

Meeting Minutes #2 – DPC The Health Collaborative Health Equity Task Force

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:30 pm EST

Location: Zoom

Meeting Facilitators:

- Christina Alfaro
- Denise Grimm (Dee)
- Lauren Phipps

Executive Summary:

- The meeting was led by Lauren Phipps, with Dee Griff and Christine Alfaro playing important roles.
- The task force aims to identify local disparities in disaster service provision in Ohio, with a focus on health equity for marginalized communities, particularly individuals with disabilities.
- ASPR funds the project, which collaborates with two other task forces in different states.
- A central steering committee will be formed from the task force, meeting monthly with updates shared on bi-monthly TSDPC calls.
- A website will be created to serve as a hub for task force resources, meeting records and contact information.
- The first step of the task force is to conduct surveys and demographic data collection to identify gaps in services.
- The ultimate goal of the project is to find local solutions to disparities that can be translated into national improvements in emergency preparedness and health equity.
- Some demographics underrepresented in the task force include individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, have low vision or blindness, or speech, language and communication disabilities.
- Survey results indicate confusion in some questions, and a need for demographic data for better representativeness. The survey will be redistributed to fix this issue.

Meeting Notes:

Introduction & Meeting Overview

- Meeting led by Lauren Phipps of the Health Collaborative, task force aimed at identifying local disparities in disaster service provision, especially for marginalized communities and people with disabilities.
- Project funded by ASPR, alongside two other task forces in different states.

- Dee Grimm from Tenable Enterprises facilitates the meetings, Christina Alfaro manages the project, and Lauren Phipps is the task force point person.
- Between now and March, task force will be narrowed down to a central steering committee meeting monthly, with bi-monthly updates.

Task Force Process & Objectives

- Task force focus: identifying disparities for people with disabilities in disasters in Ohio.
- A new website will be created to host meeting agendas, Zoom recordings, minutes, and resources.
- Task force process: conduct surveys, identify gaps, root analysis, devise strategies, develop an action plan.

Task Force Composition & Improvement

- Effort to invite representatives from missing areas, including churches, faith-based organizations, sheltering service providers, and assisted living/long-term care facilities.
- Participants identified the need for agendas to be sent out before meetings and questioned the frequency of monthly meetings.

Areas of Concern & Relationship Clarification

- Hospital buy-in and involvement from security management services are areas of concern related to equity and disasters.
- Clarification needed on the relationship between the task force and the COAD and Claremont County Safety Net Allegiance.

Next Steps

- Understanding everyone's role, especially on a local and regional level, is crucial for the project.
- Participants need to provide specific demographic information and resources to help serve the underserved.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2024 at the same time.

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