

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

Present: 89 attendees (in-person & virtual)
Next meeting: July 17, 2024, from 10:00 am – 12:00pm

Scribes: Alicia Junker and Chinyelu Ugwuanyi, RUHS-PH, Health Education Assistants

Welcoming Remarks and Introduction:

Mary Obideyi, RUHS-PH, Program Coordinator
Daisy Ramirez Bell, RUHS-PH, Program Coordinator

- Daisy welcomed everyone to the coalition meeting and acknowledged the Indigenous People whose land we were on.
- Mary shared our new logo, goals of the RCHC and upcoming coalition meeting dates.
- Daisy recognized the aids and representatives of the local elected officials that were in attendance, as well as first time attendees.

CHA presentation:

Hannah Bojorquez, RUHS-PH, Research Specialist
Jenny Duong, RUHS-PH, Epidemiologist

- Mary introduced the CHA team, Jenny Duong and Hannah Bojorquez.
- Jenny and Hannah introduced the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and its purpose. The importance of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was also presented.
- County Health Indicators of the CHA included: birth rates; mortality/ death rates; injuries, to include suicide and heat-related illness; STDs, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH); chronic disease, and drug overdoses.
- Lastly, they highlighted the top five priority areas from January's coalition meeting and invited everyone to add topics that should be included in the CHA to our parking lot board.

January Meeting Summary/ Outcomes:

Mary Obideyi, RUHS-PH, Program Coordinator

- Top priority areas chosen in January's meeting: housing; mental health/ suicide prevention; health disparities/ health equity and justice; underserved populations; and systemic racism.
- She asked the attendees if they agreed with the five priority areas and what topics they would like to see included in the CHA.
- Attendees brought up additional concerns: behavioral health and firearms; violence prevention and suicide by firearms; and domestic violence and bullying in schools.
- Salomeh Wagaw raised the question to the group: Should the last two priorities (underserved populations and systemic racism) be overarching themes or goals since they are harder to measure?
- Sandra Escobar pointed out that disparities pop up in the data on preventable illnesses and injuries and that we need targeted approaches.

- Another attendee suggested that we create a map of all the organizations so that we can connect and collaborate.

Break

Equity and Justice Taskforce/ Environmental Justice Presentation:

Mariana Hernandez, RUHS-PH, Program Coordinator

Eric E. Calderon, Center for Social Innovation (CSI), Assistant Director

Ashley Jackson, UC Riverside, California Climate Action Corps Fellow

- Mariana spoke about the Equity and Justice Taskforce's mission and their focus on addressing environmental issues. She then introduced the speakers, Eric and Ashley, and the Inland Southern California Climate Collaborative (ISC3).
- The Inland Southern Climate Collaborative sheds light on environmental issues in Riverside County communities.
- Eric and Ashley discussed the impact of extreme heat on California communities, emphasizing the need for adaptation and resilience. They also highlighted the importance of infrastructure changes and behavioral change to reduce the impact of climate change. They emphasized the importance of collaboration and the need for capacity building and policy development on climate action.
- The ISC3 aims to combat climate change through community actions, planning, leadership development, and research. The collaborative is currently working on a short film and networking events to engage with community members and other organizations.
- Their next member's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 3:30pm.

Q/A Session:

- Miguel Vazquez mentioned the initial working group that he participated in and the climate change accelerator in public health.

Knowledge Check/ Activity:

Alicia Junker, RUHS-PH, Health Education Assistant

- Alicia asked members to get out their phones and email RivCoHealthEquity@ruhealth.org with three things they learned about the CHA and three things they learned from the environmental justice presentation. The first six people to send us an email will receive a \$25 gift card (county employees are not eligible for the incentive).
- Alicia then asked members to take our coalition survey. Their responses are important to us, and we will use the information they provide.

Partner Updates/ Updates:

Mary Obideyi, RUHS-PH, Program Coordinator

Dorothy Delphin, RUHS-PH, Program Coordinator

- Jackie at IEHP mentioned the “Healthy Heart” training opportunity to the group.
- HARC currently has two studies happening (one on violence prevention and one with RODA). There is also an Ark of Safety event on June 13th at the Catholic Diocese in San Bernardino. ISC3 speaker, Ashley Jackson, will also be a speaker at that event!
- Mary promoted training opportunities to coalition members: the non-profit training academy through United Way and PHA’s Health Equity Starts with Data Series. Salomeh added that the non-profit academy provides free resources for community organizations to secure government funding.
- Dorothy shared a video clip of the newest episode of our podcast, EquiTea. She encouraged members to share their voices and organizations through email and invited them to be podcast guests.

Concluding Remarks & Adjournment:

- Mary and Daisy thanked everyone for attending the coalition meeting!
- Next meeting is on Wednesday, July 17th (location to be determined) which will be held in-person and virtually.