

EJ--EPHT Initiative Workshop: Day 1

Please rate each topic covered today using the following scale. Please circle one number for each category. 1= Needs Improvement 2= Satisfactory 3=Good 4= Excellent

Topics	Material Explained Clearly				Usefulness of Handouts				Involves Class in Discussion/Activity			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
EJ & EPHT icebreaker		1	4	7			4	10			5	9
What are your data needs?	1	1	9	5			6	8		3	4	8
Overview of EPHT Initiative		2	3	11		1	5	11	1	2	4	9
Health Data Workshop	1	2	9	5	2	1	4	10	2	4	5	7

1. What was the most important thing you learned?

- (3) - Overview of EPHT explained
- (2) - How EJ groups can tap into resources of EPHT
 - Networking with various groups and learned from their efforts
 - Organized very well!
- (3) - "What are your data needs?"
- (3) - Health data info.- what to look for, how to use existing data/studies, etc.
 - Icebreaker activity was helpful to know people and the way they view issues
 - Filters for info. (credibility, generalizability, etc.)
 - Even though we are involved with this type of work, we did not see it in this way (tracking - data). Very good.
 - What work has been done in the pilots
 - To know that someone is doing this. E.D. is something I was not well informed about.
 - Specific and local uses for info on health tracking

2. How could this session be improved?

- The interactions between people and resources gathered from them were good.
- EJ needs to be emphasized.
- (2) - The agenda is not flexible enough- need space to deviate from agenda and allow new ideas to spontaneously erupt
- (2) - Pre-assessment (face to face) interviews of needs for each group
 - Give groups more prep about which groups were going to participate and prep materials on the EPHT
- (6) - More time (a lot of info given in a little time)
 - Less domination/aggressiveness by some participants
 - Neutrality of facilitator, ability to compromise/work with the group regarding technicalities or definitions.

- Better lighting (dim lights created sleepy mood)
- Check with presenters and pre-plan for value added. One place where we broke down was in a tech assistant running an organizing exercise. Her info on data filters and evaluations is HUGE. The meltdown was when 20 rock star organizers didn't need the campaign planning exercise to relate back to health tracking records that come out of the meeting.
- DATA workshop too abstract and too much- stick to data concepts and let EJ define the "advocacy" process
- Better ground rules: step up, step back, no side conversations
- Not able to test the learning in the real world
- The brainstorming on wallpaper needs to be on handouts
- Use of organizing language- too often bureaucratic terms like "stakeholders" are loaded
- Clarify assumptions of our organizations and how we use/are skeptical of/see the potential for using data.
- Good health data workshop, but didn't incorporate needs and concerns expressed by participants (better listening and respect for participants would improve this.)
- Time to discuss our data needs
- workshop was long and tiring- more breaks, shorter power point, and use more examples (not just abstract flow charts)

EJ--EPHT Initiative Workshop: Day 2

Topics	Material Explained Clearly				Usefulness of Handouts				Involves Class in Discussion/Activity			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
1, 2, 3, or 4												
Group support brainstorm			3	8			3	10			3	9
Using tracking for action	1		1	14			6	10	1		3	12
Practice: Using tracking info. to support and present a case			13	14			4	13			2	15
Recommendations and observations for emerging EPHT Initiative		1	4	11	2		5	8			3	13

1. What was the most important thing you learned?

- Day 2 was different than day one. The section on Asthma was very informative to the env. justice issue.
- (2) - Deeper understanding of EPHT goals and processes
- (2) - Deeper understanding of data collection

3. Trainers knew the material well and presented with enthusiasm: 1() 2(1) 3(7) 4(11)

4. Things I learned over the two days that will be most useful were:

- The relationship between sickness and env. issues.
- (3) - EPHT is now clear and connected with other groups
- Ideas on collecting data
- How to collect and read the data was needed, and the overview of EPHT
- (2) Data use, framing and presentation guidelines
- Other communities' needs and issues
- (2) - The uses of tracking- how it can assist my work
- Science filters and 2 sentences on what the heck is EPHT in California
- (2) - Give idea to think about our data needs in our areas
- How EJ groups can start to work together on this and the need for a specific EJ liaison at EPHT, CDC.
- These types of processes need time, resources and capacity
- Tools to approach broad-based needs
- (2) - Different activities that help integrate data and action
- Making the point that how we frame the data and communicate it is just as important

5. Overall suggestions for improving this two-day training:

- Could break some of it down to regions- areas with business groups
- Overall vision of the purpose of the workshop; how does it fit into the larger picture
- Not clear on how to bring the info back to grassroots members/staff/board (curriculum issue).
- Agenda should be per day on a separate piece of paper
- (2) - longer (3 days, not 2)
- Prep speakers on how advanced we will be.
- Be very clear with pictures.
- Make sure all presenters are well prepared- not just some
- (2) - More time with subjects and exercises
- (2) - More info in advance
- (2) - Put together e-mail contact list of those at workshop and provide list for follow up
- What do we do next?
- The conference/workshop presenters were superb. Excellent!
- Slow down, or do intensive trainings with a smaller set of groups
- More effort with hands-on exercises
- Teasing out the major barriers and see how tracking might address that
- More space to collaborate and engage in spontaneous discussion
- Discussion on the opportunities and limitations of data
- More accessible location- in Oakland, Berkeley, or SF
- EPHT needs to create training materials (ie: toolkit) that different community organizers can use

6. I would recommend this workshop agenda and materials be made available to other organizations both within and outside of California. Suggested organizations:

- Send to all the tribes in California and to the county health and env. departments.
- LEDGE in Bayview hunters
- Central CA EJ Network
- Members of this group train top researchers (Eric is GREAT!)
- Get agencies to make statements of how they will be accountable before we ask allies to learn the curricula- so we don't make empty promises
- NCamp
- CalPIRG
- SVTC-HEJ
- Environmental Health Coalition (San Diego)
- Center for Community Action (Riverside)
- Inquilinos Unidos de Maywood
- Community Coalition for Change (LA)
- Pacoima Beautiful (Pacoima)
- Would like to see higher-level training as a follow up (EJ 101, 102, etc.)

Flipchart Summary:

Positive:

- Created space for me to think about our data needs
- Analysis of presented data exercise (air poll., pesticide, birth impacts, asthma)
- Some of use have been working with the folds and trust that our input will be meaningfully incorporated into initiative
- Working with Eddie and Michelle has been great (better than working with any other agency)
- Respected on phone calls
- Team building
- a lot of good information
- Working together and planning together over the past two days built foundation for future work
- Some knew each other already
- Hearing from a lot of other organizations- what they are doing and what their needs are
- Respect for each other's differences (cultural...)
- Fun!

Change:

- Would have been good to do exercises around our own data needs (snapshot of my own community)
- Fear that our input (over past two days and ongoing) will not be used- no clear plan
- Are we going to get dropped?
- This conflicted with other significant events
- Popularize research data and research process. Need an accessible tool to arm people with
- Advisory Committee should be more influential and have mechanisms to coordinator and communicate from ground up

- Long way to go for initiative
- More time to get to our real life experiences with our data needs
- Would be good to get history of what health tracking has meant
- Our capacity needs to be built before we're expected to bring this to others
- Moved too fast-- too focused on time rather than on substance-- too short
- Need to test process on real world and report back
- Need planning committee coming out of this for future work
- How are we going to continue to keep in touch? (e-mail list serve)
- How will they use this input
- What is the timeline for future plans? (Identify who else should be involved)
- Progressive workshops
- Balancing out schedules (busy) with doing this- need funding to take this on
- No clear sense of what this was before I came- I almost didn't come
- Need dedicated staff to work with us, prepare us before meetings
- Mini grants should focus on groups involved in EPHT initiative. Some didn't know about it.