

Riverside County Health Coalition Meeting | January 17, 2024 Meeting Notes

Present: Salomeh Wagaw, Mary Obideyi, Daisy Ramirez Bell and 150+ other attendees
(in-person & virtual)

Next meeting: April 17, 2024, from 10:00 am – 12:00pm

Scribes: Dorothy Delphin, RUHS-PH; James Jo, RUHS-PH

Welcoming Remarks and Introduction:

Mary Obideyi, RUHS-Public Health, Program Coordinator II
Daisy Ramirez Bell, RUHS-Public Health, Program Coordinator II

- Mary and Daisy welcomed everyone to the coalition meeting.
- Daisy shared the housekeeping rules and the availability of ASL and Spanish translation for those in need.
- Daisy recognized Indigenous Peoples, who are the original stewards of the lands on which we now live.
- Mary reiterated the mission and goals of the RCHC and the upcoming meeting dates. She shared why we are here and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Daisy conducted an introductory poll of sectors represented at the coalition meeting. They included community members, CBOs, Education/Academia, Government, Healthcare/Public Health, and Housing/Planning.

Supervisor Gutierrez Remarks:

Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez, Supervisor for Riverside County 5th District

- Daisy introduced the speaker, Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez.
- Yxstian Gutierrez has been the 5th District Supervisor since December 2022. The supervisor shared his experience growing up in the Inland Empire and how the work being carried out by all members is crucial and impactful to helping vulnerable populations, including at risk youth and seniors.
- Collaboration is the key to making this work successful. Partnerships among the non-profits, government, and other entities are very important in serving marginalized community members.
- Supervisor Gutierrez pointed out various issues that face county residents and how important they are for us to focus on. He expressed the importance of being open to dialogues and conversations with the communities and how it will make collaboration easier.
- He thanked all the participants for their dedication and commitment.

CHA/CHIP Presentation:

Wendy Hetherington, EPE Branch Chief, RUHS, RUHS-PH

- Daisy introduced and welcomed Wendy.
- Wendy gave a background history on the RCHC, which started in 2009 with seed funding from Kaiser Permanente. At the time, a Strategic Plan, Mission, quarterly meeting cadence and two workgroups-surrounding access to food and healthy cities- were established.

- Wendy shared that during PH accreditation, one of the required activities was to create a Community Health Assessment (CHA). The CHA serves as the health status of the county and uses population health data and community surveys to determine PH needs and priorities. The CHA was created in 2014 and published in 2015. An update was scheduled for 2020, however, it was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The results will be shared at the April RCHC meeting.
- Lastly, Wendy shared that the CHA feeds into the Community Health Improvement Project (CHIP), which is priority setting for what PH and community partners want to achieve in the next 5 years to make Riverside County healthier and more equitable. She also shared that the groups will be starting the process of breaking out into sessions and the importance of sharing their thoughts.

Community COVID-19 Impact Hub Presentation

Sandra Escobar, Research Analyst, RUHS-PH

Chinyelu Ugwuanyi, HEA II, RUHS-PH

- Mary introduced the speakers, Sandra and Chinyelu (Chi), and welcomed them.
- Chi gave a brief background on the Community COVID-19 Impact Hub (Hub) project and shared the process used to create the Hub, which entailed engaging the community to contextualize the data with lived experience stories.
- The process of how the communities were engaged, through community sharing sessions, building the Story Maps, etc. were shared.
- Listening sessions, included outreach to 45 CBOs and 17 sessions, were completed to include various groups within the population. Equitable approaches were used, including in-person and virtual sessions. Four prompts used in the discussion were shared.
- Sandra discussed the data element of creating the Story Maps, including the thematic analysis used.
- Some of the top priority areas included Mental health, Technology/social media/Communication, and Social Support.
- Sandra outlined the basics of building the data visual experience. A video on how to use the Community COVID-19 Impact Hub was shown.
- Key takeaways and next steps were presented. All of the players engaged in the project were acknowledged, including RUHS-BH, CBOs, community members, Equity & Justice Taskforce.

Q/A Session

- Bruce Whitley from Whitley Institute- He pitched an approach based on cultural background. Multiple organizations are working on community planning, but it should be based on a cultural perspective. Some ethnic groups, such as African Americans, who are distrustful of these processes, should be approached based on this cultural perspective.
- Daisy encouraged everyone to send in additional questions/comments to RUHS-PH HE program.

Break

Community Engagement for Action Discussion:

Mary Obideyi, RUHS-PH

Daisy Ramirez, RUHS-PH

- Daisy introduced the Community Engagement for Action discussion; five groups for the in-person session and four breakout sessions for the virtual participants. After the 30-minute discussion, groups came together for a debrief session.

Debrief:

- Mary thanked all groups for engaging in a discussion to identify top priority areas for the coalition to work on. She encouraged each group to share some of the highlights of what was discussed. Due to limited time, not all groups were able to share their top priority areas. Some of the top priority areas identified by groups included: 1) Housing equity and having a presence of local electives participate in RCHC; 2) Education and how coalition can educate and be provide guidance for the communities beyond the issues mentioned.
- The results of the discussion will be compiled and shared with the coalition in April. A QR code was shared with the coalition to continue the conversation online.

Updates:

Mary Obideyi, RUHS-Public Health, Program Coordinator

- Mary introduced new RCHC logos and asked the coalition to provide input as the coalition will be rebranding the logo this year. Equity, Collaboration, Diversity are some of the key concepts to convey within the rebranding. The top choice will be unveiled in the April coalition meeting.

Video Presentation Highlighting Equity in RivCo:

Greg Mercado, RUHS-PH, Marketing Media and Communications Coordinator

- A video on EQUITEA was shared; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was featured on the latest podcast episode.
- Greg provided a brief background on the podcast and encouraged everyone to watch the podcast via Linktree. Greg asked community members to complete the coalition survey to help the team with podcast episode themes.

Concluding Remarks & Adjournment

- Encouraged participants to send in their partners updates as they will be included in the coalition's Linktree.
- Grant opportunities with United Way are coming soon. Please check the following link: GrantApplicants@iscuw.org.
- Mary thanked everyone for coming to the Coalition meeting!
- Next meeting is on Wednesday, April 17th in Coachella Valley, in-person and virtually.