

Meeting Minutes - Equality State Research Network

Location: Wind/ Zoom
Date: July 28, 2020
Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm
Facilitator: Eric Moody

Attendance: WIND: 2 | NETWORK: 11

Agenda Items

1. Introductions
2. 2020/2021 ESRN Pilot Awards Awardees
 - a. Edible Prairie Project – Megan Taylor, co-founder, co-director
 - i. 501 C3 Nonprofit founded in 2019
 - ii. Looking at outcomes of providing free vegetable baskets to local SNAP and WIC families in Campbell County. First come, First Serve
 1. 5-7 items each week; 10 weeks
 2. Baskets feed a family of 4
 3. 8 families involved in study; 26 families enrolled in program
 4. Provided kitchen utensils, knives, cutting board, cookbook, and budget friendly recipes with the baskets.
 5. Outside of COVID, can swap out food items they do not like
 - iii. Goal to increase food security and fruit/vegetable consumption
 - iv. Pilot project in the Spring
 - v. ESRN grant will fund Summer and Fall season
 - vi. Individuals fill out a USDA food security survey and fruit/veggie consumption survey prior to the start and then at the end of the season (10 weeks). Surveys were augmented
 - vii. Questions from the Network:
 1. Tracking food waste?
 - a. Not tracking but they do provide information on how to use all aspects of the basket and provide a sharing table to swap out items.
 2. Produce comes from local farmers/ranchers:
 - a. 60% produce grown by Edible Prairie Project; 40% from farmer network (Campbell County ranchers – women, Military Vets, socially disadvantaged and new ranchers)
 3. Working with Vocation Rehabilitation – not currently working with disability population
 - a. Currently nonprofit is in capacity building phase and not providing salaries yet; interested in working to provide more resources to families; and build in work experience and provides help with program
 4. Food Insecurity: what does that look like in Wyoming? Consequences:
 - a. In Campbell County, 5,000 families are food insecure; 2,500 are children

- b. Increase in services due with COVID, Coal Bust, and downturn in gas/oil
 - c. Working in Mobil food drives
 - d. Huge issue with Campbell County
 - e. Income disparity within the community
5. Potential Next Study
- a. Comparative effectiveness trial
 - i. Relative impact compared to other food insecurity program with only prepackaged foods
 - ii. Emotional stress, diabetes, economic impact, relative costs
- b. Michelle Blakely – School of Pharmacy, member on Laramie Advisory Board on Disabilities; teaches pharmacy communications
- i. Hard of hearing and deaf Patient experiences with community pharmacists
 - ii. Does assistive technology improve healthcare interactions between community pharmacist and deaf/hard of hearing patients?
 - iii. 3 objectives
 - 1. Identify barriers with assistive technology between pharmacists and patients
 - 2. Serve as the foundation for larger study
 - 3. Build network/collaboration with ESRN, WIND, WATR, community stakeholders and pharmacists
 - iv. Collect data from all Wyoming Pharmacists/Pharmacies and deaf/hard of hearing citizens
 - 1. 500 mailed paper questionnaires; 250 to pharmacists and 250 deaf/hard of hearing citizens
 - 2. Working with the CARC (Community Advocacy Research Council), WIND, WATR, and deaf and hard of hearing community members to help with questionnaire development
 - v. Questions from the Network:
 - 1. What are the types of Communication Devices?
 - a. Looking at apps
 - b. This is a question that will be explored through the survey
 - 2. Research regarding the care givers
 - a. Interested, but looking at improving healthcare interaction for deaf and hard of hearing patients
 - 3. Representation evenly throughout Wyoming counties?
 - a. Goal to make it representative across the state
 - b. Use the CARC to identify recruitment for broad representation
3. Stakeholder Interviews
- a. Broad range of feedback of the healthcare problems within the community and what they want to see change. Community members and professionals
 - b. 15 from community and 15 from professionals
 - c. Asking the NAC to conduct some of the interviews
 - d. Goal to conduct the interviews by end of August
4. News from the Network

Action Items

1. Edible Prairie Project: edibleprairieproject.org; Megan@edibleprairieproject.org
2. Tai Baker (WIND) will send an email to network requesting 2-3 names/contact to contribute to the interview

Other Notes