



San Diego Promise Zone Healthy Communities Working Group

Thursday, February 18, 2021 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Via Zoom

Working Group Goal: To increase access to healthcare and healthy food in the Promise Zone

In Attendance

Access Inc., Aetna Better Health of California, Blue Shield of California, Champions for Health, San Diego City Council District 4, City of San Diego Economic Development Department, Corona Enterprises LLC, Kate Sessions Trees, MANA de San Diego, Meals on Wheels San Diego, Mongol Tribe, National Conflict Resolution Center, Office of Mayor Todd Gloria, Project New Village, San Diego Co-Harvest, San Diego Parks Foundation, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Urban Corps of San Diego County

Meeting Notes

I. Welcome, Agenda Review, and Introductions

II. Funding Opportunities Discussion

Lauren Welch (LWelch@urbancorps.org), Urban Corps of San Diego County

- **Outdoor Equity Grant:** Upcoming grant opportunity, not yet released, from the California Department of Parks & Recreation to fund outdoor programs designed to create a connection for urban youth to the natural world.
- **Transformative Climate Communities:** A \$200,000 planning grant from the California Strategic Growth Council that was recently applied to by San Diego's Environmental Health Coalition (EHC). The EHC plans to use these funds to plan for an implementation grant to provide affordable housing, transportation, and greening activities (tree planting and a park) in Barrio Logan. Lauren Welch is currently seeking feedback and interest for tree planting.
- Other Upcoming Grant Opportunities:
 - [Schwemm Foundation Grant](#)
 - [GusNIP Grant](#)
 - [USDA Beginning Farmer & Rancher Grant](#)
 - [USDA Community Food Projects Grant](#)
- If you are interested in pursuing a grant collaboratively through this working group, please contact Haley Wintsch (HWintsch@sandiego.gov).

III. COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update

Andrew Gonzalez (Andrew.Gonzalez@championsfh.org), Champions for Health

- Sign up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48acae2daaf94-champions3>
- Champions for Health is working tirelessly to distribute COVID-19 vaccines, the following are some key points from Andrew's presentation:
 - Offering COVID-19 pods to administer vaccines to hard-to-reach populations
 - Training healthcare providers to administer vaccines directly in spaces for seniors

- Addressing technology barriers for seniors to receive the COVID-19 vaccine
- Due to a vaccine shortage, the goal is to have the next tier open by March 15th
- Working group members engaged in a discussion following this presentation, the following are key points: Promise Zone Partners should be involved in the dissemination of COVID-19 vaccine resources; the digital divide should be considered when determining outreach methods and community-based and faith-based organizations should be leveraged; the Euclid Terrace Apartments should be considered as a vaccination location.
- Other COVID-19 Vaccine Resources:
 - [Metropolitan Transit System: Free Transportation to Vaccination Centers](#)
 - [County of San Diego: COVID-19 Vaccine Phases](#)
 - [San Diego Latino Health Coalition: COVID-19 Updates](#)
 - [County of San Diego: Educational Materials](#)
 - [County of San Diego: Pilot Program – Project SAVE](#)

IV. Activity: Creating an Action Plan for 2021

- In the last meeting, working group members suggested potential activities for the working group to prioritize in the coming months. This activity intended to narrow these ideas down to ~3 activities to prioritize.
- Working group members emphasized a need for an asset-based approach when determining priority activities.
- Working group members agreed to prioritize the following three activity areas: (1) Urban agriculture and backyard growing; (2) Equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccine information; (3) Ensuring that Promise Zone feedback is included in the City's Complete Communities program.
- Other projects and objectives are still going to be included in the action plan and will be reviewed once current priorities are completed.

V. Partner Announcements

- **San Diego Co-Harvest:** They work to grow more food in San Diego by utilizing vacant and excess space. Contact Avery Cramer, avery@sdcoharvest.com, if you know of anyone willing to become a home grower.
- **San Diego Parks Foundation:** They are working with the City of San Diego and Feeding San Diego to provide food service at 17 Recreation Centers in San Diego. [Click here](#) to learn more about the *Kids Free Meals* program. Also, they are also working to complete GEO mapping of trees in three San Diego parks.
- **Bayside Community Center:** They are reestablishing the Linda Vista community garden.
- **Kate Sessions Commitment:** They have FREE 5-gallon trees, donated on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, available for pick-up at City Farmers. Contact Anne Fege, afege@sdrufc.com, if you are interested, preferable to plant 5-10 trees along a block rather than individually.
- **National Conflict Resolution Center:** On Tuesday, February 23rd from 5:30 – 6:30 PM they will be co-hosting a *Self-Care During Difficult Times* community circle with Lemon Grove Thrive. Contact Kathryn Shade, kshade@ncrconline.com, to learn more.
- **Healthy Day Partners:** They are partnering with Fresh Food Connect to launch the [Homegrown Hunger Relief program](#) in the communities of Encinitas and Carlsbad.

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