

Range CHNA Meeting --- July 25, 2017

IRRRB (Eveleth) 9am – 11am

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Previous notes and handouts are available at: <http://rechargeetherange.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Community-Health-Needs-Assessment-Agenda-Handouts-and-Notes-2.27.17.pdf>

Introductions

Goals for this meeting

1. Identify target groups within our defined areas
2. Make work assignments

Updates

Mental Health Assessment partnership

Data review workgroup report

Next Steps:

Next Meeting(s):

Community Health Needs Assessment
July 25, 2017
Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Jim Gangl, Beth Peterson, Cheryl Bisping, Mary Finnegan, Lorrie Janatopoulos and Sara Ferkul

On the Phone: Don Negley and Ann Bussey

Jim began the meeting by giving a bit of background, the process and the plan moving forward. We then started discussing work assignments from the last meeting.

We will be partnering with Lynn Geordt, she is working on a mental health assessment. In the past assessment that she completed in 2010 the two primary themes were lack of compassionate care for consumers and the stigma associated with mental health. Lynn has already began compiling information for this year's assessment. She has conducted focus groups in Duluth and Grand Rapids, she will also be visiting Ely, Virginia and Hibbing. She will be approaching existing groups, consumers of mental health services, surveys to providers and key informant interviews. Focusing on crisis mental health care.

Minnesota Department of Health will also be conducting a suicide prevention program. They may look for organizations to partner with. Cheryl would like to be a part of either the planning process or a working group.

Lorrie reached out to Patty Swedberg the contact for Iron Range Youth in Action to see if there was a possibility of our group attending their yearly conference to speak directly with kids about our focus areas. Unfortunately, their annual conference takes place in February. Lorrie is going to reach out to Patty again to see if we can utilize their networks to conduct surveys. We also believe it would still be a benefit to attend the next annual conference in February 2018.

We discussed the Bois Forte assessment that was planned, however, it was never conducted. Beth does have the questions that they had planned to use. She will share with the group.

What should our narrowed focus be on in regards to substance abuse? Should it be on alcohol use since there are already programs in place for drug use, tobacco use etc.? Possibly using the Healthy People 2020 guidelines to frame our work. What is driving people to drinking and substance abuse? Social norms? Cheryl is going to send some data about alcohol that Wilder Research did for Fairview in the Hibbing area.

Cheryl will be attending an OARS (Opioid Abuse Response Strategies) meeting. There is a variety of people that are represented at this meeting including hospitals, law enforcement etc. Cheryl will ask if we can conduct one on one interviews with the group, surveys or a focus group at their meeting.

What programs are available to fight obesity? Why don't we incorporate physical activity into your normal day to day activity? What is stopping people from choosing healthy options for meals? Further discussion will be necessary.

Jim will be reaching out to Essentia to see who will be replacing Jean Larson.

We will be working in the smaller group on the creation of the questions that will be asked during the surveys, focus groups or interviews.

Next LARGE Group Meeting:

End of September

**specific date will be determined.