

# URBAN CANCER SOLUTIONS

## Coalition Meeting Notes

August 17, 2020

1:00 pm CT

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1:03 **Welcome & Prayer** (by: Misha Loeffler, AICAF)

1:00 **Group Introductions**

Everybody went around and introduced themselves and what organization they belonged to

1:05 **Goal** (Misha)

- What is the overall goal of this cancer coalition?
  - Group Notes: increase clinic and community involvement; make sure clinics can meet the community's needs
  - Group Notes: increasing cancer screening and early detection, increasing cancer equity

1:10 **Cancer Plan** (Zoom Breakout)

- Do you expect to use this cancer plan?
- Group Notes: Amy says the clinic is taking a break from Screen Our Circle due to COVID-19; the cancer plan provides a good framework but is very difficult to implement during COVID-19.
  - a. How can the cancer plan be implemented in your clinic?
    - i. Group Notes: Data collection will be difficult, the California Rural Indian Health Board started off with 8 clinics. There are 4 tribal programs. Extend technical assistance to tribes if they can.
    - ii. Group Notes: Seattle, WA still looking for clinic partnership, a lot of turn-over in clinic makes it difficult to build partnerships
- What piece of the cancer plan do you find to be the most challenging?
  - a. Group Notes: Not may state BRFSS collects information on cancer survivorship. Cancer is not the main objective of the epidemiology center. The programs are equipped, but data collection is difficult.

1:30 **Survivorship** (Zoom Breakout)

- Is cancer survivorship a current priority in your clinic/organization/community?
  - Group Notes: California Rural Indian Health Board does have the survivorship supplement. In general, they had survivorship objectives in general. Difficult to get people to understand what survivorship is. Most clinics do not provide survivor specific support or interventions. Did a healthcare provider survey on what people knew about survivorship. Groups who reported they knew the least were the frontline and medical staff. The Community Health Workers were the most in relationship and contact with the community.
- How are you supporting your community members/relatives affected by cancer during the COVID-19 outbreak?

- Group Notes: California Rural Indian Health Board is running as normal. Setting up more virtual talking circles to provide education. Don't have any objectives on COVID-19 and cancer. The talking circles are not specific to COVID-19. They'll start doing talking circles on CRC screenings and hopefully breast cancer. California Rural Indian Health Board clinics don't have the capacity for the cancer screenings during COVID-19. California Rural Indian Health Board is stepping up on those objectives, mostly do TA and training. Taking on some of those deliverables. Will plan to share later. Melissa Meza: have you gotten good results out of the survivor groups? One of the clinics that does a virtual group says they're happy if they're getting 5 people.
- What resources do you have at your clinic/organization for cancer survivors? (*options: support group, nutrition classes, traditional healers that address cancer, educational materials, treatment centers, nearby treatment/rehabilitation center, palliative care options, etc.*)
  - Group Notes: clinics do some of the work. At California Rural Indian Health Board, trying to develop the primary care provider guidelines for survivorship. To date, haven't been able to implement any that could be implemented at clinics. The oncology care guidelines don't really fit into primary provider guidelines, especially tribal clinic setting. Work with the coalition to develop these resources. Worked with National Native Network to translate from one language to another. Couldn't get people on the same page as what they were translating. Very hard to connect. Wanted to connect and expand on the project but it didn't happen because they couldn't translate. Melissa would be open to doing it. There might be a group of providers that we/AICAF could connect with. The coordinators that California Rural Indian Health Board has are Community Health Workers or MAs or Health Educators. Doesn't go through providers, go through Community Health Workers. Melissa might know a few people who are Community Health Workers that would be interested in connecting.
  - Group Notes: Amy unaware of resources; communication internally and externally is poor at the moment, e.g. unaware of grants and who works on what projects and involved in calls. Recruit the Communications Department to be involved? Develop a communication strategy.
- What resources/support for survivorship are needed at your clinic/organization/community?
- Large Group Discussion:
  - Notes: Many are referred out, oftentimes do not get culturally competent care. Similar to the Veterans Administration, the National Council of Urban Indian Health is trying to get a memorandum of understanding
    - Talking about virtual survivor support groups and having the same number count in attendance
    - New survivorship objectives. Getting community members and providers to understand who is defined as a survivor

- Cancer & COVID-19: Palliative Care and Cancer Survivors webinar, Wednesday, August 19, at 3:00 pm CT
  - Join us for a discussion with AICAF Board Members Dr. Bret R. Benally Thompsom (White Earth Ojibwe) from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, and Nicole Hallingstad (Tlinglit), owner and CEO of A&A Solutions, LLC., as we discuss the connections between cancer, COVID-19, palliative care, and cancer survivors. [Register here!](#)
- Advocating for Indigenous Families During the Childbearing Years, Tuesday, August, 25 at 12:00 pm CT
  - The American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF) is co-hosting a talking circle with Indigenous Midwife Hope Mayotte (Bad River Tribe) as part of our continuing learning series for August's *Indigenous Milk is Medicine* campaign. Earlier in the month, Mayotte shared teachings about traditional birth and breastfeeding, and the importance of supporting culturally-appropriate care. This session will provide tips on how to support and advocate for Indigenous families during the childbearing years. This meeting provides an opportunity for participants to build relationships with the hosts and each other in a talking circle fashion. Children and relatives are also welcome to join in the space. We look forward to meeting you and your families! [Register here!](#)
- Indigenous Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Month
  - [Clinic sign-up](#)

2:00 **Next Meeting**

- [September 21, 2020](#) (Required: *Indigenous Pink Planning*)
- [October 19, 2020](#) (Required: *Indigenous Pink & Sacred Breath/Lung Cancer Awareness Month planning*)
- [November 16, 2020](#) (Required: *Sacred Breath/Lung Cancer Awareness Month*)
- No meeting in December

**URBAN CANCER SOLUTIONS**  
**Coalition Meeting Attendees**  
Monday, August 17, 2020

Name	Organization
Lindsey Petras	American Indian Cancer Foundation
Melissa Buffalo	American Indian Cancer Foundation
Wyatt Pickner	American Indian Cancer Foundation
Misha Loeffler	American Indian Cancer Foundation
Ashley Pohlenz	American Indian Cancer Foundation
Justin Jones	American Indian Cancer Foundation
Jessica Deaton	Oklahoma City Indian Clinic
Jamie Ischomer-Aazami	National Council of Urban Indian Health
Amy Poel	Urban Indian Health Institute
Sam McGough	Urban Indian Health Institute
Melissa Meza	California Rural Indian Health Board
Morgan Marrieti	American Cancer Society