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January 2024 PCC Men's Health Workgroup meeting called by: Patrick Loftus

10:00am – 11:00am

- Discussion on sections of the group's work plan- how to get the message out to the high-risk populations, and also to providers.
- It was mentioned that the house bill (coverage of prostate screening) has been sitting inactive since March. We may be able to get a meeting with the Policy subcommittee and CA caucus, see if we can get some movement or attention on this.
- For prostate cancer awareness, we might try to create a couple short messages for social media- coordinate a statewide push of that info. This was done with a message for HPV last year.
- Group talked about how the work plan isn't just going to be looking at prostate cancer. We will work with colorectal CA, and also look at awareness of determinants (knowing your family hx, accessing care, having a primary care doctor, etc).
- Awareness? How do we get men to understand exactly how to reduce their risk? It was mentioned that screening is also complex for prostate CA, unlike other CA screenings being done. Doctors aren't pushing it like they once did.
- We have confirmed that Dr. Scott Owens will be able to do an interview with us, to be recorded for future use and hopefully translated to Spanish. This will be a great opportunity to have Dr. Owens discuss prostate cancer screening, symptoms of prostate CA, treatment and other related issues. The actual date should be sometime in early March- updates will be shared asap.

Next meeting: February 21, 10am