



## Meeting Minutes #7- Spokane Health Equity Task Force

**Date:** March 12, 2024

**Time:** 10 am PT

**Location:** Zoom

**Present:**

- Todd Holloway
- Christopher Barnes
- Bethany Osgood

**Meeting Facilitators:**

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

### Executive Summary:

- Overview of SPIN training importance for public-private partnerships discussed.
- Survey distribution process issues identified with a plan to enhance and refine the approach for effective outreach.
- Emphasis on the importance of being inclusive, particularly by reaching out to tribal nations and ensuring cultural appropriateness of the survey.
- Recognition of the need for collaboration in facing emergency management challenges, leveraging experiences from recent wildfires and recovery efforts.

### Meeting Notes:

#### Introduction and Housekeeping

- Robin Albrandt requested participants to type their name and organization in the chat. Acknowledged some participants joining late due to cold or allergies.
- Denise Grimm welcomed participants, apologized for sounding like Kermit the Frog due to allergies, and discussed the agenda.

#### SPIN Training Overview

- Denise Grimm highlight SPIN PPP Training available to replay in resources



## **Survey Distribution Process**

- Denise Grimm and Robin Albrandt discussed issues with distribution spreadsheets for surveys.
- Todd Halloway suggested using local events for survey outreach, whereas Denise Grimm emphasized the need for local service provider identification before survey distribution.
- Christina Alfaro presented a newsletter-style survey draft, intended for task force members to forward for distribution.
- Christina will research translating survey.

## **Partnership and Collaboration Efforts**

- Todd Halloway mentioned partnering with Eastern Washington entities for better geographic data.
- Bethany Osgood stressed the need for interpretive services for non-English speaking communities.

## **Specific Issues and Next Steps**

- Robin Albrandt highlighted separation issues of healthcare coalition data and suggested brainstorming for solutions.
- Denise Grimm discussed delaying the survey for better distribution and proper identification of local service providers. Survey will only be delayed 2 weeks.

## **Tribal Nations and Cultural Inclusivity**

- Bethany Osgood advised on sending a "Dear Tribal" letter to tribal nations and stressed including tribal-specific questions in the survey.

## **Emergency Management and Recovery Efforts**

- Todd Halloway discussed FEMA's changes affecting people with disabilities.
- Denise Grimm suggested reviewing wildfire recovery efforts for valuable insights.
- Bethany Osgood raised the connection with the long-term recovery group.

## **Task Force Organization and Planning**

- Denise Grimm requested backups for May meeting and emphasized task force members adding relevant agencies to the distribution list.
- Todd Halloway suggested inviting Deb Whitmer to discuss energy resilience and housing recovery.

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