



Meeting minutes- San Patricio Health Equity Task Force Meeting #6

Date/Time: March 12, 2024, 10:30 am – 11:30 pm central time

Attendees:

Janna Shoe	Eric Baggerman
Judy Telge	Scott Marsh
Viola Monrreal	Kallie Sturgeon

Meeting Facilitators:

- Christina Alfaro
- Dawn Skaggs
- Kimberly Watson

Executive Summary:

- The meeting focused on the need to recruit more diverse voices into the task force, specifically those representing vision disabilities, LGBTQ community, military veterans, BIPOC, people with no fixed address, and small business owners.
- The importance of personal connections and networking were emphasized to recruit task force members, and to make contact with key community organizations and individuals.
- Two surveys were planned to be distributed next week to engage and involve community constituents and service providers, results to be reported in the next meeting.
- Outreach to local clinics, hospital systems, sheriff's department, rural county judge's office, and coastal claims community center was recommended to engage decision-making officials.
- A public-private partnership for Health Equity Training Day on March 20th was announced, exclusive to task force members.

Meeting Notes:

Meeting Attendance and Representation

- Low attendance at the event was not due to spring break. Meeting minutes and videos are available on the website.
- Dawn addressed missing representation from groups like vision disabilities, LGBTQ community, military veterans, black indigenous people of color, people with no fixed address, and small business owners.

- Scott introduced himself as the C-RAC Healthcare Preparedness Manager for the region.
- The task force is lacking representation from the health and medical community. Valerie Gutierrez from Krista's Healthcare, focusing on community involvement, was suggested as a potential member.

Recruitment and Building Relationships

- There is a need for recruitment of new members to represent missing voices.
- Importance of relationships in information referral and care and empathy for vulnerable populations was stressed.
- Connection with Veteran Service Officer Sam Chisholm County, Alana Manro from South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, the Pride Center, and Connection Counseling is crucial.
- Personal connections and second or third points of contact in networking are more effective than cold emails.
- Engagement with elected officials, local clinics, hospital systems, and direct care services is needed.

Community Surveys

- Two surveys will be distributed next week by task force members, one for community constituents and one for service providers.
- Avoid duplication by checking the list and putting in the list of those who they have sent the surveys to.
- Survey results will be collected and presented in reports at the next meeting.
- Contacts suggested for survey are Education Service Center Special Education Director, Wesleyan Nurse Megan, Denise Woodson, and Brisenia from Stinton, Sandpack County.

Health Equity Training Day

- Public-Private Partnership for Health Equity Training Day is on March 20th at 2 p.m. Eastern. It's an hour and a half long event for task force members only.
- The training covers understanding PPPs, challenges, opportunities, and risk reduction strategies.

Closing Notes

- The attendees were reminded to forward the registration email for those who couldn't attend.
- Positive feedback about the website was given by Kallie, noting that it is thorough and informative.

End of Meeting Minutes