

Systems of Hope
Evaluation Advisory Work Team Meeting
August 20, 2008
6-8pm

I. Introduction of New Staff

Dr. Runge introduced new staff. Diane Pinkston is helping with data analysis and interviewing. She has masters in counseling. Leslie Reneri is a new full time evaluator. Leslie has two masters degrees and is working on her Ph.D. Emmanuel Rendon is the new youth interviewer and Elisia Velasquez as an interviewer.

*Emmanuel and Elisia were not present at the meeting.

II. Data Dissemination for Sept. Governing Board Meeting

The presentation deals with the environmental influences on youth in relation to education. Data used in the presentation was received through May. The question was brought up did the audience have an idea of what the instrument used was describing. It was decided that it would be better to present the description in a written format in the presentation then only list their abbreviations. The timeframe of the data for the school attendance piece was asked to be added to the school attendance slide.

Edits that were suggested for the presentation included...

- Asterisks to identify the instrument instead of dots
- Would looking in to giving median, mean, or mode help better to understand it than just presenting the percentages for school attendance? This could help be more understandable to lay people.
- Could we compare the absences to our data?
 - It was explained that what is hard in comparisons is to find data that ask it in the same way or the same type of sample our data does.
 - National data might be an easier way to look at our results compared to all the phase 5 sites. Other places to comparable data would potentially be Region 4 or Harris County Dept. Educatio
- To the youth instrument slides it was commented that it would be helpful to document the number of respondents to better give understanding of number of respondents.

III. Newsletter Update

E.C. spoke with social marketing but the program newsletter that is supposed to be done, which includes an evaluation section, has not been completed. The newsletter is not being presented in a timely manner compared to a desired schedule for evaluation. The opinion of the team was to go back and develop an evaluation newsletter. Evaluation would still take part in the System of Hope newsletter also.

IV. Wraparound Satisfaction survey

To be moved to next meeting

V. Next Meeting to be October 22, 2008