



Native American Partnership:

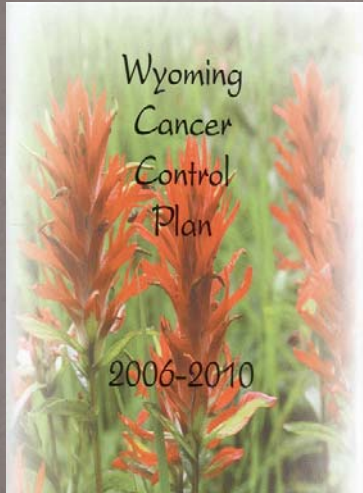
Collaborating to Conquer Cancer on Wyoming's Wind River
Indian Reservation through Relationship Building
and Policy Change

Legend of the Indian Paintbrush

Little Gopher was smaller than the other young Indian boys of his Plains tribe, and although he tried hard, he could not do what the others did. The tribe's wise shaman assures him, however, that he has a different gift.



2006-2010 Wyoming Cancer Control Plan



The Wyoming Cancer Control Plan was created in an attempt to reduce the impact of cancer on *all* Wyoming men, women, and children through increased prevention efforts, earlier detection, adequate diagnosis and treatment, and improved quality of life (including palliation, rehabilitation, and survivorship).

History

- In 2004, Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Consortium Steering Committee formed
 - Native American Representation
- In 2005, Wind River Cancer Resource Center applied for CDC funds on behalf of Northern Arapahoe and Eastern Shoshone tribes
 - Not funded
- In 2006, Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Program attended National CCCLI in Seattle, WA
 - Focus on Native American Partnerships
 - All Steering Committee members in attendance

Health Disparities in the US Among Native Americans

- Native American women have the poorest survival from breast cancer of any racial or ethnic group in the United States.
- From 1975 to 1984, only 49.7 percent had five-year survival rates, compared to 75.7 percent for whites, 70.3 percent for Hispanics, and 62.8 percent for African Americans.
- The two primary reasons for poor survival are the diagnosis of the disease at later stages and poor access to culturally acceptable early detection services (e.g., mammography screening) and treatment.

Strategies to increase rates of screening among Native American women

- Use of health care system "navigators".
- Appointment reminder calls.
- Culturally relevant informational and promotional materials.

CCLI Action Plan

- Priority Action Items:
 - Increase trusting relationships between WCCCC and tribal members within Wyoming; and
 - Identify issues of importance to the people of the WRIR;
 - Increase collaborative efforts between state and tribes to enhance health promotion and prevention strategies on the WRIR.

CCLI Action Plan (Cont.)

- Specific Tasks:
 - Develop a coalition workgroup to discuss the creation of a Native American Partnership;
 - Obtain education regarding the Wind River culture;
 - Identify key partners on the WRIR who would be crucial in the success of the partnership;
 - Begin relationship building process;
 - Identify key issues of concern on the WRIR*;
 - Develop an action plan to reduce health disparities and reduce risk factors among Wind River tribes.

Timeline

- October 2006- CCCLI
- November 2006- CCC Steering Committee incorporates Native American Breast & Cervical Education and Recruitment project into Wyoming Cancer Control Act;

Celebration of Hope January 2007



- Governor's Tribal Liaisons and other Northern Arapahoe and Eastern Shoshone members lobbied in collaboration with the WCCCC for the Wyoming Cancer Control Act in 2007;
- In addition, late nights were spent at Committee Meetings throughout the session to ensure the passage of the Act.

Cancer Control Act Appropriation

\$1.2 million for Colorectal Cancer Screening

\$230,000 for Administration of the Colorectal Program

\$495,000 for local level cancer control

\$120,000 for breast and cervical cancer enhancement

\$100,000 for Native American breast & cervical cancer program

\$30,000 for migrant worker screening in big horn basin

Total Appropriation: \$2,175,000

Timeline (Cont.)

- January 2007- First Native American Partnership Workgroup meeting held in Cheyenne, Wyoming among WCCCC members*
- February 2007- Reservation Planning Meeting
- March 2007- Wyoming Cancer Control Act passes appropriating \$100,000 for WRIR project to reduce breast cancer morbidity and mortality;
- April 2007- Reservation Planning Meeting
- May 30, 2007- 1st Native American Partnership Meeting

Native American Partnership

- Gary Collins, Tribal Liaison to Governor (Northern Arapahoe)
- Edward Wadda, Tribal Liaison to Governor (Eastern Shoshone)
- Charlene Harris, WRCRC, Executive Director
- Joetta Brown, WRCRC, Health Educator
- Cathy Keene, Riverton Community Health Center, Executive Director
- Marsha Taggart, IHS
- Trina Nation, RN, IHS
- Vivian Swallow, Social Worker, IHS
- Heather SunRhodes, Prevention Programs, IHS
- Brian Enos, Program Manager, Tobacco Prevention Program
- Rachel Felter, BSW, Native American B&C Outreach Coordinator
- Mary Anne Purtzer, RN, Ph.D., University of Wyoming School of Nursing
- Beverly Gross, American Cancer Society (Wyoming Affiliate)
- Candy Amerine, NCI/CIS
- Kimberly Rogers, Program Manager, Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) Comprehensive Cancer Control Program
- Andrea Clement-Johnson, Program Coordinator, WDH Immunization Program
- Denise Padilla, Recruitment Coordinator, WDH Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program
- Jessica Perez, Outreach Specialist, WDH Comprehensive Cancer Control Program
- Alice Preheim, Enrollment Specialist, WDH Colorectal Cancer Early Detection Program

Native American Partnership Meetings

- Quarterly (Rain or Shine);
- Funded by CCC implementation dollars;
- Face-to-Face;
 - Location- Wind River Indian Reservation
- No one new comes to the table unless the group as a whole feels comfortable;
- Once you are on board with the Native American Partnership- you are in it for the long term.*

May 30, 2007 Partnership Meeting

- Opening Prayer / Reflection
- Welcome/ Introductions;
- Discussed 2006 CCCLI meeting;
 - Tribal focus;
 - Health care disparities and issues;
 - Culturally competent care.
- Shared a meal
- Talked about TRUST

What is trust?

- Listen
- Honor your word
 - Do what you say you are going to do!
- Be open to helping with Wind River priorities
 - Our priorities may not be your priorities.
- First full year of Native American Partnership focused on getting to know one another and learning to trust one another.

Year I Action Plan

Create a healthier community on the WRIR

- Objective I: Increase access to important vaccinations, including the newly released HVP vaccine.
- Objective II: Increase cancer screening for breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer on the Wind River Reservation.
- Objective III: Improve pain management and end of life care on the WRIR.

Native American Partnership Logo



What does it represent?

Red: Power & Victory (Choosing Healthy Lifestyles)

White: Knowledge and Wisdom (Early Detection)

Yellow: Power of New Life (Survivorship)

Black: The Final Harvest (End of Life)

The Big Question.

How Well Are We Doing at
What We Set Out to Do?

Native American Breast & Cervical Cancer Education & Recruitment Program



- Change the social norms through trust and relationship development, education, and the creation of a community supportive of breast and cervical cancer screening;
- Reduce deaths and suffering related to breast and cervical cancer in Wyoming Native American women.

NAP serves as an advisory group with the tribal business council to ensure a culturally sensitive model of care

What has been accomplished? (Year I)

- Creation and implementation of a culturally-sensitive model of care;
- Hiring and training a Native American project coordinator;
- Establishment of a WBCCEDP satellite office in Riverton; and
- Education to over 140 Native American women on the WRIR.
 - 12 Women Screened

\$100,000 / yr. given through Wyoming Cancer Control Act to implement Native American Breast and Cervical Cancer Project. Funded through 2009 Biennium.

County Cancer Resource Coordinators- Wind River Mini-Pilot Project

- The CCRC project was developed through the Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, in conjunction with the Wyoming Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, and the American Cancer Society.
- This project was advocated for by ACS volunteers and members of the Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Consortium.
- Provides a multi-level systems approach to reduce the impact of cancer on Wyoming men, women, and children.

Wind River Pilot- Capacity Building

- County-wide Education (general public, policymakers, schools, providers, businesses, etc.)
- Coalition Building
- Community Planning (to develop a county-level strategic plan)
- Patient Navigation
 - This includes obtaining applications for the state funded screening programs!

\$27,000 given to WRCRC for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to build capacity and infrastructure in the above-referenced areas

Pain Management on the WRIR

- Wyoming Pain Committee established in 2007 as part of the Wyoming Cancer Control Act.
 - Research issues relating to pain management;
 - Offer recommendations to Director of the Department of Health and other licensing boards as to effective policy changes to improve pain management; and
 - Offer recommendations regarding potential legislation to the Director of the Department of Health.
- Challenges are a multitude on WRIR with concerns over drug abuse, diversion, and a lack of understanding with regard to the circle of life and culture.

Process

- Stakeholder Meeting held March 2008;
 - 55 Diverse Stakeholders
 - Healthcare professionals
 - Public health professionals
 - Law Enforcement
 - Pain Patients/ Caregivers
 - Wind River Reservation
- Monthly Workgroup Calls
 - Pain Education
 - Physician Prescribing & Law Enforcement
 - Complimentary Treatments in Pain Management
 - Palliative Care and End of Life Care
 - Data Collection & Surveillance

WPI Goals

- Educate health care providers, patients, their families and the public about pain prevention and relief;
- Identify and eliminate myths and barriers to managing pain;
- Advocate for improved public policy on pain related issues;
- Provide better access to pain management programs.

What must be done to improve pain management on the Wind River Indian Reservation?

- Hospice as a healthcare delivery “system” - not a physical place;
- Understanding death and dying from the Native American perspective;
- Addressing the lack of access to specialized pain management diagnosis and treatment;
- Ensuring adequate end of life care.

What's Next?

- Issue Brief/ White Paper (January 2009)
 - Recommendations for Improving Pain and Symptom Management in Wyoming

Celebrating Your Health in 2009!

Wind River Indian Reservation Community Event

January 7, 2009

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Dinner * Door Prizes * Speaker * Vendor Booths

Wind River Cancer Resource Center

Riverton Community Center

WDH Comprehensive Cancer Control Program

WDH Colorectal Cancer Early Detection Program

WDH Diabetes Prevention and Control Program

WDH Immunization Program

WDH Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention Program

Wind River Tobacco Prevention Program

University of Wyoming School of Nursing

Concluding Thoughts.

Regardless of differences, we strive shoulder to shoulder....

Teamwork can be summed up in five short words: "We believe in each other." ~Author Unknown

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