



Meeting Minutes #3- Spokane Health Equity Task Force

Date: November 16, 2023

Time: 10 am PT

Location: Zoom

Present:

- Dawn Skaggs
- Christina Alfaro
- Denise Grim (Dee)
- Robin Albrandt
- Virginia Matheny
- Todd Holloway
- Jim House
- Erin Ferrier
- Sara Welty
- Karsyn Hanson
- Steven Peck

Meeting Facilitators:

- Dawn Skaggs
- Christina Alfaro
- Denise Grimm (Dee)
- Robin Albrandt

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of Previous Meeting
3. Introduction to the Task Force Website
4. Discussion on Homework Questions
5. Exploring Additional Invitations

Meeting Notes:

Introductions and Aim of the Meeting

- The importance of reviewing meeting minutes and agendas emphasized.
- The group tasked with reaching out to non-present invitees, mainly direct service providers and private industry representatives.
- Difficulty noted in getting private industry representatives to participate.

Representation and Collaboration



- Todd Holloway suggested cross-collaboration between the Community Collaborative and the Coalition for Inclusive Emergency Planning.
- Need for proper representation without making the group size inefficient was noted.
- Transportation and education groups are yet to be represented.
- Discussion about the intertwined nature of transportation and housing crises.
- Need to involve the aging services and long-term care facilities in discussions regarding health disparities noted.
- Inclusion of persons with disabilities and hard of hearing groups such as the Hearing Loss Association in Washington and the DeafBlind Service Center suggested.

Community Engagement and Assessment

- Survey to be sent out to the group to gather information regarding community groups that are currently represented and those that are not.
- Group given task to think about demographic information about the clients they serve.
- Discussion on the community assessment process and the plan to provide two surveys for provider input and consumer experiences.
- Dee Grimm suggested inviting organizations that are not usually included in surveys to broaden the community outreach.
- Anonymous, accessible surveys to be provided in written English with additional accommodations provided on request.
- Task force will rely on independent living centers, social media, and personal assistance services to bridge gaps in outreach.

Future Meetings and Deadlines

- Next meeting scheduled for December 21.
- Resources to be shared must be submitted by December 14.
- Training on building public-private partnerships to be offered in January or February by Spinn Global.
- Holiday season not to conflict with the next meeting.

Meeting Conclusion

- Robin expressed gratitude to everyone for attending the meeting and hoped everyone would have a good Thanksgiving.
- Resources to be sent to Robin.
- No specific deadline given for sending resources.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The next meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2023 at the same time.

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