

East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) Civic Engagement Subcommittee Meeting

July 18, 2017

Purpose: To organize cultural + language specific Civic Engagement workshop, share curriculum, advocate for ongoing funding, and advise on East Portland cultural + language specific issues and projects.

Attendees: Zinah Mudhafar, Rachel Botts Gordon, Natalie Arreola, Iore Wintergreen, Galina Nekrasova, Jennifer Swangel, Fiona Yau-Luu, Natalya Sobolevskaya, Joeanally Gonzabz, Rebecca Miller, Emiko Badillo, Christina Palacios, Hayden Miller, Boo Phan, and Teresa Campos.

Interpreters: Baher Butti– Arabic and Elena Bogdanovich Werner – Russian

Natalya welcomed everyone and each attendee introduced themselves. Zinah brought the delicious food from Grill on the Go. Rachel graciously agreed to take notes (see her excellent work below).

Next month's (August 15th) meeting:

Facilitator: Natalie Arreola

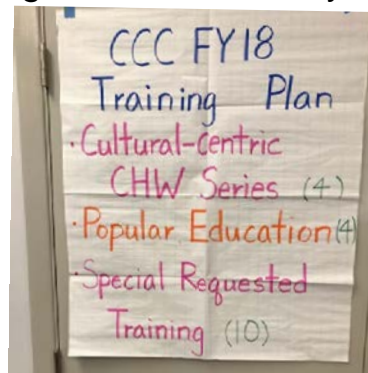
Notes: Fiona Yau-Luu

Food: Zinah Mudhafar ('Grill To Go')

General EPAP Report: Adriana Govea

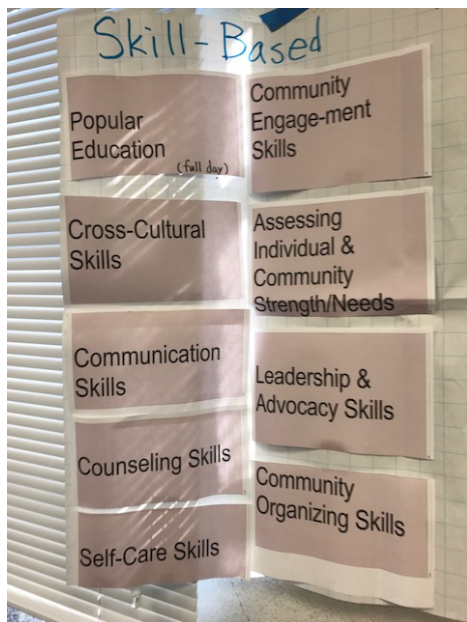
Community Health Worker (CHW) training program

Objectives: learn from EPAP about goals related to culturally specific CHW training and how to support EPAP, gather feedback on how to make English-based County Capacitation Center (CCC) trainings more accessible for different language and accessibility needs

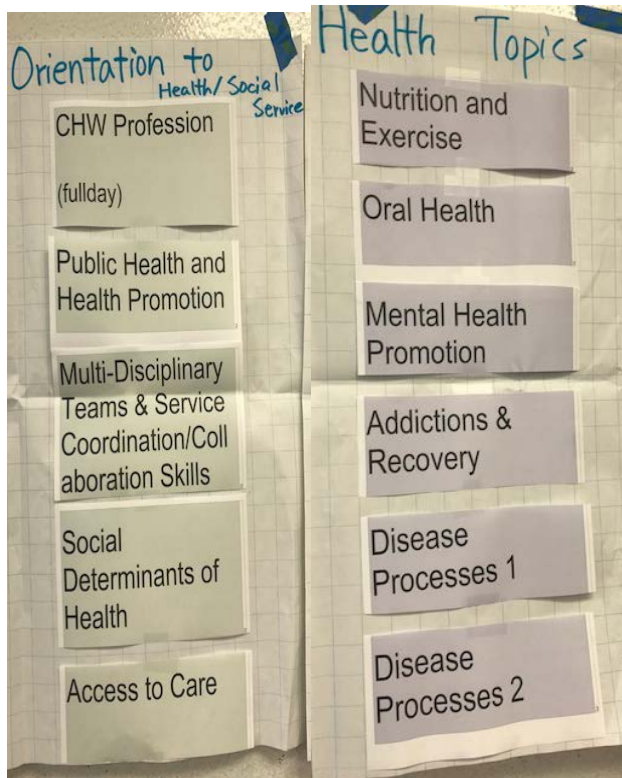


- CCC FY 2018

- 4 cultural-centric CHW trainings: Asian community, Pacific Islander community, African community, EPAP choice to decide at end of meeting
 - 12 full days of training w/ schedule set by community needs; Topics covered:
 - Popular Education
 - Cross-cultural Skills
 - Communication Skills
 - Counseling Skills
 - Self-Care Skills
 - Community Engagement Skills
 - Assessing Individual & Community Needs
 - Leadership & Advocacy Skills
 - Community Organizing Skills



- CHW Profession
- Public Health & Health Promotion
- Multi-Disciplinary Teams & Service Coordination/Collaboration Skills
- Social Determinants of Health
- Access to Care



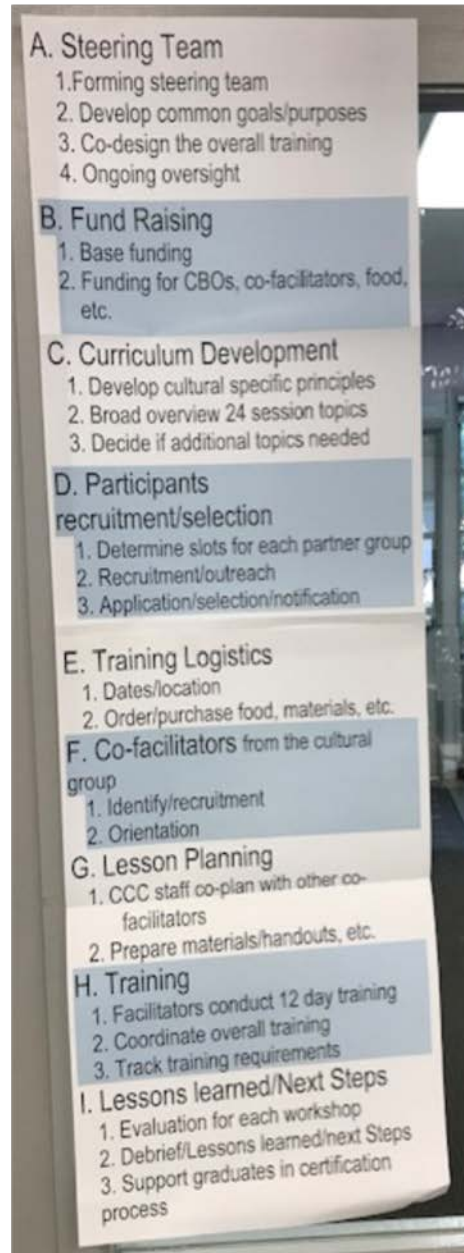
- Nutrition & Exercise
- Oral health
- Mental Health Promotion
- Addictions & Recovery
- Disease Processes 1
- Disease Processes 2
 - 25 participants for each training nominated/selected by the community, no tuition cost
 - Each training is culturally specific and guided by community needs/requests
- 4 Popular Education trainings – uses audience as guide and contributes to content
- 10 Special Requested trainings
- Funding
 - General Fund \$ – CCC staffing, to plan/coordinate and co-facilitate training, program materials, staff mileage

- Gaps \$ (need fundraising) – community partner stipend for planning meetings, co-facilitators, food/snacks for training, graduation celebration (if desired), training space rental

General Fund	GAP
• CCC Staffing plan/coordinate & co-facilitate training	• Community partner stipend for planning meetings
• Program materials	• Co-facilitators
• Staff mileage	• Food/Snack for training
	• Graduation Celebration
	• Training space rental

○

- Process: Steering Team
- Fundraising
- Curriculum Development
- Participants
- Training Logistics
- Co-facilitators from the cultural group
- Lesson Planning
- Training
- Lesson Learned



- EPAP group to give leadership support and guidance, but want CCC/Multnomah County to drive action and recruit/source community partnership opportunities

ACTION: EPAP Training decision --> Arabic community training. Zinah and Baher will work with the CCC to recruit and develop the cultural-specific training

El Programa Hispano – Minor Traffic Violation Skype Pleading Advocacy

- Natalie is exploring and setting-up meetings with the Gateway Domestic Violence Center, because they have developed this opportunity for those filing for a protective restraining order. Natalie will have more updates at the next subcommittee meeting as that will be after the scheduled meetings happen.

Multnomah County Aging, Disability, and Veteran Services Council Recruitment

- Shared upcoming opportunities to join the Aging Services Advisory Council, opening will be available in the Fall
- Will be visiting partner organizations for information sessions

Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) letter proposal - \$100,000 Accessibility Funds Criteria

- Group agrees that disallowing EPAP to access funds for needs because EPAP sets aside money in their budget to meet these needs and then has less for staffing and grant needs is unfair. The group wants to send a letter to the Director and Commissioner
 - Note EPAP needs equal access to funds
 - Explain history of EPAP commitment to accessibility
 - Request explanation of process and determination of guidelines in writing
 - Request community involvement be integrated in guideline determination: New Portland Commission and Public Involvement Advisory Committee

Social Justice Fund

- Promoting and informing about upcoming Economic Justice Giving Project
 - recruiting for Social Justice Fund's next [giving project](http://www.socialjusticefund.org/giving-projects) (<http://www.socialjusticefund.org/giving-projects>). Participants will gain grant reading and reviewing skills, fundraising skills, and training to build their social justice analysis. They raise the funds and decide who to fund.
 - For more information on SJF's work contact Cristina at cristina@socialjusticefund.org. She would like to meet one-on-one.
 - Note: The link says that all meetings will be in Seattle, that is not correct for the Pdx Giving Project, all meetings for Portland Economic Justice Giving Project will be in Portland, but the meeting dates for Pdx and Seattle are the same.
 - Emiko said that involvement with this process was life changing.

General EPAP meeting recap: Natalya and Zinah will share this responsibility at the July 26, 2017 meeting.

Next meeting August 15 at 6:30pm at 1017 NE 117th Ave. (117th between Halsey + Glisan at the foot of the water tower). If you need a childcare, disability, cultural, language, or other accommodation to fully participate in an EPAP meeting, or if you want to be on a future agenda, please contact:

lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov or 503.823.4035.

East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) Strategic priorities

Fiscal Year 2016-17

Municipality Specific references in bold

EPAP lead advocates in italics

- E. City of Portland All Bureaus:** Engage ethnic communities in neighborhood activities; provide overhead funding for translation/language services to remove barriers and improve messaging and invitations. (CB.1.2) *Civic Engagement Subcommittee*
- F. Multnomah County Health Department and State of Oregon Health Division:** Increase funding and technical assistance for organizations that desire to establish (two new ethnicities/languages every two years) or to strengthen existing ethnically-based Community Health Worker programs. Establish racially and ethnically representative community oversight of Community Health Worker programming. (EC.4.4 and SN.6.2) *Civic Engagement Subcommittee*

Involuntary Displacement Prevention Recommendations for East Portland

Civic Engagement Process To Be Applied

When Implementing All Recommended Tools

As the East Portland Involuntary Displacement Prevention Tools are being implemented, it is important that the community stay involved to provide leadership and guidance on how to strategically address these community-identified issues and resource allocations.

The following* process will actively engage the community as partners in seeking responsible and equitable outcomes in the work to prevent involuntary displacement in East Portland.

- 1) Provide a wide range of opportunities for involvement, with targeted access and inclusion in decision-making for those with the potential to be adversely affected by gentrification/livability improvements.
- 2) Foster ongoing positive relationships between communities and Municipal Governments by ensuring accountability for improving community well-being and inclusion, and by ensuring adherence to Community Benefit Agreements that should be instituted to support East Portlanders adversely impacted by gentrification/livability improvements whenever possible.

- 3) Recognize that Municipal Governments have a responsibility to plan for the needs of and engage with disparately under-served, under-resourced, and under-represented communities, and to prioritize policy mandates based on need, so as to achieve greater equity for those most adversely impacted by gentrification/livability improvements.
- 4) Expand opportunities for meaningful community engagement and require transparent, well designed, and thoughtful culturally and language specific and relevant representative and responsive public processes throughout address of the recommended tools: from issue identification, analysis, and project scoping through implementation, monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and enforcement.

*These recommendations are a revision of the “Community-Based Anti-Displacement Recommendations” produced by several community organizations and submitted as input to the Portland Comprehensive Plan Update: February 2015.

- 5) Build community capacity to increase the community’s meaningful participation, innovation, solution-making and leadership by allocating adequate resources to realistically accomplish this community involvement outcome.
- 6) Utilize public comment as part of an equity-based community impact assessment to promote thoughtful consideration of and mitigation for polices that cause negative disparate impacts, irrespective of intent.

Recommendations to Be Implemented**

East Portland Action Plan Civic Engagement Grants

Fund the East Portland Action Plan Civic Engagement Grants program that allocates monies for language and racially/ethnically specific projects for those who are under-resourced/served and not normally included in decision making. Utilization of this tool has proven to be a best practice for the East Portland Action Plan’s work in this richly multicultural area.