

Health Disparities Committee Meeting Minutes
 July 28,2009
 10:00AM-12:00PM
 Arizona Department of Health Services
 150 N. 18th Ave, Room 345A
 Phoenix, AZ
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Attendees: Victor Carrasco, Hector Cariello, Doug Hirano, Sharon Jaycox, , Norm Peterson, Sherryl Lewis, On Phone: Teresa Wall, Teresa Aseret-Manygoats, Jennifer Hernandez, Michael Trujillo

Agenda Items	Discussion	Follow-up Items
Review of previous Minutes	Minutes from the 1/13/2009 meeting were reviewed and approved by committee.	
Welcome and Introduction	Introductions were made. All new and existing committee members welcomed by Co-chairs Sharon Jaycox and Victor Carrasco	
Reports By sub-Committee	<p>Hispanic Subcommittee: Victor reports that met with ADHS Health Disparities Center to understand their role and activities in relation to the Cancer in Hispanics; met with “Committee on Aging” and discovered although group is made up of Hispanic media organizations it was not an appropriate group to share the Matrix Info.; met with Dr. Helena Martinez and Dr. Francisco Garcia on Hispanics and Cancer in S AZ; Dr. Martinez advised of new Health Disp. Institute at U of A.</p> <p>Native American Subcommittee: Dr. Trujillo reports he attended the NCI meeting in Bethesda a few weeks ago and reports that one of the new initiatives that the NCI will be to increase education on bio-specimen collection and banking.</p> <p>Asian/Pacific Islander Subcommittee: Doug Hirano wants to make the Committee aware of the continuing “Health Through Action” project that was started in Jan. 2008 to includes dealing with Cancer in the A/PI community. He further reports as part of this project a series of randomized phone surveys have been conducted in the Chinese and Korean communities. He advises in keeping with BRFS, the survey included utilization/screening behavior relating to: smoking, mammography, pap smears, and colonoscopies.</p> <p>African-American Subcommittee: Sharon Jaycox reports that she continues to work with the “Center for African American Health” after their relocation and new opening. She reports that the dissemination of information will continue to this center and community. She also report continuing to work</p>	

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	<p>the SISTAS of AZ which targets specifically the African-American community but usually works with any other individuals regardless of ethnic background.</p>	
<p>Overview of Pilot: SESRCD</p>	<p>Helena Degadu from APA calls in to discuss the Socioeconomic Status Related Cancer Disparities Program (SESRCD). It is a CDC funded program to enhance and coordinate cancer prevention and control activities in underserved populations (6-7 Hour training). It will utilize local volunteer behavioral scientists and online tools to help individual participating in this training to implement the goals of the training. It is an initiative that will be piloted in NY, DC, and MD. The training will be held as an AZ Coalition Quarterly meeting on 9/9/09.</p>	
<p>EDICT Report</p>	<p>Sharon reports the involvement of the 6/3 & 6/4 Research Committee and HD Committee on Eliminating Disparities in Clinical Trials (EDICT) training workshops. 6/3 was headed by Dr. Nodora at the U of A and concentrated on Native Americans. The 6/4 workshop was headed by Sharon Jaycox and had two components: in the AM it was a professional workshop in dealing with eliminating disparities in clinical trials and the PM session dealt with a community forum in which representatives from each identified HD Committee group spoke regarding clinical trials and how it related to their group.</p>	
<p>Misc.</p>	<p>Brief report on AZ Cancer Control Coalition Statewide Meeting on Childhood Cancer 6/30/09. Report of evaluation/recommendation is available via email if any of the HD would like a copy (30 page report; too long to review at this meeting).</p> <p>Sharon reports on “Empowering Communities to Addressing Disparities in Arizona” poster that was presented at a national conference on cancer. The poster includes all of the Matrices. This poster is available for any HD committee member that would like to utilize it for presentations, etc. (it is approximately 4’x8’)</p>	
<p>Future Projects</p>	<p>A discussion began on how the HD Committee can also make a difference in the covered communities as a whole. Doug Hirano suggests to further involve the committee on advocacy/policy change and how we can influence systemic changes. He further clarifies that since we continue to work in our individuals groups that maybe all of these groups may have some common</p>	<p>1) Send out an email requesting from HD Committee what are some of the systemic issues or policy changes that are preventing</p>

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	issues that can only be addressed through policy or systemic changes.	their respective groups from accessing cancer prevention tests/exams, treatment or follow up care. 2) Draft a Memorandum from the HD Committee with all the common issues amongst the communities 3) Invite Chair of Advocacy to address some of those issues or to see if they are being/been addressed at the local/state level at next HD Meeting
Next Meeting Date	Date: 10/8/09 Location: TBD (Tentatively Tucson, AZ) Time: 10AM	Victor will follow up with Dr. Martinez for her to present to HD Committee her HD Institute at the U of A.