PRW Working Teams

Purpose of the Working Teams

The purpose of the Working Teams is to:

- understand the eco-system of the particular advocacy strategy so that the PRW can contribute to, amplify, and unify around the work underway
- apply an equity lens and root cause analysis to revise the advocacy strategy as needed, and
- refine the strategy in the context of COVID-19 and the permanent changes likely to result from the pandemic.

Working Teams

We propose that there be four (4) Working Teams, one for each of the advocacy strategies.

Formation

Each Working Team would be made up of those interested in contributing to the work on the specific issue. Some people will want to limit their efforts to a single team, and some might want to join more than one. Team members have the option of identifying one or two others within their organization with content expertise to participate in the team meetings. The teams would form in January 2021.

Working Team Support

Each Working Team would be provided with a process facilitator and administrative support

Team Process

Each team would:

1. Decide on a Team Lead to function as the "point person" for the team members who would work with the team facilitator and administrative support person
2. Determine a meeting schedule
3. Make a plan for diving into the work

The Work

We propose that each Working Team approach its work as follows:

1. Identify key stakeholders to consult with in order to understand current activity within the eco-system of organizations, community groups, and experts already working on the issue.
2. Seek out ways for the team or your respective organizations to contribute to, bring new voices to, leverage and/or amplify these efforts.

3. Apply an equity lens to the work of examining the particular strategy: How do structural racism and the root causes of oral health system inequities operate in this arena, leading to disparities and poor outcomes? How can these forces be countered?
4. When discussing possible approaches and actions, consider whether there is a "social case," an "outcomes case," and a "business case" to be made.
5. Report back progress periodically to the whole group, including when there are opportunities for members of the larger group to engage (in the work determined by the team to contribute to the larger effort.)
6. Create an action plan for advancing this tactical approach or strategy and share it with the larger group and include your specific goals for engagement.