



Increasing Access to Healthcare and Healthy Foods Working Group

HITEC Family Health Centers

5160 Federal Blvd., San Diego, CA 92114

May 17, 2018, 3-5 p.m.

Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Harder + Co., City of San Diego Economic Development Department, AmeriCorps VISTA, County of San Diego HHSA, Harmonium, Meals on Wheels, Family Health Centers of San Diego, Kaiser Permanente, National Conflict Resolution Center, Project New Village.

Welcome and Introductions

Members introduced themselves, and the format for the meeting was made clear. There was a recap of the planning phase, which is now switching to implementation phase. Co-Chairs said the meeting would be structured around the presentation and discussion of grants.

Grant Presentation

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Process and Technology Improvement

- Supports projects focused on improving quality and efficiency of SNAP operations and processes.
- Group identified the county would need to be the agency to apply for this grant.
- Stated the county is already aware of the grant.

Innovations in Nutrition Programs and Services

- Supports evidence-based practices improving the effectiveness of nutrition service programs for the aging.
- Group identified Kitchens for Good may be interested in the grant.
- Identified Meals on Wheels may be interested in the grant.

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development

- Supports research, education and extension work for conventional, organic and urban agricultural systems.
- Identified Project New Village may be interested in the grant.

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Grant Program

- Supports early childhood mental health programs dealing with serious emotional disturbance.
- Identified Family Health Centers was aware and tracking the grant already.
- County stated there may be interest in the grant as well.
- Harmonium stated there was an interest in the grant but it would be unable to be the lead due to capacity.

Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Well-Being of and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for Children Affected by Substance Abuse

- Supports regional partnerships promoting the well-being of children out-of-home and at-risk of being out-of-home; Supports collaborative efforts building a region's capacity to meet a broad range of needs for families involved with both substance abuse treatment and the child welfare system.
- County identified it is familiar with the grant and has seen it in previous years.

Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH)

- The purpose is to improve health, prevent chronic diseases and reduce health disparities among racial and ethnic populations with the highest risk of chronic disease.
- County is familiar with the grant and identified historically several organizations within the City have received REACH.
- Stated this year's grant is written more rigidly with four focus areas and logic model for each area.
- Group identified the grant indicates that health departments (based on wording of grant) are encouraged to apply.
- Question arose how can large organizations compete with county if county wants to apply even if it's not the best option.

New grant presented: CDC-1817

- Supports transportation and food systems work.
- Identified the CDC prevention grant being worked on there.
- Eligible for local health jurisdictions covering 900,000 or greater or coalition of folks that reach that number.
- It was identified the county will likely apply.

Feedback on Meeting Process

- Group agreed grant presentations should be a component of each meeting but not for the entirety of a meeting.
- Group stated additional information regarding grants should be provided such as number of grants being awarded and the previous recipients.
- Group discussed different ways of conducting the grant portion of the meeting.
 - Sending one or two grants to specific members prior to the meeting and having them report out during the meeting.

Further Discussion

- County partnering with other organizations has issues because county reimbursement is so slow that most organizations can't afford to do the work and get paid later.
 - Idea arose of having foundations fill in the gap of the funds until reimbursement.
- Agreed follow up would be done with organizations interested in grants presented to check on their continued interest and status.

Follow Up and Next Steps

- Group discussed there would be follow up from Family Health Centers on early childhood grants.
- Group discussed there would be follow up from County on Child Welfare grant
- Group discussed facilitating an introduction between Meals on Wheels and Kitchens for Good in regard to elderly nutrition grant.

- Conduct a broader convening around the REACH grant to identify all potential applicants and target populations to mitigate overlap in applications.

Next Meeting Date:

Third Thursday of Each Month

HITEC Family Health Centers

June 21, 2018, 3-5 p.m.