



POPULATION MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

3/16/2021

Attending: Eric Thacker, Mark Fraker, Rick Karcich, Ursula Bechert, Mark Boshell, Celeste Carlisle, Erica Reider, Peggy Coleman-Taylor, Tolani Francisco, Brieanah Schwartz, Stephanie Boyles-Griffin, Kayla Grams, Redge Johnson, and Rae Ann Hart

Next Meeting: April 20 at 1 PM (Mountain Time)

Discussion:

Stephanie gave us an update about the FREES organized session presentation to the Pathways Conference attendees. The deadline has been moved back until May so that the conference organizers can decide if they will have a virtual, in-person, or hybrid meeting.

Most of the meeting discussion was about the questionnaire we would use to get information on groups who were collecting data on HMAs in Utah. Ursula had sent out a draft of questions previous to the meeting. Some suggestions were to add a one-sentence description of research to better inform users about the project. This would be very short information about what the project entails. A question was also added about the publication of research which could be peer-reviewed, agency report, lay, or website. We talked about other research that might be done such as animal/behavioral health or predators, but decided that the “other” option would catch things not on the list. The list was already pretty long. There was a question about research that is done across the entire range. We decided this data is useful for collaborations and revised the question to add “all or in-part” into the sentence. An opt-out option will be added so groups can fill in the information but not have their contact details on-line. They can also explain why. A question was added asking if the data was collected as part of a coalition effort or if groups were coordinating with another group to collect data.

The final questionnaire will be put into Qualtrics format and be available on-line. A link will be on the FREES website.

Mark B. at the PLPCO office could add a story-map to help increase understanding of the areas and work done. This was a good idea and will be added in phase 2 of the project. Erica will also send Ursula wording to be used (probably in phase 2) to gauge interest in FREES, the overall collaboration process, as well as to see what a group is offering or what they hope to get out of working with FREES.

Discussion also included how to deliver notification of the survey. We would send it to our FREES email list and post on the website. We can also ask people to forward the information to

groups that may not be part of FREES. A forwarded email should also be followed up with a phone call or personal email to explain the purpose behind the questionnaire. Rae Ann will set up a shared google doc so that people in our group can add contact info for those who are not on the FREES list but may be doing research or data collection on HMAs.

Action Items:

Erica will also send Ursula wording to be used (probably in phase 2) to gauge interest in FREES, the overall collaboration process, as well as to see what a group is offering or what they hope to get out of working with FREES.

Mark B. at the PLPCO office would develop a Utah story-map to be added in phase 2 of the project. (future action item)

Rae Ann set up a shared google doc to add contact info for those who are not on the FREES list but may be doing research or data collection on HMAs. Link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FVNJYpG9BWfenECqEqVaR3Eq8MN--T_5l1C2LF4WvqM/edit?usp=sharing

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