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CBO Collaborative Meeting Summary

January 07, 2025

Purpose

To enhance outreach and promotion efforts throughout the County by fostering collaboration with community-based partners and trusted messengers.

San Bernardino County Department of Public Health - Program Updates

Health Equity Program (HEQ): Austin Wells, EquityInAction@dph.sbcounty.gov

- Vaccine Equity Workgroup formed with community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and other local healthcare agencies to address issues such as vaccine access, and vaccine adherence.
- There are monthly workgroup meetings to create strategies and action planning to help alleviate and mitigate barriers for San Bernardino County residents.
- The next meeting will be held virtually on January 15th, 2025, from 2 PM – 3 PM. If you're interested in attending sign up with the link below:

Health Equity Mailing List Sign-Up

Environmental Health Services (EHS): Esteban Silva-Garcia, esteban.silva-garcia@dph.sbcounty.gov & **Carlos Orozco,** carlos.orozco@dph.sbcounty.gov

- EHS hosts virtual and in-person L.E.A.R.N. classes that discuss foodborne illnesses for general education and anyone who works in the food industry. Available in English and Spanish.
- EHS offers free food vendor consultations for those interested in obtaining a health permit to sell food to the public. The consultations are hosted every Wednesday during these times: 11 AM, 11:30 AM, 12 PM, and 12:30 PM.
- EHS is recruiting Public Service Employees for the following programs:
  - Mosquito and Vector Control
  - Community and Environmental Health
  - Land use protection
  - Customer Service/Fiscal

For more information contact: EHSMOE@dph.sbcounty.gov
Free Food Vendor Consultations: Food-vendor-consultations English and Spanish.pdf
L.E.A.R.N. Registration: Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management

Maternal Child Adolescent Health Program (MCAH): Monique Amis, askMCAH@sbcounty.gov

- Monique is working on following up with everyone she spoke to during the December 3rd in-person meeting.
- The Community and Family Health newsletter will be sent out this week.

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Community Vital Signs (CVS): Dori Baeza, dbaeza@dph.sbcounty.gov

- This month's Implementation Meeting will take place on January 22nd from 1-3 PM at IEHP, focusing on the priority area of **Behavioral Health.**
- The meeting will highlight the Behavioral Health Strategy of utilizing school-based health and wellness centers as access points to increase mental health and substance-use screening, treatment, and referral. Organizations interested in leading collective efforts to improve behavioral health are encouraged to attend.

Meeting Details:
Date & Time: *January 22nd, 1-3 PM*
Location: *10801 6th St, Suite 120, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730*
Registration: *SBC Community Vital Signs Implementation Committee Tickets, Wed, Jan 22, 2025 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite*

Human Trafficking Awareness – The Open Door: A Family Assistance Program

Presenter: Bernadette Valdez, Bernadette@familyassist.org

- Human Trafficking includes both labor and sex trafficking:
  - Labor trafficking is a crime that uses force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person to work or provide services.
  - Sex Trafficking is a crime that involves force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person to engage in commercial sexual acts.
    - Force - Beating, burning, branding, sexual assault, physical confinement, and torture practices.
    - Fraud - False promises, deceitful enticing and affectionate behavior, withholding wages, and blackmail.
    - Coercion - Threats of serious harm, emotional abuse, intimidation/humiliation, and climate of fear.
- Human trafficking occurs in local neighborhoods, businesses, and homes.
- San Bernardino has seen an increase in trafficking cases with both minors and adults.
- ***Risk Factors:*** Poverty, region, unstable home life, foster youth, sexual abuse survivors, domestic abuse survivors.
- ***Potential / Influential Outcome:*** Lack of education, resources, emotional security, unhealthy ideas of love and boundaries.
- ***Recruitment:*** Promises of stability, glamorous free independent lifestyle, promises of love, and words of affirmation.
- There are 3 types of traffickers:
  - Gorilla pimp controls their victims entirely through physical violence and force.
  - Romeo pimp prides themselves on controlling others through psychological manipulation.
  - CEO pimp will use a legitimate business as a cover-up to bait their victims.
- Signs and indicators: Physical signs of abuse, lack of control over personal information, inability to communicate freely, sexual abuse or exploitation, malnutrition, poor hygiene, fear or anxiety.
- You can help victims by recognizing the signs, providing resources/referrals, building trust, staying informed, and trained, and maintaining a non-judgmental approach.
- Remember to be patient, understanding, and respectful.
- ***The Open-Door Program*** offers a variety of services:
  - Survivor Mentorship
  - Case Management
  - Prostitute Diversion

- Human Trafficking Independent Living Skills
- Court Advocacy
- Community Training / Street Outreach / Volunteer opportunities

- Open Door serves minors and adults who have experienced human trafficking. This includes everyone regardless of gender, race, or immigration status. The program also assists those who have escaped trafficking situations or are still in crisis.
- The program focuses on empowering survivors to heal, regain control, and achieve self-sufficiency.

CBO Business

Presenter: Cautia Wadood, EquityInAction@dph.sbcounty.gov

- Provided a poll to receive feedback from community partners to discuss the preferred discussion topics for February's CBO Collaborative Meeting.

February Health Observance Topic Options:

1. Endometriosis Awareness
2. Colorectal Cancer Awareness
3. Nutrition

Poll Results – Endometriosis

Community Partner Roundtable

- **Wellness Ranch Equine Assisted Therapy** provides mental health therapy sessions by incorporating horses and other animals. Contact: Angelica, info@wellnessranchtherapy.org
- **National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster** hosts monthly meetings to collaborate with nonprofit organizations and local government agencies to prepare disaster response. They meet every second Tuesday of the month at 2 PM. If interested, contact Eric Cimuchowski, sbcountyvoad@gmail.com.
- **Health Career Connection** provides low-income, first generation students, and underrepresented students with PAID internships. Contact: Vicky Bocanegra, vbocanegra@healthcareers.org
- **Riverside County Department of Public Health – Health Equity Program** will be hosting the *Riverside County Health Coalition* on January 22nd from 10 AM – 12 PM. Register here: Riverside County Health Coalition Meeting/Reunión de la Coalición de Salud del Condado de Riverside
- **Molina Healthcare** will be collaborating with Community-based organizations to utilize their mobile clinic to host free clinic events throughout the Inland Empire. Contact: Mimi Velazquez, mimi.velazquez@molinahealthcare.com
- **Riverside & San Bernardino County Indian Health Inc.** will be hosting its *Talking Circle & Potluck* on Thursday January 23rd from 10 AM – 12 PM at the San Manuel Clinic, Building B at 11980 Mount Vernon Ave, Grand Terrace, CA 92313. Register here: Talking Circle & Potluck

The next meeting will be on
February 4th
9 AM – 10:30 AM