur on November 15, 2008 in Tempe, AZ. For more information, go to www.undy5000.org.</p> <p>The SW Prostate Cancer Foundation is hosting a culinary event and wine tasting.. Fred also announced free prostate cancer screenings and educational symposiums scheduled for this year. Please contact Fred Taylor for more information.</p> <p>The next AZCC Coalition meeting will be September 24, 2008 at the Scottsdale Shea HealthCare Center. The theme is lung cancer.</p> <p>Sharon Jaycox announced lay health educator trainings in October. Contact Sharon Jaycox for more information.</p> <p>Dr. Garcia thanked and acknowledged several of his staff that have been working</p>	<p>Victor will begin serving as co-chair with Sharon Jaycox at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>Denise will send the committee an abstract on the “Using What Works” tool to the committee.</p>

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