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Urban Indian Health Organization Spotlight

Cardiovascular Disease Program Visioning and Strategic Planning Partnership

As part of its Promoting Health Equity project, the Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) guided two Urban Indian Health Organizations (UIHOs) through a visioning and planning partnership to strengthen their efforts to address cardiovascular disease (CVD). This Spotlight outlines the process and outcomes of this partnership.

Both UIHOs summarized their current CVD programming status, discussed potential areas of growth and learned the roles and responsibilities of each participating organization in a preliminary teleconference. Following this introduction, the UIHI led each site through an
organizational readiness assessment for CVD programming change. The organizational readiness assessment was developed by UIHI after review of several publicly available health programming readiness and change assessments that were chosen for their relevancy to urban AI/AN health care. The UIHI, through dialog with the UIHOs, elicited agreement levels of readiness in five domains that help determine current capacity. These domains help identify important pillars of organizational structure and environment that can enable or inhibit successful change implementation.

The partnership culminated in a day long Strategic Planning Workshop at UIHI in Seattle Washington. The workshop provided an opportunity for both organizations to develop goals, objectives and strategies in an open dialog designed to inform their planning and implementation of specific action steps that will help them achieve CVD programming goals. Workshop participants toured the Seattle Indian Health Board's (SIHB) Leschi Clinic and Healthy Heart Program. SIHB Executive Director Ralph Forquera also sat down with the workshop participants to share his experiences and insight into establishing strategic partnerships with public and private entities to expand and protect funding sources. The participating UIHOs garnered valuable contacts as well as insight into the differing perspectives and approaches to program planning. By the end of the workshop, participants had created task lists that would help them enact their strategies, reach their goals and attain their vision for CVD services.

Please visit the UIHI’s Promoting Health Equity for Urban American Indians and Alaska Natives Organizational Change webpage for information on readiness assessments for community and organizational change.

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