

Community Health Improvement Planning VRUMS Task Force Meeting Meeting Minutes – Wednesday Feb 13, 2019 11:00-12:00 PM

Abrams Public Health Center: Room 3110

In Attendance

Brian, Eller, *Pima County Health Department*Desiree Doten, *Pima County Health Department*Gabriela Barillas-Longoria, *AZ Health Zone*

Mary Kinkade, *Pima County Health Department*Nic Cogdall, *Pima County Health Department*Roseanne Nguyen, *Pima County Health Department*

Welcome and Introductions

Brian Eller from the Pima County Health Department welcomed everyone in attendance and a round of introductions was completed.

The group recognized that several members are participating in a number of different activities including the Marana Safety Week and the hearings by the Arizona Transportation Subcommittee on distractive driving bills.

Bike Light Distribution Update

Brian shared that he had distributed 5 sets of bike lights to individuals experiencing homelessness at De Anza Park located at Speedway and Stone. The group discussed how the Gem Show may have displaced some individuals and a tentative date and time was selected to distribute more bike lights on February 26th at Santa Rita Park.

REACH Grant Update

Mary Kinkade, Pima County Health Department, informed the group that a second action plan has been submitted for the Racial & Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) program. The program will be focusing on Community-Clinical Linkages, Tobacco Cessation, and Physical Activity:

- The Community-Clinical Linkages will continue the Mothers in Arizona Moving Ahead (MAMAs) program, which
 will work on providing training to low-income mothers to become Community Health Workers and help
 participants with job placement.
- Tobacco cessation will work on promoting smoke-free policies in apartment buildings.
- The Physical Activity priority will focus on increasing walkability, increasing signage on The Loop, increasing awareness around bike sharing, and hosting pop-up parks around Pima County that are near The Loop and Title I schools in the area.

Complete Streets Update

Gabriela Barillas-Longoria from AZ Health Zone shared that the Living Streets Alliance was successful in having the City of Tucson Mayor and Council unanimously pass the Complete Streets Policy. With the passage, the process of implementation and development of the design guidelines has begun. The city now has 90 days to adopt the policy.

Updates

• The group discussed a project by University of Arizona undergraduates to distribute bike lights. The students have been recruited and the information they gather could be shared with PAG to understand trends is biking around the UA campus.



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- Rose Nguyen, Pima County Health Department, has been involved with long-term transit planning discussions
 with Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to better understand how
 transit impacts the delivery of WIC services.
 - The VRUMS action group and individuals partners may want to consider connecting with the Regional Transit Authority to inform the long-term planning for transportation.
 - While PAG closed their transit survey in January, they are still collecting data through November of 2019. The group discussed the possibility of surveying individuals that rely on public transit, including the Bus Riders Union through Casa Maria.
- The Maricopa County Health Department and Arizona Alliance for Healthy Communities are exploring holding trainings on health impact assessment trainings on healthy design and healthy communities. Additionally information will be provided as it becomes available.
- The Town of Marana has a teen driver safety coalition aimed at increasing awareness of distracted driving through education, events, and demonstrations and are interested in expanding out to other schools.

Next Meeting

The VRUMS Task Force meets in-person the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 11am-12pm in Room 3110 at the Abrams Public Health Center, located at 3950 S Country Club Rd. Tucson, AZ.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place:

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Abrams Public Health Center: 3950 S. Country Club Rd. Tucson, AZ 85714

Room: 3110

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