

DOH COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation Collaborative Minutes:

Power of Community Care

February 2nd, 2022 | 4:00pm – 5:30pm

- I. Welcome & Land Acknowledgment – Lynese Cammack, Thought Partner
 - Session was facilitated by Youth Collaborative Partner Lynese Cammack. She is the president of the youth council for the Pierce County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).
- II. COVID-19 Relational Briefing: Testing and Resources – Cara Than, Community-Based Testing Coordinator and Bianca Wilson, Testing Partnerships Coordinator
 - Currently, the testing team statewide is experiencing continued supply and distribution constraints. At the moment they have shut down the ordering portal for testing supplies to LHJs and tribes. **They've** exhausted their supply of point of care antigen tests and run low on some supplies of the PCR tests. Working to allocate to partners quickly.
 - The team is looking to transition to a slightly different method of distributing supplies, exploring a hub and spoke model of testing distribution utilizing community-based resources or LHJs to store and distribute supplies to partners. Additionally, moving towards a model of distributing tests through educational service districts (ESDs).
 - Launched an expansion of the Say Yes COVID Test Program. This provides over-the-counter tests directly to individuals.
 - [English: COVID Testing Portal](#)
 - [Spanish: COVID Testing Portal](#)
 - DOH launched an agricultural worker testing program in 2021. To help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in temporary worker housing units, DOH offers agricultural employers, growers, and housing operators an opportunity to have workers tested when they arrive in Washington. Interested employers, growers, and housing operators are able to arrange on-site testing of workers within the first week after arrival and a follow-up test about seven days later. The department has contracted with Medical Teams International (MTI) to meet the anticipated need. MTI has testing teams ready and available to rapidly deploy mobile testing sites throughout the state. For more information, please see [here](#).
 - Additionally, connecting local health jurisdictions to other testing vendors to provide status mass test sites. Currently standing up more in Kitsap and Spokane counties.
 - Operations Expanded Testing, a federally funded program that provides free PCR testing to community organizations. This is helpful for congregate settings like childcare, daycare, homeless shelters and community organizations.
- III. Celebrating Community: Power of Community Care – Lynese Cammack
 - The Collaborative was started on February 3, 2021, today marks just one day shy of almost a year since it's launch.

- Collaborative space has held 15 sessions, partners have informed over 10 decision-making and planning opportunities, and had the pleasure of listening to and learning from over 100 community perspectives via Collaborative sessions, partner spotlights, small groups discussions and community panelists.
- The Collaborative has been a space to leverage and highlight COVID-19 engagement to learn from community and facilitate collaboration and connection with partners from across the state. **As we head into the 3rd year of this pandemic, we want to acknowledge the creativity, the joy, community-led solution making, the care and efforts to center and uplift the experiences of the communities most impacted by COVID-19 – the power of community care.**

IV. Celebrating Community: Partner Spotlight

- [Crossings TV](#) – Charmaine Lane
- Crossings TV is an Asian-language television network focused on the underserved ethnic communities. It is home for Asian Americans to seek comfort, empowerment, and a sense of belonging.
- **Community care efforts include:**
 - i. Conducting interviews with community member/medical professionals/mothers who have been vaccinated. They shared their personal journey and experience with the process of getting vaccinated. Interviews were conducted in Mandarin with subtitles, Tagalog, Japanese, Vietnamese, and Hindi. One thing they learned is how community members are willing to share their stories and experiences about the vaccination.
 - ii. Example: teens have a conversation about the vaccine and share experiences. A 90-second in-language videos available (See link below!)
 - iii. Example: Creating In-language COVID-19 educational videos with medical professionals and community partners. Crossings TV shared videos were important and impactful as it establishes more credibility among the communities that Crossings TV represents.
 - iv. Link to Sample Videos:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLA6vF_UoWatslcWumoNt6Mc2BhbsCNHns
- [Clallam Mosaic](#) – Priya Jayadev and Catherine McKinney
- Clallam Mosaic is a small nonprofit in Clallam County that was established in 1998 as a mechanism so that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) or special needs had a place to go to continue learning, to engage in community, and to thrive.
- Clallam Mosaic offers many services including day programs, for individuals with IDD to engage, they are the host for the Parent-to-Parent chapter, they provide one-on-one coaching and they are a front door to service information. They also have an advocacy and information hub.

- Community Care efforts include:
 - Monthly care bags not just related to the pandemic (I.e. personal protective equipment) but also financial assistance and emergency broadband assistance.
 - Delivered COVID-19 information in a fun, unique, easy way to digest way - comic books.
 - Sharing monthly newsletters and hosting virtual sessions such as town hall meetings around topics like mental health.
 - Developing a series of videos that were burned onto physical DVDs and included in care bags. This was so people could have access to video-based information.
 - Link to Resources: <https://www.clallammosaic.org/resources>
 - Link to Sample Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rd4gexd46Ys>
- [Equity Institute](#) – Joe Fenbert, Dianna Torres, and Morelia Ayala
- Equity Institute is a collective of people serving LatinX community based in Lewis County. Main focus include COVID-19 vaccines and educations, rental assistance and youth programming.
- Community Care efforts include:
 - Providing culturally relevant and linguistically appropriate outreach to Spanish speaking clients regarding rental assistance and bridge any gaps between landlords and tenants
 - Related to vaccines: have held 26 vaccination events thus far and will be holding 12 more that are going to be scheduled from now through April. They also partner with organizations to host events. Equity Institute to date has administered 832 vaccines
 - Equity Institute website (English): <http://www.equityinstitute.com/>
 - Equity Institute website (Spanish) : <https://www.tuhogarlc.com/>
- [Women of Wisdom](#) - Tri-Cities (WOW) – Chaune Fitzgerald and Robbin Calloway
- Women of Wisdom is located in Eastern Washington and serve the BIPOC community in areas of health, education, wealth development and empowerment. In addition, COVID-19 education and outreach efforts. They shared the importance of visibly getting behind the vaccine and teaching Black and brown communities about the importance of (and also misinformation) of the vaccine. Additionally, the significance of increasing vaccination efforts in smaller rural towns such as Benton County and Franklin County.
- Community Care efforts include:
 - Hosting community conversations inviting local Black and Brown organizations to have conversation about COVID-19, health inequities and disparities and sharing opportunities to share COVID-19 information

- In 2021, they hosted a series of speaking events with Black doctors that directly shared information about COVID-19 and addressed community concerns - Dr. Brooks Watson, a local African American doctor in Eastern Washington spoke to the community anxieties and dispelled misinformation around COVID-19; Dr. Kimberly Wright Whifam, mental health professional spoke to the community about mental health and Dr. Brittany Henry shared ways to manage trauma.
- WOW operates a 24-hour hotline where folks can call to talk or request resources
- Direct intentional outreach and partnership with a variety of community organizations and groups including churches and through youth

V. Closing Remarks

- Thank you to our speakers, interpreters, and captioners!
- Feedback survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPTQHX2>
- Feel free to reach out and contact us at vax.collaborative@doh.wa.gov.

VI. Additional Information on Workgroups

- We are very excited to share our first Collaborative workgroup launch- Access & Functional Needs (AFN) Disability Partner Space. The workgroup is intended to center and prioritize people with disabilities and intersecting marginalized identities who experience compounded oppression such as BIPOC, queer and/or unhoused persons with a disability. This space will serve as an opportunity for folks in these communities to share concerns, needs, leverage efforts, resources and collaborate together on community informed strategies. Interested and want to learn more first, join our informational sessions , Wednesday on February 9th from 3:30pm-5:00pm! Register [here](#). Upcoming [February 14th 4:00-5:00p.m.](#), and [February 22 4:00-5:00p.m.](#)
- Fill out an [interest form](#)!
- For any additional information and/or questions, contact Yen Baynes, Equity Social Justice Strategis – Disability Justice at Yenifer.Baynes@doh.wa.gov