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Scribe:

Reporter:

Socio-Political/Civic Infrastructure-Human relations, discrimination, civic engagement, access to social support and services, immigration, voting, school climate and discipline, etc.

Survey Results

- 1. Existing local Group:14
- 2. Excited:
- 3. Need/Opportunity: 20

20

4. Excited and able: 10

Survey Comments

Question #1

- 1. CAB works on a number of these issues and is open to partnerships on these areas.
- 2. I don't think there is one group address all of these issues. There are separate initiatives for many of them. For example, SCCCOR is looking at Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) through hosting community trainings etc. The Youth Violence Prevention Strategic Plan has a section on recommendations for School Climate and a survey done of 45 school administrators on this topic. Academic engagement, access to social support and services and RED is also included throughout. A collaborative table to address RED in the justice system and beyond has been a recommendation of SCCCOR and also emerged through the planning process. Watsonville based implementation initiative for the strategic plan was just launched. James Bell has been invited back several times to the community over the last year, including a specific effort in Watsonville, to begin addressing racial and ethnic disparities in school discipline and the justice system. There is a group following through with some of his recommendations. Diversity Center and others are working on LGBTQI support. The local PFLAG chapter has begun work funded through the Community Foundation to do more outreach to Latino parents. The CCP Community Education & Engagement workgroup is working to increase the voice of formerly incarcerated individuals in decision making processes in the community through their Speakers Bureau: www.ccpspeakersbureau.com Jovenes SANOS works with Latino youth in Watsonville to increase civic engagement regarding health The MAH has a youth empowerment program regarding civic engagement I think a comprehensive "get out the vote" campaign/strategy is lacking.

Question #2



Resources:

Santa Cruz Co Public Health <u>santacruzhealth.org/HiAP</u> HiAP FAQs <u>bit.ly/HiAPFAQ</u> A Guide for State and Local Gov't <u>bit.ly/PHIguide</u> Video: Upstream Prevention <u>bit.ly/upstreamprevention</u>

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- 3. WCCC CAB COPA
- 4. We definitely get involved in transportation access for "disadvantaged" communities.

Question #3

5. Greater involvement of residents at City Council Meetings

Question #4

- 6. There is a big lack of immigration and farm worker advocacy and representation, with no collaborative table that I know of to address it.
- 7. County Office of Education is interested in school climate and suicide prevention and have sought out grants in the last couple of years. Dominican hospital is also very interested in suicide prevention and mental health in general Diversity Center is always interested in pursuing LGBTQI issues.
- 8. Safe schools project
- 9. The County Budget is proposing a Homeless Services Manager as a new position.
- Immigration reform, how to deal w/ the gaps in health care and immigration. Immigration Action Group of Santa Cruz County Community Coalition to Overcome Racism CIBA



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Discussion/Considerations

Potential Strategies

Data & Data Sources



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