



Spokane Health Equity in Disasters Task Force Meeting #2 Summary

Meeting Minutes Date: October 19, 2023

Time: 10 am PT

Location: Zoom

Meeting Called To Order By: Robin Albrandt

In Attendance:

- Robin Albrandt
- Dawn Skaggs
- Denise Grimm (Dee)
- Todd Holloway
- Jim House
- Sarah Nuss
- Steven Peck
- Erin Ferrier
- Virginia Matheny

Meeting Start: Robin Albrandt called the meeting to order, thanking everyone for their patience and attendance despite technical issues.

Introductions: Each participant introduced themselves, including their name, pronouns, and respective roles. Introductions included:

- Robin Albrandt - Local Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at Spokane Regional Health District.
- Todd Holloway - Disability Inclusion Advisor for the Center for Independence in Lakewood, WA, and the Washington State Coalition for Inclusive Emergency Planning.
- Jim House - Disability Coordinator for All Inclusion and for Emergency Preparedness.
- Sarah Nuss - Emergency Management Director for the City of Spokane.
- Steven Peck - Communications Program participant, responsible for emergency preparedness for Deaf people and hard of hearing.
- Susan



- Erin - Representing EAC, previously known as Index, Center for Independent Living, and DAC Northeast.
- Virginia Matheny - Hub Coordinator for Better Health Together and an advanced user for the Lead Navigator organization.
- Susan (not available) - Inland Behavioral Health.

Comments and Invitations:

- Various participants made comments and invitations, suggesting the inclusion of more nursing representation.
- The need to invite tribal members, BIPOC communities, and the LGBTQIA2S+ community for broader representation was emphasized.
- Suggestions were made to invite healthcare systems to the task force, as they can provide insights into access to healthcare during disasters.

Invitation Status: Robin provided insight into the status of invitations, indicating that some invitees, like Summer from Red Cross, were missing. Further outreach would be necessary.

Public Officials: Todd suggested involving elected officials who can listen to and represent the project within the community and city.

Task Force Playbook: Christina presented the task force's website, where resources, meeting minutes, and the task force playbook can be accessed. She emphasized the importance of making resources available to all members.

Facilitators' Introduction: Dawn Skaggs introduced the facilitators, mentioning that they were working on improving the website and would provide more materials.

Update from the Previous Meeting: Dee Grimm gave a brief review of the topics covered during the previous meeting. She discussed the importance of addressing local disparities and forming actionable plans to rectify them.

Discussion and Next Steps: The meeting participants had a productive discussion, sharing insights and suggestions on who should be invited to the task force and how to address the issue of non-responsive invitees.

Meeting Minutes Continued: Following this discussion, the meeting minutes continued, summarizing the participants' input on the questions asked in the previous meeting's homework. The meeting minutes emphasized that these responses would direct the task force's work in the future.

Homework Review:

- Participants' responses were discussed regarding:
 - Suggestions for building the task force.



- Identifying the work that should be built upon.
- What is currently working within the community.
- Challenges that community members are facing.
- What the task force should work on.

Ongoing Questions: Dee emphasized that these questions would be continuously explored and that the task force would keep building on the responses.

Next Steps: Dee also mentioned that they would further investigate the topics and resources mentioned in the homework. She highlighted the plan to use self-assessment surveys to gather more data and information.

Upcoming Meeting: The next task force meeting was scheduled for November 16, and the facilitators committed to resolving any technical issues.

Closing Remarks: Robin thanked all the participants and encouraged them to reach out as needed. She assured that the information from the chat and additional questions would be addressed and shared with the participants before the next meeting.