



Meeting minutes- San Patricio Health Equity Task Force Meeting #7

Date/Time: April 9, 2024, 10:30 am – 11:30 pm central time

Attendees:

Janna Shoe

Justin Kirsch

Judy Telge

Sylvia Dali

Viola Monrreal

Meeting Facilitators:

- Christina Alfaro
- Dawn Skaggs
- Kimberly Watson

Executive Summary:

- Only eight responses received for provider survey and none for the client survey, indicating an urgent need to improve survey outreach.
- Discussion on the task force's focus confirmed its emphasis on health equity and disaster resiliency for people with disabilities, with acknowledgment of the importance of understanding cultural and language preferences.
- Several strategies proposed for increasing survey distribution, including leveraging existing networks, considering alternative survey completion methods, and improving language support.
- Next steps include gathering more survey responses, understanding community service delivery challenges, and preparing for upcoming VOAD meeting and related projects.

Meeting Notes:

Meeting Start and Initial Comments

- Kimberly Watson notes Sarah, Ruben, and Shanna's departure and speculates on another meeting overlap.
- Dee Grimm decides to start the meeting despite limited attendance.

Survey Distribution and Responses

- Dee Grimm mentions the agenda and the survey distribution as assigned homework.
- Christina Alfaro reports eight provider survey responses and none for the client survey.

Improving Survey Output

- Dee Grimm raises concerns about low survey responses and discusses distribution strategies.
- Janna Shoe shares efforts in broadening survey distribution, mentions difficulty with electronic completion for seniors, and suggests alternative completion methods.

Understanding of Meeting Focus and Task Force

- Janna Shoe voices confusion over the task force's focus. Dee Grimm clarifies the focus on health equity and disaster resiliency for people with disabilities.
- Janna Shoe mentions a provider's initial misunderstanding of the focus but confirms their interest in rejoining the meeting.

Language and Access Issues

- Judy Telge discusses the need to identify community demographics and preferences directly.
- Janna Shoe and Kimberly Watson address the lack of Spanish-speaking support and agree to improve language inclusivity.

Meeting Time Adjustments

- Dee Grimm inquires about meeting time preferences due to possible conflicts and low attendance.
- Janna Shoe and Judy Telge indicate no conflicts and suggest Tuesday afternoons.

Survey Deadlines and Prioritization

- Judy Telge seeks clarification on the survey deadline. Christina Alfaro outlines the timeline for the quarterly report and survey data collection. Survey will go on for a few months

Legislative Solutions and Federal Impact

- Dee Grimm and Judy Telge discuss health equity and the importance of addressing federal policies and practices.
- Viola Monrreal suggests leveraging contacts with Texas legislators.

Transportation Plan and Task Force Responsibilities

- Judy Telge discusses the current transportation plan and the need for task force meetings.
- Viola Monrreal emphasizes working with relevant stakeholders for the transportation initiative.

Survey Distribution Strategy and Progress

- Dee Grimm emphasizes the importance of capturing information on survey distribution.
- Janna Shoe and Viola Monrreal discuss strategies for increasing survey responses, including contacting Christopher for input on survivor data.

Next Steps and Homework Assignment

- Dee Grimm assigns homework to gather more surveys, reach out to partners, and emphasizes the importance of emergency management thoughts.
- Janna Shoe and Viola Monrreal discuss forwarding information and utilizing databases for survey distribution.

End of Meeting Minutes