

## URBAN CANCER SOLUTIONS

### Coalition Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2021

1:00 pm CT

Attendees: Amber Ahonen (Fond Du Lac: FDL), Lacey Winters (Native American Community Clinic: NACC), Jessica Deaton (Oklahoma City Indian Clinic: OKCIC), Danielle Puri (Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake City: UICSL), Kimberly Fowler (National Council on Urban American Indian Health: NCUIH), Flaydina Knight (Ute Mountain Ute Tribe), Michelle Archambault (Genentech), Craig Dee (Fred Hutch), Tami Hogie-Lorenzen (South Dakota Urban Indian Health: SDUIH), Nancy Pierce (Fresno American Indian Health Project: FAIHP), Karen Hoffman, BK, LP, JJ, AP, ML

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1:00        **Welcome, Prayer & Presentation (By: Melissa Meza)**

- CRIHB Coordinator and leads the CTCCCP Coalition: two subcommittee meetings, general meeting (discuss what happens in Indian Country with a presentation by a guest speaker), lung and tobacco subcommittee (focused on commercial tobacco cessation; trained through University of Arizona and motivational interviewing; created a workflow to implement into their clinic) and then a screenable cancers subcommittee (ppl provide feedback on materials, do a screening), have coalition members do a variety of activity and have them do some work, get feedback on what they're looking for. Projects: Head & Neck Cancer Awareness Month coming up, and Cancer Survivor Awareness Month.
- Contact information: Melissa Meza, mmeza@crihb.org
- [CRIHB website](#)

1:05        What does cancer screening currently look like in your community? (Ashley)

- What can we do as a Coalition to promote screenings?
  - Amber (FDL): COVID takes priority, still recommending screenings for those that are referred out, including lung and CRC; sending out reminders; planning to get a mammography unit, but is currently on hold - also refer out for this; patients are coming in for screenings that can be done with their doctors, the # of ppl is limited to who can come into the building so they are still seeing patients on a regular basis
  - Katie (OKCIC): Had clinic closed; mass immunization event that is coming up on Saturday, and will target ppl who are due for FIT kits
  - Danielle (Family NP; UICSL): all received iCare training, will now be able to gather and analyze data for CRC screenings; plan to train an MA to do outreach calls; moving to onsite services from being an outreach and referral; wrapped up a community needs assessment: screenings for elders is really low; going to brainstorm activities at their clinic
  - Jessica (OKCIC): recommend to do a questionnaire that has name, chart #, whether they had a flu shot, location, mammogram, where did they get it, CRC screening; were able to input that into their charts; Jessica will send this so that we can send to partners
- What can AICAF do as an organization to promote screenings?

- Question: about not having a mammogram until 6 weeks after the COVID vaccine?
  - Craig (Fred Hutch): Great to have a central hub for resources disseminated to different clinics, would be great to have this as a resource; a resource hub of updates on COVID-19, cancer screenings, and the COVID-19 vaccine would be ideal.

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### Cancer Plan: Treatment Part 2 (Justin)

- Questions we didn't get to:
  - How does your clinic/organization support traditional healing for your patients?
    - Justin (AICAF): NACC has elders in residence, back home in AK, they do traditional recipes and plant gathering activities
    - Katie (OKCIC): Have patient navigation for delivery services
    - Jessica (OKCIC): Don't push traditional healing; being an urban clinic and having a variety of tribal members as a medical home, they don't really push this
    - Justin (AICAF): traditional healing is about addressing the whole person: mind, body, spirit, looking to support elders and other community members
  - What is your clinic/organization doing around genetic testing?
    - Jessica (OKCIC): Looking for resources on genetic testing, looking for free/reduced rates
    - Comment (SDUIH): We offer Myriad genetic testing in house. They verify coverage before running the testing to avoid costing the patient too much money.
  - How is your clinic/organization connected to clinical research and trials?
    - Jessica (OKCIC): some of the patients referred out are using clinical trials at local hospitals; local OU might be good to reach out to bc they have designated AI navigators
    - Danielle (UICSL): University of Utah has a similar position with the Huntsman Cancer Institute
  - What resources on treatment do you think your community members, patients, staff may need?

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### Cancer Plan: Survivorship (Lindsey)

- What resources does your clinic have for cancer survivors?
  - Katie (OKCIC): Kathleen Gray handles most of the cancer survivors, nothing currently
  - Tami (SDUIH): no resources at SDUIH
  - Jessica (OKCIC): want to expand survivorship
- How does your clinic/org work with cancer patients and their cancer care team?
  - Jessica (OKCIC): Have their Storm program for ppl who are diagnosed with cancer; their oncology nurse focuses on ppl who have cancer and

- connect ppl to resources like workout plans, behavioral health, financial aid, etc.
- Danielle (UICSL): No active medical clients who have a current cancer diagnosis
- Tami (SDUIH): Fragmented care due to multiple different systems seeing the patients. We can definitely use improved coordinated care/navigation.
- Does your clinic have an objective of addressing the survival rates of cancer patients?
  - Jessica (OKCIC): having an old EHR, they have some difficulty tracking those patients and their survivorship
- Do you have a cancer plan in your EHR? What is the process for keeping track of them? Does your cancer survivor get a copy or have access to the cancer plan?
  - Collective no
  - Tami (SDUIH): No cancer plan in our EHR
  - Amber (FDL): Do not have funding for their EHR;
  - Danielle (UICSL): no EHR
  - Flaydina: mainly work with women who need assistance transports to get their yearly mammograms. Have to transport 50 miles north to the nearest hospital; work on mass testing for COVID, including vaccination
  - Craig (Fred Hutch): What's the benefit of having a cancer plan in the EHR?
    - Can bring the information to their providers, where they are and where they want to be
  - Melissa (CRIHB): developed survivorship care plan resource guide, including resources in their area
- How does your clinic nurture quality of life for Indigenous survivors?
  - Melissa (CRIHB): Had programs go through the patient navigation; tribes don't know what survivorship is and what should be done through primary care; CRIHB wants to equip them with what they need to address this
  - Katie (OKCIC): Kathleen Gray passes things out to survivors that help make their day
  - Lindsey (AICAF): Having a Kathleen or someone the survivor can call on and talk to is another excellent opportunity for patients
- How can the coalition attempt to increase the quality of life for Indigenous survivors?
  - Katie (OKCIC): Any educational resources to prevent cancer, annual screenings, etc.
  - Nancy (FAIHP): Being able to tell story is a huge and important need

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### Current & Upcoming Events (Ashley)

- February: Cancer Prevention Awareness Month
- March: Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month / Blue Beads Day

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### Next Meeting (Ashley)

- March: Palliative & End-of-Life Care
- April: No meeting
- May: Review of 2020 Coalition Meetings & Steps Moving the Cancer Plan Forward
- Introductions:
  - Amber (FDL): trying to keep in contact w patients and clients of the clinic; can't have any booths; ppl don't take any information home right now
  - Melissa (CRIHB): competition for CRC Awareness Month, created a few videos, how to do a FIT kit, developed two infographics, sending some of the NNN out, have a presentation on 2/25 "[Live in Ceremony](#)" ([link](#)), doing a gardening and traditional foods presentation in March, as well as a storytelling and health promotion session
  - Katie & Jessica (OKCIC): 2/27 Mass Immunization event; reaching out on social media
  - Danielle (UICSL): could do a mailer for patients 50+; did you know that we now have medical services, etc.
  - Nancy (FAIHP): Handing resources out and doing an event
  - Craig (Fred Hutch): nothing as far as social media or campaigns, but is working to identify which tribes lack those resources and work to get them
  - Michelle (GeneTech): Looking to do more with the AI/AN communities, took notes to figure out how to help with resources
  - Kimberly (NCUIH): Would be happy to share any of the information on social media
- Join us on [Feb. 26, 2021 at 12:30 PM CST](#) for [Blue Beads Office Hours!](#)

### Resource:

[American Indian Cancer Foundation Urban Cancer Solutions Cancer Plan 2020-2022](#)