Title: Online Evaluation Program and Sharing of Preliminary Study Findings

Background: NNACC is a community-based participatory research (CBPR) project among Native American Cancer Research Corporation (NACR) (Colorado), Intertribal Council of Michigan, Incorporated (ITCMI) (Michigan), Rapid City Regional Hospital (RCRH) (South Dakota), Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board (GPTCHB) (South Dakota), Comanche Nation [PI: Eschiti, R15 NR 012195] and Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Twice each year, in partnership with 2 local Native organizations, the trained Native Navigators implement 2 series of 24-hours of community education related to the full continuum of cancer care in CO, MI, SD and beginning in 2011, in OK. The rationale is to increase cancer knowledge among the community participants, and also to increase the visibility and accessibility of the local Navigator(s) who can help schedule screening appointments, carry out follow-up recommendations, and provide support and education for those diagnosed with cancer. The Navigators enter session summary data into the online evaluation system.

Advance: To improve timely access to each partners’ accomplishments and data, NACR modified its Online Evaluation Program and data fields (see Scientific Advancement #3). The “dissemination” tab documents the demographics and pre- and post-knowledge of AI community participants within the community education workshops. Based on new report functions within the online evaluation program, the Navigators generate findings specific to each local Native organization that coordinated the 24-hours of education workshops. They also integrate the findings into a project summary that is disseminated during the post-intervention Family Fun Events as an easy to understand document.

Public Impact Statement/Significance: This modification of the online evaluation program allows the NNACC data to be summarized for the workshops implemented by each Navigator in collaboration with their local partners. The information is a respectful way for preliminary findings to be shared with the community following the completion of each 24-hour series of education workshops. This provides the community with timely access to results to address the common complaint within communities of rarely or never receiving study findings. Providing feedback to the community is key to successful program implementation and continued local community support for the project. The data are summarized into easy to understand and meaningful information for Tribal Health Boards and community members alike.

Specific Area of Opportunity: Health disparities

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