

HAAC Guiding Coalition Meeting Summary | 5.23.22

Attendees: Ben Birge, Diane Croghan, Skip Auld, Pam Brown, Trisha Wolford, Juanita Tryon, Jen Harrington, Patrick Mutch, Pam Jordan, Kevin Simmons

DOH Staff and Co-Chair: Dr. Kalyanaraman, Dr. Fairley, Krystle Coldiron, Ann Heiser-Buzzelli, Kristin Coleman

Due East Partners: Lauren Maddox, Kaila Hodge

Action Items

- Set up a meeting with the hospital directors and their community health partners (Alexis)
- Send work group rosters to the Guiding Coalition (Alexis)
- Summarize the action plans for each work group, ensuring they're digestible (Alexis/Work groups)
- Coordinate aligned actions from the workgroup (Alexis/Work groups)

Initial Discussion

- Reconnecting on shared community health calendar
 - Currently an excel sheet
 - Looking for a program/system to display events across departments
- Quarterly newsletter draft
 - Approaching the next publication of newsletter draft
 - Has been previously helpful in recruiting new volunteers
- Promotion of upcoming events
 - Community health events to be shared on county [Fire Department webpage](#)

Data Discussion

- Suicide is an endemic problem
 - How do the numbers tie back into the work of the gun intervention task force?
 - People that attempt suicide with lethal weapons tend to be more successful as opposed to those who don't
 - The gun violence intervention team is implementing educational programs (i.e., ways to voluntarily lock up firearms)
 - There's a large population of people who own guns
 - What are some preventative measures to reduce gun violence (self inflicted and toward others)?
 - Is gun violence an appropriate area for the Coalition to get involved?
 - At the county level, gun ownership might not be an area we have influence
 - Possibility to partner with other groups that focus on gun control
 - How can we tie the prevention of gun violence back to general education?

Full Group Discussion

- **What could we do individually to advance our shared work?**
 - Have a better handle on who is representing the work groups and how to consistently tie the information back to individual communication channels
 - Paying close attention to the lead representative of the work groups and how frequently they are communicating with one another
 - Do we have the right interconnections with our community health teams?
 - In need of a county-wide means of communication
 - Upcoming Kickoff meeting with Director of comm health programs
 - Should include all Directors of community health to exchange ideas and connect on opportunities to collectively engage the community
 - Current tragedies are opportunities to bond people together
 - Use of a buddy system - commit to bringing people with us to all virtual calls and in-person meetings
 - Connecting our different sectors of county work
 - How do we make it personal for othes?
 - Aim to increase the number of community members/leaders who engage in various activities
 - Do we have a specific number of people we want to engage?
 - Difficult to know if we've gotten where we wanted to be if we didn't set a goal
 - The same leaders are doing the same work and we need fresh perspectives
 - Our outreach should be measurable
 - Need to determine a concrete goal to ensure we're headed in the right direction
 - People are more inclined to engage with organizations that have made progress
 - How do we tell the story of HAAC's successes to get others as excited/passionate as we are?
 - Communities of Hope are a great example of how to engage the community
 - Possibility to partner with Community College during summer events
 - Will result in increased visibility with younger generations