

11/20/2024

November 2024 PCC Men's Health Workgroup meeting, called by Patrick Loftus

10:00 am – 11:00 am

- Shared that the Prostate Cancer Awareness webinar is now available on both the Latino Connection web page, and the PCC's Men's Health Work Group page, under Resources.
- Discussion on an idea suggested by Joanne Boyd, regarding ongoing care or follow-up care for men diagnosed with prostate cancer who have little or no insurance coverage. What are the next steps if a male is initially diagnosed with a PSA test? Follow-up PSA, possibility of MRI? Where do we go next if the male needs further care and has no coverage? How will any of this be paid for? The discussion also touched on undocumented immigrant workers and what can be done to help this group. We have scheduled a meeting with Katie Noss, Tia Whitaker and Joanne. Katie and Tia both work with the PA Association of Community Health Centers. We would like to hear their opinions on this topic, and ask what resources they might have available.
- One work group member mentioned a discussion she had with a practitioner at a free clinic, and this was very much in line with what we are concerned with- once that PSA test is positive, what happens next and how to pay?
- We will also reach out to zerocancer.org for any help with resources for men without the ability to pay for ongoing care or screenings.
- The work group was made aware of a new group forming, a community partner with Fox Chase. This group, The Healthy Prostate Initiative, was formed by two men who are prostate cancer survivors and also serve on the Community Advisory Board. Our group will send out an invitation to join one of our calls and see if they would like to be members of the work group.

Next meeting: 12/18/2024