



Meeting Minutes #4- Spokane Health Equity Task Force

Date: December 21, 2023

Time: 10 am PT

Location: Zoom

Present:

- Dawn Skaggs
- Christina Alfaro
- Denise Grim (Dee)
- Robin Albrandt
- Crystal Ayers
- Christopher Barnes
- Jenni Jones
- Sarah Nuss
- Todd Holloway
- Jim House

Meeting Facilitators:

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

Meeting Notes:

Introduction and Overview

- Dee Grimm welcomes new attendees Crystal from Disability Action Center and Chris Barnes from Spokane county Emergency Management.
- Dawn Skagg and Christina Alfaro introduced themselves from the World Institute on Disability.
- The project aims to identify and remedy disparities and inequities in Spokane's community.
- The task force has met 4 times already and identified the necessary members.
- Task force will use surveys and assessments to gather information and create action plans based on their findings.

Website and Resource Gathering

- Christina demonstrated the task force's website which includes a Task Force Member page containing meeting-related resources and homework assignments.



- Robin, the receiver of resources, requested more task force members to submit relevant resources.
- Todd suggested the inclusion of the task force in Census Bureau's data gathering.

Information and Target Group

- Dee Grimm indicated interest in elderly clientele with the Veterans Administration, the type of veterans being served, and the disabilities within the veteran group.
- Dawn Skaggs emphasized focusing on issues of national and local relevance, and being responsive to changes potentially impacting their discussions.

Wrap Up and Future Actions

- Task force members were encouraged to gather and submit community-related resources.
- Todd Holloway noted CMS's interest in partnering with independent living centers.
- Emergency management teams in Washington are considering social determinants and disability access and functional needs.
- Dawn Skaggs acknowledged systemic barriers within emergency management and public health.
- The task force is seeking resources related to community information on existing data sources, and action dates and implementation of ideas.
- Robin Albrandt proposed a local power company initiative with Avista and sought task force support.
- Jim House mentioned upcoming EPA grant opportunities.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024 at the same time.

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