

AFN Disability Partner Space Minutes

August 8th, 2022 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm

I. Attendees

- **Partners**

- Leena Vo – Asia Pacific Cultural Center
- Suk-Yeon Oh - Korean Community Service Center
- Todd Holloway – Center For Independence
- Keshreeyaji Oswal – Glocal Solutions

- **Support**

- Sydney Boothe - WithinReach
- Kimberly Wilson – DOH

II. Welcome & Introduction

- This session was facilitated by Keshreeyaji Oswal, a member of the AFN workgroup.

III. Partner Spotlight: Xiaoyuan Su – Chinese Radio Seattle

- Tell us more about your organization. What is the purpose of the organization and who do you serve?
 - CRS was founded during Xiaoyuan's time in the UW MBA program on June 25th, 2012.
 - The station only had a few people in the beginning, all of whom were volunteers.
 - Xiaoyuan used to be a software engineer and data scientist
 - CRS was founded because there was a good market for it – there was no Chinese radio at the time.
 - Besides their radio program, CRS also has a mobile app, a YouTube channel, and a website. In total, they have 10 different channels.
 - CRS's range extends far beyond Seattle, even as far as Olympic National Park.
 - CRS also does community work. During the pandemic, they called for PPE donations to give to first responders and distributed self-test kits in Chinatown.
 - The talk radio has many guests.
 - Before the pandemic, guests had to go to the station, but they can do it virtually now through Zoom so it's more accessible.
 - CRS has interviewed people with physical disabilities, sometimes utilizing interpreters. One example is their interview with a blind woman about how blind people may survive in Washington.

- They have also interviewed people from community-based organizations that serve children and people with mental health issues.
 - CRS hosts events like the Chinese Lunar New Year Gala and Miss Chinese Washington. Winners of the Miss Chinese Washington pageant have gone on to compete in competitions nationally and globally.
 - Programming is in Mandarin six days a week and Cantonese one day a week. If there is an English-speaking person, they will have an interpreter.
- What were some lessons learned from conducting outreach or vaccination during COVID-19?
 - CRS has continued to update daily COVID case counts since the data became publicly available. This webpage has received 200,000 engagements to date.
 - Invited health professionals to share knowledge about COVID on YouTube. There have been more than 50 videos posted over the course of the pandemic.
- As a community partner – reflecting on your work throughout the pandemic, how can we prioritize community voice and perspective in our decision making and planning efforts?
 - The perception is that Asian people don't need as much support compared to, for example, Black and Latino communities but this is not necessarily the case. Each community has different needs.
 - No community should be left out, including the Chinese community.
 - There are many kinds of people from Asia, so distributing material in just Chinese does not meet the needs of a lot of Asian people.
 - Accessible information can save lives.
- What kind of work does CRS do with other Asian-speaking radio stations or organizations?
 - At CRS there are people from Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Southeast Asia. They have had guest from Japan and Korea.
 - They have also visited a local Korean radio station and other bigger radio stations like King FM.
 - Collaboration is key. Sometimes radio stations share guests. They have even had guests from other parts of the world like Africa, Latin America, etc.
- Have you seen language access get better or worse since the pandemic?
 - CRS hasn't seen the pandemic increase or decrease language access, but it is good to have trusted partners in communities to distribute critical information like resources and health information.

- Learn more about Chinese Radio Seattle:
<https://chineseradioseattle.com/>

IV. Closing

- Links shared by partners: World independent living movement/network:
<https://www.facebook.com/worldilnetwork/>
- If you would like to share about the work you are doing during a partner spotlight in a future AFN meeting, please email us at
vax.collaborative@doh.wa.gov.