DE Food Research Network Meeting Notes

2-9-21

Zoom link: <https://capture.udel.edu/media/DE+Food+Research+Network+Meeting/1_aeemvb52>

1. Attendees
   1. Allison Karpyn
   2. Tara Tracy
   3. Katie Fitzpatrick
   4. Thianda Manzara
   5. Laura Saperstein
   6. Nikko Brady
   7. Verona Mulgrave
   8. Shebra Hall
   9. Kate Dupont Philips
   10. Marikis Alvarez
   11. Alicia Salvatore
   12. Anna McDermott
   13. Ray Fitzgerald
2. Laura Saperstein
   1. Bureau Chief, Pop Health – relatively new part of organization, still under development
   2. Works under Lisa Henry, Dir Comm Health
   3. Prior work under Cassandra Coats Johnson
      1. Comm Health Engage L pgm (“CHELP”)
      2. Moving needle to PSE strategies, working w/ communities.
   4. Learning Collaborative – developed w/ Nancy Mears, Purchased healthy comm curriculum
      1. Offered tool to communities, at no cost when Laura was training admin
         1. Focus on PSE training to communities, common language
   5. During-COVID
      1. Has been able to expand Bureau exactly the way they wanted to. Additional FTEs
   6. New Org – LS oversees
      1. Training Admin – Kenya Austin from DOC
         1. Dr. Awa (now Dr. Wong) is now at DOC, was at DHSS
         2. Self Mgt Pgm, certified trainers – work w/ DOC to have offenders be SMP trainers w/ peers
            1. Asked Qs re: nutrition content in prison canteens & cafeterias
      2. Pgm Admin – Katie Hughes
         1. Hiring training educator, planner, epidemiologist – one each for each county
   7. Overall, bringing PSE approach re: health policy to community sectors, to help leaders reach their goals
      1. My Healthy Communities DE (MHCDE)
         1. Create community profile to ID what’s needed, & then use PSE approach
         2. Also serves as main COVID portal
3. Discussion
   1. Opportunities to connect dots, to coordinate w/o duplicating efforts?
      1. Community Engagement work of ACCEL out of UD which is never static, more & more Qs re: how to help w/ community profiling efforts. NIH would prefer that community IDs priorities, UD/DSU implements w/ input from community. Allison says could connect to Greg, ACCEL PI
         1. Laura agrees, notes Office of State Planning/Dave Edgell – building dashboard, what are PH/land use cxns? Green River (builder), DDA dashboards also should be connected. All want to match into MHCDE.
         2. Laura would like to discuss, even though COVID occurring. MHCDE – started in /19, data added every 2 wks – PANO, Maternal, (cancer data missing), others
            1. Route 9 Master Planning effort – subcommittee needs cancer data, has health impacts from air & water pollution. Also have health impacts from behavioral issues. Cancer not off the charts, although lead & asthma are problematic
            2. This started community profiling effort, open to including other facets as well. But on hold due to vaccine needs
            3. Includes comm & civic leaders
         3. Jen Horney, Mia Pappas, Kate Dupont Philips – what can be done (eg data wrangling) during COVID pause? Asking what data is needed in comm profile? What comparators would be used?
            1. “Healthy Places Index” – CompassRed building this w/ CARES $$. Using census tract data, based on CA Healthy Places Index (<https://map.healthyplacesindex.org/>). Intended to ultimately incorporate into MHCDE – not have separate places for people to go

MHCDE portal: <https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state/community-characteristics>

* + - * 1. Working w/ Wilmington Alliance, Dr Hicks from Christiania
        2. SDOH data needed – food data is impt, but also need environmental (air & water) quality. DNREC provides data that’s already up? Will get stakeholder input from Comm members, groups like DEFRN to get feedback on metrics. ACCEL Comm Engagement Council could also be resource
      1. UCS report (2017) on DE env justice issues has been resurrected due to national focus on DE w/ election.
      2. EPA data has data which is Zip code level – Alicia to share
  1. Another way to connect – catalyst was Pres. Assanis/Governor conversation re: UD helping to communicate vaccine info.
     1. Surveying at UD to ID community partners – wide ranging – plus already reaching out.
     2. EG, FBD asked to host town hall re: vaccine apprehension. Laura notes vaccine talking points available on DPH website.
     3. Every Monday, comm call is held to discuss vaccine-related news + updates
     4. Discussion re: domino effect of people who take vaccine
        1. Also a number of folks who aren’t able to get it. Need to capture stories from all communities who aren’t able to get vaccine – teachers, service workers, minorities. Also state consider community feedback re: communication modes/messaging.
  2. Laura S.: overall, research connection between ACCEL and Pop Health is a good one. Allison notes w/ PI change, have new ideas & energy re: community engagement

1. Katie Fitzgerald update
   1. Public Health Communication Certificate will be offered started in 2022.
   2. Potential project to create real-time FI indicator: Scanner data at national level not on same time frame as Household Pulse data. Did contact ERS b/c they have data, Katie says it could be Coop oppty
2. FBD
   1. Has officially launched its CEO search
   2. Recruiting lived experience folks who could help share their perspective, stipends available
3. Future meeting topics
   1. FI /food provisions to undocumented communities – Alicia notes high rates of FI in her current Spanish-only food provision project. FBD always trying to connect w/ these folks, Anna could tabulate current efforts to create foundation for discussion.
   2. Allison & Tara are in conversation with Carrie Casey to schedule time re: the NCCO Homeless Shelter as had been requested by DEFRN members