



Meeting minutes- San Patricio Health Equity Task Force Meeting #5

Date/Time: February 13, 2024, 10:30 am – 11:30 pm central time

Attendees:

Tim Dominguez

Judy Telge

Janna Shoe

Sylvia Balli

Melissa Escamilla

Valerie Gutierrez

Meeting Facilitators:

- Christina Alfaro
- Denise Grimm
- Katy Hernandez

Executive Summary:

- The meeting primarily revolved around the concerns and confusions regarding the Task Force Demographic Survey.
- Suggestions were made to rephrase questions, clarify language and purpose of the survey to ensure accurate demographic capture.
- Four people identified as part of the deaf or hard of hearing community, but no requests for hearing-related accommodations were made, raising concerns about the clarity of survey questions.
- The meeting also touched upon the subject of community surveys. The speakers emphasized the importance of accurate stakeholder input.
- A recommendation was made to look at the 2-1-1 categories and the Aging Disability Resource Directory for changes to the survey fields.
- In the meeting, the speakers discussed the importance of agency self-identification for people with disabilities when accessing services.
- Discussions were also held about the distribution of the survey.
- The group was given homework to retake the task force demographics survey.
- Potential partner suggestions for survey distribution included KCOS, WIC, school districts, and libraries.

Meeting Notes:

Task Force Demographic Survey

- Dee Grimm initiated the discussion about the Task Force Demographic Survey. The survey aims to understand the composition of the task force.
- The survey contains 3 questions. The first question asked about self-identification as a stakeholder. There was confusion over the term 'stakeholder'. Suggestions were made to change the language to 'I am a member of the population represented or listed below'.

- The second question asked which population members worked with. Most responses were from those working with individuals with mental health disabilities.
- There were concerns raised about whether the survey is capturing data from people in San Patricio County. Plans to resend the survey for clarity were discussed.

Survey Questions and Clarifications

- Confusion was expressed about the survey categories, such as 'non-governmental organizations' (NGOs) and 'associations'. Janna Shoe suggested separating these categories to avoid confusion and add categories for social services and non-profits.
- Judy Telge recommended reviewing the 2-1-1 categories and the Aging Disability Resource Directory for better survey fields.
- The team addressed the need to clarify the survey language and provide examples to help respondents identify their categories accurately.

Community Surveys and Service Providers

- The group discussed the community surveys sent out. Dee Grimm emphasized the importance of accurately capturing stakeholders and clients' input.
- The group reviewed questions related to race, ethnicity, disability, and experience working with disabilities.
- The challenges that service providers perceive when working with people with disabilities were addressed.

Agency Self-Identification and Emergency Response

- The group discussed the importance of agency self-identification for people with disabilities when accessing services.
- Experiences with emergency or disaster response and related challenges were also addressed.
- Dee Grimm highlighted the need for training related to disabilities and the importance of understanding perceptions versus reality in terms of agency awareness about health equity and implicit bias.

Survey Distribution and Deadlines

- The group discussed potential partners for survey distribution, including KCOS, WIC, school districts, and libraries.
- Members were assigned to review and provide feedback on the community surveys and task force survey by March 12th and identify potential survey recipients.
- Christina reminded the group to send all distribution contact information to Kimberly.
- Dee Grimm proposed gathering responses to the demographic survey by March 4th or 5th to allow time for compiling the information.

End of Meeting Minutes