



Meeting minutes- San Patricio Health Equity Task Force Meeting #10

Date/Time: August 13, 2024, 10:30 am – 11:30 pm central time

Attendees:

Armando Salinas	Sylvia Balli
Seferina Cortez	Sarah Williams
Fernando Acosta	Tim Dominguez
Laura Flores	Joshua Ramirez
Mary Ann Cancino	Michael Thieme
Vada McGlothlin	Viola Monrreal
Janna Shoe	Melissa Escamilla
K Hernandez	Caryn Bingham
Pam Garza	Jes R (WID Intern)

Meeting Facilitators:

- Christina Alfaro
- Dee Grimm
- Dawn Skaggs
- Kimberly Watson
- Allysa Rapadas

Executive Summary:

- Diverse stakeholders, including service providers and community members with lived experience, provided input on disparities and inequities in health and social outcomes during disasters.
- Key issues identified include lack of accessible/affordable transportation, especially in rural areas, and staff perceptions/attitudes not accommodating the needs of people with disabilities.
- Demographic data analysis, surveys of providers and clients, and task force input are being compiled to conduct a root cause analysis and identify priority areas for action.
- New members are encouraged to complete surveys to share their lived experiences.

Meeting Notes:

Introduction and Agenda Review

- Armando Salinas, Seferina Cortez, Fernando Acosta, Mary Ann Cancino, Vada McGlothlin, and Laura Flores introduced as AARP grant participants to include lived experience and voice of the community.
- (Sylvie Bailli) from San Patricio County Health Department introduced herself.
- (Katie Hernandez) introduced herself as the San Patricio County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planner.
- (Kimberly Watson) introduced herself as the San Patricio County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Manager.
- (Tim Dominguez) introduced himself as the Risk Manager for Coastal Plains Integrated Health.
- (Pam Garza) introduced herself as being with Real Transportation.
- (Sarah Williams) introduced herself as the Emergency Management Coordinator for San Patricio County, along with Shanna Owens (Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator).
- (Allysa) introduced herself as WID's UX specialist working with Christina and supporting Dawn Asper.
- (Jess) introduced herself as working with the Center for Independent Living and WID Intern
- (Michael Thieme) oversees transportation for Gregory Portland ISD.
- Viola Monrreal from the Area Agency on Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Center introduced herself.
- (Dee Grimm) introduced herself as the facilitator and consultant SME for WIT on this project.
- (Janna Shoe) introduced herself as the Outreach Disaster Coordinator for 211 Texas for the 12 county Coastal Bend region and interim chairperson for the Coastal Bend VOAD.

Overview of the Project

- Purpose: To gather input from diverse stakeholders (service providers, community members with lived experience) to identify disparities and inequities in health and social outcomes during disasters.
- Methodology:
 - a. Task force input
 - b. Analysis of demographic/social vulnerability data
 - c. Surveys of providers and clients/service recipients

Gathering Input from Task Force

- Experiences accessing services (health care, emergency services, etc.) during disasters:
 - Discussed barriers such as:
 - a. Lack of safety protocols
 - b. Lack of accessible/affordable transportation
 - c. Staff perceptions/attitudes treating needs as annoying or not accommodating
 - Caryn Bingham shared challenges with accessing transportation and medical appointments, especially in rural areas like Refugio.
 - She lives 40-50 minutes away from major trauma centers.

- Often has to wait 3-4 weeks for doctor's appointments for herself and 1-1.5 weeks for her children.
- Importance of getting input from diverse experiences, including lived experiences, was emphasized.

Review of Data Analysis

- Demographic data:
 - Social determinants of health, risk factors, etc.
 - Social vulnerability analysis
- Survey results from providers:
 - Identified priority areas and training needs
- Survey results from clients/service recipients:
 - Experiences during evacuations
 - Communication barriers
 - Preparedness levels
- Root cause analysis being compiled from:
 - a. Demographic data sources (Census, local reports like CRSTAS, CA-CAST)
 - b. Survey data
 - c. Task force input
 - Still needs to record all comments from previous meetings

Next Steps

- Finalize root cause analysis by end of month
- Task force members to:
 - Complete surveys
 - Provide additional local data sources
- Plan next meeting to discuss priorities and action planning

End of Meeting Minutes