

2010 Capacity Building Project

Project Objectives

1. Partner with Asian community organizations to train them and build up capability to conduct health study and research work (Community Based Participatory Research)
2. Collect health and healthcare needs and wants from Asian American communities in Michigan, increase community awareness of local and national health disparity, and engage community in open forum on health equality and social justice

Project Plan

1. Collect survey data of health and healthcare needs/wants from 100 participants of each partner organization using their native language(s)/English
2. Conduct one community health disparity conversation within each partner organization with about 20 selected participants from the 100 survey participants

Five partner organizations are invited in this study: Asian Indians, Chinese, Filipinos, Koreans and Vietnamese. They are selected for the larger population and willingness to collaborate. The following organizations have agreed to be partner organizations/subcontractors for this study:

| | | |
|---------------|---|-------|
| Asian Indians | Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin | MAPI |
| Chinese | Michigan Chinese Women Association | MCWA |
| Filipinos | Philippine Nurse Association of Michigan | PNAM |
| Koreans | Korean American Cultural Center of Michigan | KACCM |
| Vietnamese | Vietnamese American Association of Michigan | VAAM |

Health and Healthcare Survey and Conversation Topics

Both survey and conversation will cover the following topics:

1. Health insurance
2. Regular check-up
3. Immunization/disease
4. Life style/Jobs
5. Diet
6. Drinks
7. Tobacco/drugs use
8. Exercises
9. Clinic trial

Participant Criteria

- 18 years and older
- Male or female
- Willingness to be interviewed and to answer all questions asked by the surveyor or willingness to participate in a conversation

Survey

- Survey will be handled by surveyors to assure completion of all questions.
- The questionnaire is online and answers be keyed in by surveyors during or after an interview.

- The survey software is provided by University of Michigan, and data analyses will be contracted to the University.
- Each organization will recruit about 7 surveyors who will be trained to manage the survey. They will interview all together at least 75 participants.
- If there are hard copies of answers to the questionnaire with participant's ID, they should be destroyed at the end of the project (HIPAA requirement).

Conversation

- Conversation is conducted by each organization at their convenient time and a summary report is expected. The report format will be outlined by AC-SE MI.
- Attendees of the conversation cannot participate in the survey so the conversation will not be a subset of the survey.
- The conversation should have at least 21 attendees.

Recruitment Process

- Local Asian news media (newspaper, periodicals, radio, a few non-regular TV programs etc.)
- Flyers posted in Asian markets and restaurants
- Announcements and/or flyers distribution during large gatherings
- Personal recruitment through friends and family members
- Referrals from past participants
- Participants are put into 3 age categories: 18-39, 40-59, 60 and above
- Recruiting should be targeted to people of all age groups and covering wider socioeconomic spectrum.