

Year Six Activities
Community Networks Program Sub-Contract

North Central Spirit of EAGLES
UW Comprehensive Cancer Center
May 1, 2005 – April 30, 2006

Goal

Reduce cancer health disparities among American Indians / Alaska Natives by using community-based participatory methods to increase culturally relevant cancer education, training and research capacity among AI/AN.

Aim 1: Maintain and expand existent community-based networks.

- 1.1 Deepen and expand relationships with Tribes, Indian Health Service units, Urban Indian Centers, Cancer Centers, community hospitals, Tribal Colleges, public universities and AI/AN advocacy organizations in the North Central region.
 - 1.1.1 Recruit, hire, train and support new North Dakota / South Dakota outreach staff person shared with North Central CIS.
 - 1.1.2 Develop standard Cancer Activity Assessment tool to use in meetings with Tribal, IHS and Tribal College representatives.
 - 1.1.3 Conduct meetings with representatives of Tribes, IHS and Tribal Colleges in North Dakota and South Dakota using assessment tool.
 - 1.1.4 Develop and/or expand relationships with Urban Indian Centers and other organizations serving urban based AI/AN populations.
 - 1.1.5 Maintain communication with partners and develop / refine communication tools as needed.
- 1.2 Provide technical assistance and support for national Spirit of EAGLES initiatives.
 - 1.2.1 Promote Spirit of EAGLES Community Grants and provide technical assistance with specific proposals.
 - 1.2.2 Promote Spirit of EAGLES training seminars and conferences.
- 1.3 Promote the participation of AI/AN Tribes and community representatives in the development and implementation of CDC-funded Comprehensive Cancer Plans in the North Central region.

- 1.3.1 Recruit AI/AN representatives to serve in leadership capacities in the development and implementation of State Comprehensive Cancer Plans.
- 1.3.2 Ensure Comprehensive Cancer Plans and Implementation Programs identify and effectively address issues affecting AI/AN cancer health disparities.

Aim 2: Provide infrastructure to support, expand and evaluate tribal community-based participatory research.

- 2.1 Develop, disseminate and evaluate a research promotion toolkit which includes information on AI/AN cancer disparities, technical assistance available through NC-SOE, a readiness assessment tool for community based participatory research partnerships, and training and funding opportunities for research projects.
 - 2.1.1 Prepare a community readiness assessment tool.
 - 2.1.2 Assemble information on AI/AN cancer disparities and current training and funding opportunities for research projects.
- 2.2 Provide technical assistance in partnership development to potential AI/AN and cancer researchers, including partner identification, negotiation of agreements, proposal planning and development, consultation with research experts and mentors, identification of financial and training resources and participation of AI/AN students in research projects.
 - 2.2.1 Consult on implementation of the Aberdeen Area IHS Mobile Digital Mammography project.
 - 2.2.2 Assist in developing a Tribal Institutional Review Board in Minnesota to protect the interests of AI/AN individuals and communities participating in research projects.
 - 2.2.3 Develop a proposal for a UWCCC partnership training program for community and university research partners.
 - 2.2.4 Promote preparation and submission of pilot studies to NCI through Spirit of EAGLES and provide technical assistance to research teams preparing submissions.
- 2.3 Develop pilot research projects through the University of WI Comprehensive Cancer Center and other partners to reduce AI/AN cancer disparities.
 - 2.3.1 Complete NARCH supported pilot study, *Improving AI/AN Cancer Surveillance and Data Reporting in WI*, prepare report and submit article.

- 2.3.2 Develop and implement a pilot study with American Indian cancer survivors on the quality of the cancer care they received.
- 2.3.3 Develop a pilot project with the Menominee Nation on improving the effectiveness of tobacco cessation.

Aim 3: Improve access to and utilization of culturally competent cancer interventions in collaboration with NCI's NC Cancer Information Service.

- 3.1 Assess opportunities and barriers to reducing AI/AN cancer health disparities, address information resource needs and develop system interventions to improve services and outcomes across the cancer continuum.
 - 3.1.1 Provide cancer information resources and develop system interventions with interested North Dakota and South Dakota tribes.
 - 3.1.2 Assist with the development of cancer support groups and other survivorship activities with interested AI/AN individuals and tribes.
- 3.2 Provide technical assistance in the development and implementation of cancer conferences, seminars and other educational interventions for AI/AN and their health providers.
 - 3.2.1 Help plan, organize and support the Fond du Lac sponsored MN / WI American Indian Cancer Conference, June 9-10, 2005.
 - 3.2.2 Help plan and support the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community sponsored American Indian Healthy Lifestyles Conference, Living Well with Chronic Illness, July 18-19, 2005.
 - 3.2.3 Consult on the plans and present at the Cheyenne River Cancer Awareness Day sponsored by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and the Walking Forward Project, November 3, 2005.
 - 3.2.4 Help plan, organize and support the Ho-Chunk "Share the Care" Cancer Conference, April 11-12, 2005. e information on available cancer information resources and training opportunities.

Aim 4: Expand training opportunities to increase the number of researchers and communities competent at implementing community-based participatory studies.

- 4.1 Mentor and provide training opportunities for AI/AN students, staff and faculty to stimulate interest and capacity to engage effectively in research.
 - 4.1.1 Participate in UW Native American Health Working Group, and help organize and support the annual AI/AN student forum, *Health is Our Future*.

- 4.1.2 Mentor AI/AN students participating in the Great Lakes Native American Research Center for Health's Student Development program.
- 4.1.3 Identify, support and promote research training opportunities for interested AI/AN faculty, staff and students from UW and other institutions, tribal staff and AI/AN health providers.
- 4.2 Collaborate with Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairman's Health Board, Native American Cancer Control Researcher Training Program, UW Comprehensive Cancer Center, other cancer centers and community hospitals, Tribal Colleges and others to support and conduct research education and training programs.
 - 4.2.1 Help plan, support and facilitate a three-part Seminar Series on Individual and Community Research Protections Training developed and conducted by Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center.
 - 4.2.2 Provide consultation on the Community Based Participatory Research Seminar sponsored by Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council.

Aim 5: Develop and implement a plan for long-term maintenance of Spirit of EAGLES – Community Networks Program projects.

- 5.1 Secure ongoing funding support for the North Central Spirit of EAGLES program.
 - 5.1.1 Obtain partial support of current North Central SOE program from UW Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- 5.2 Provide technical assistance in developing UW Comprehensive Cancer Center's (UWCCC) cancer health disparities program.
 - 5.2.1 Assist in developing the cancer health disparities program proposal.
 - 5.2.2 Provide technical assistance on partnership development and participatory methods to the disparities program.
 - 5.2.3 Conduct an assessment of minority participation in UWCCC sponsored clinical trials.