

WYCC Screening and Early Detection Work Group Minutes

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Meeting called by Tanya Riekens

Attendees: James Hruby, Tanya Riekens, Cindy Glaser, Val Knepp, Star Jones, Carolyn Conlin

Discussion

- Tanya explained workgroup objectives:
 - Will meet monthly
 - Wyoming's screening rates are very low even though there are many resources available
 - Group will focus on breast cancer screening to start with
 - Will move on to cervical, colorectal and lung cancer screenings later (low rates, but less resources)
 - Smaller focus now, but as group grows we can expand our focus and resources
- Star provided WCP updates:
 - Breast & Cervical program now accepting clients that are underinsured
 - Colorectal program no longer accepting clients under the age of 50 and now offering other evidenced-based screening tests (Fit testing, Cologuard, etc.)
 - 20 providers attended the WCP updates Zoom meetings
 - We need to get the word out about the WCP to more providers throughout the state
 - We need to expand our reach to serve more of the populations in WY

James discussed needs of the group:

- WCP only serves 11% of population so we need to find more partners
- Key component is communication with and education to potential partners and population in general
- Health systems work needs to be done with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's) to implement evidence-based interventions (EBI's)
- WCP currently works with 2 FQHC's and UWFP in both Cheyenne and Casper have expressed interest

Star discussed upcoming Coalition Meeting:

- October 5th in Casper at the Oil and Conservation Building

- Virtual and in person (except for workgroups, these will be in person only)
- Topics include palliative care, Task Force program changes, COVID impact, changes to USPTFS recommendations, tobacco free schools, new member orientation, workgroup meetings

Brainstorming

- Need to let clinics/partners choose EBI's to be more invested
- Need to find champions in clinics, communities
- How can we recruit new partners?
 - Financial benefits
 - Incentives
 - Advertising
- How do we overcome barriers for providers and clients?
 - After hours appointments
 - Worksite wellness initiatives
 - Offer screening information at acute visits
 - Add screening information in discharge paperwork at hospital/clinics
 - Offer statewide competition and awards for providers that increase screening rates

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- What can we do to help providers promote?
- Partner with Wyoming Breast Cancer Initiative (WBCI):
 - What do they have planned for the month?
 - Can they help providers promote screenings?
 - Can they provide incentives?
 - What about their mini grants?

Action Items

Deadline

- Tanya will reach out to WBCI to find out when their next call is and to discuss plans for October's Breast Cancer Awareness month
- Next meeting TBD. Look for meeting invite soon