

SAG Meeting Minutes 1-11-18

Introductions

Erin Seger, new Health Professions Coordinator, provided an introduction. Erin started with MAR in September has an MPH from the University of Illinois Chicago and has experience working as a Health Educator in Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Health learning center and patient education library.

Each SAG member share:

- **An accomplishment of yours or your organization over the past year**
- **A challenge that you encountered over the past year**
- **A project/event at your organization or with which you're involved that you're looking forward to in the upcoming year**

Alison Wessel, Librarian at the Delaware Department of Health, shared that the library did escape rooms for employees which helped create awareness in the library. In the coming year, they are looking forward to Literature and Medicine Groups to bring together health professionals with the community. They are also partnering with the Delaware Public Health Association to hold Science Cafes in the community. A challenge of the past year was budget cuts. The possibility of Alison doing an NNLM webinar with a UPMC librarian who also developed escape rooms was discussed.

Lisa Fiorentino from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, Center for Rural Health Practice shared that in the last two years she has been involved in a project looking at access to immunizations in the Bradford community. They are now looking at improving access to immunizations through an access network. Like Alison, she found funding to be a challenge over the past year. They were hoping to establish an internship program for senior BSN students but this was limited by funding. An upcoming project she is involved in will look at obesity rates and challenges among school-aged children through qualitative and quantitative data.

Carol Nicholas with the Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership shared that an accomplishment of the past year was getting their 501 (c)3 this year. A project over the past year was to get more health education information in a variety of languages, and the NLM resource Health Reach proved helpful in this effort. In the upcoming year, she will be involved with their county health needs assessment which will be done through focus groups, online surveys, etc.

Lynne Williams with the Southwest Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center has been working on a program called Connections4Health over the past year. This program focuses on training undergraduate students to engage with patients regarding housing, jobs, food insecurity, etc. and provide them with community referrals to help with these concerns. This program recently expanded to a second location in Pittsburgh. The program has been very popular and NNLM has been providing training to students about health resources they can use with their population. Over the next year they hope to expand this program further. A challenge has been coordinating schedules and recruiting student volunteers, but those students who are currently involved are very enthusiastic about the program.

Brian Dawson from the PA State Library has been working on health literacy partnerships between libraries and public health professionals to meet needs of both groups. A challenge encountered this year was to get libraries to look at the impact of the opioid epidemic in their community. These tend to

be difficult conversations for people to have and there is stigma attached to an opioid overdose. In the upcoming year, they have been working to bring the Harvard Institute Community Engagement model to libraries in PA. They are also looking at the role libraries can play in community resilience regarding the opioid epidemic and emergency preparedness.

Goals for the upcoming year

Health Professions Coordinator has been working on updating the course PubMed and Beyond: Clinical Resources from the National Library of Medicine. Class for clinicians and librarians who work with clinicians. Another goal is to promote Clinical eCompanion through newly developed brochure, connecting with providers who do not have subscription database access and incorporating this tool into presentations and trainings where applicable. There is also a focus on continued outreach to FQHCs, AHECs and health departments. In addition, there is a plan to offer continuing education for Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES) who participate in NNLM classes that have a focus on health education and public health.

Funded Health Professional Programs

Some projects that were funded by NNLM MAR this year were summarized:

Connections4Health: Improving Patient Health through Addressing Social Determinants of Health is a project with the SWPA AHEC that trains undergraduates to provide community referrals to patients who are in need of support with housing, jobs, food insecurity, etc. This program was described by Lynne Williams during introductions.

Philadelphia Department of Public Health: Health Information and Emergency Preparedness Trainings in Libraries of Vulnerable Neighborhoods. This project is with the Bioterrorism & Public Health Preparedness Program at PDPH. They will be adapting an NNLM course on disaster preparedness resources to incorporate local emergency resources. They are providing trainings in libraries in lower income communities to introduce community members to emergency preparedness resources and will provide them with an evacuation kit from the Red Cross. This project also includes an assessment of community needs related to disaster/ emergency preparedness which will be done through focus groups with those who attend the trainings.

Next round of MAR funding will be announced soon

Funding will be announced in the late winter/ early spring. If there is a project that SAG members are interested in receiving funding for or if they have a community partner who is interested, they can discuss with Erin. We will hold a webinar about applying for funding and office hours where applicants can ask questions about the process. SAG members will be asked to volunteer to review grant applications, but they can be a reviewer and apply for funding within the same cycle.

All of Us

Kate Flewelling, NNLM MAR Executive Director, provided an overview of All of Us. Precision Medicine Initiative was announced by President Obama in his 2015 state of the union. The All of Us research program is what came out of the Precision Medicine Initiative. The goal of All of Us is to get health data from 1 million people in the United States over the next several years. This includes biological information from blood and urine as well as information about where they live, work and play and

information from their electronic health records. The planned outcome of this is to have a database that can be used to develop targeted therapies that can be provided to a more diverse population than is currently seen in clinical research. NNLM has been funded to do community engagement around All of Us and use public libraries as the avenue of engagement. The plan is to increase public libraries' capacity to provide health information and provide programming through libraries about precision medicine, genetics, health history etc. Last week MAR hired Veronica Milliner, a new Coordinator who will be in charge of community engagement for All of Us. She is a public librarian with diverse experience including work at the Carnegie Library where she worked to extend library services to settings such as free clinics and low income housing communities. She has also been a shipboard librarian and worked with a library system in the Virgin Islands. She was also a Peace Corps volunteer doing HIV/AIDS outreach in South Africa.

There was a question about how SAG members can help support All of Us and the answer is to stay tuned because NNLM is now developing programming ideas, but a lot of it is encouraging public libraries to develop partnerships with community health organizations in their area. We are going to be assigned target areas for the first year of the project and then will have more flexibility about expanding it throughout the Middle Atlantic Region. Moving forward we will be soliciting your advice about how to get public libraries more involved in wider community health initiatives.

Next Meeting

Erin will send out another Doodle poll for availability for our meeting next quarter.