Socorro County Options, Prevention, and Education

Coalition Capacity Assessment 2021

The Socorro County Options, Prevention, and Education (SCOPE) Health Council collected fourteen (14) assessments from members via an electronic survey to capture strengths and weaknesses. The information is being used to assess and increase coalition and community capacity to support ongoing prevention systems, enhance communications, outreach, and relationships with local government and community leaders, and build sustainability.

Key Findings

- 1. The highest rated function of SCOPE is the coalition meetings and communication.

 Respondents appreciate having a regular meeting cycle that members can rely on, having written agendas and appropriate materials, that meetings are run well and a good use of time, and conflicts are resolved in an orderly and respectful manner.
- 2. The next highest areas are outreach and communication, and relationships with community leaders. Coalition members believe the community is made aware of its activities, goes where the residents are, works with local media, and keeps members on the same page between meetings. They also acknowledge that SCOPE representatives meet with local government and community leaders about important issues, and coalition members also attend important community meetings and events.
- 3. The lowest rated area is providing opportunities for member growth and responsibility. SCOPE could provide new members an orientation and background materials, develop new leaders, provide more training to members on relevant topics, and give committees important tasks.

Areas of Coalition Functioning SCOPE's Highest Ratings are in Member Communication, Outreach, and Community Relations

0= I don't know, 1= Not True, 2=Slightly True, 3=Mostly True, 4= Very True 14 Completed Surveys Coalition meetings and communication 3.21 Outreach and communication 3.14 Relationships with local government & community leaders 3.14 Coalition leadership Effectiveness in planning and implementation Ability to collect, analyze, and use data 2.93 Cultural humility and attention to disparities 2.86 Shared vision, mission, and goals 2.79 Understanding and commitment to environmental change 2.69 Funding and sustainability 2.57 Coalition structure and membership Opportunities for member growth and responsibility 1.43

SCOPE's Best Attributes

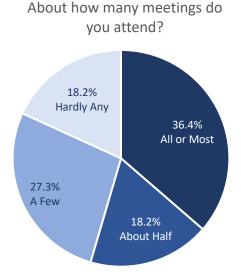
- **Coalition leadership:** Respondents mention an energized staff, strong executive team, and excellent coordinator to be among SCOPE's best attributes.
- Outreach and engagement: Respondents acknowledge the outreach done by SCOPE to engage area residents in a proactive way to include them in improving the overall health of the community.
- Identifying and addressing local issues: SCOPE is willing to drive change around existing problems and bring together SCOPE members and community leaders. The HUB also helps make services and information accessible.
- **Working together:** SCOPE provides a sense of inclusivity and brings people together to address and solve problems.

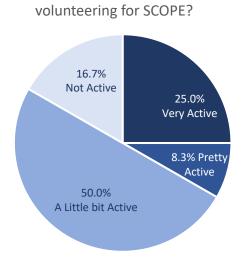
Ideas for Increasing Engagement in SCOPE Meetings and Events

SCOPE members say having smaller, more localized events could help engage new members, especially from outlying communities. Promoting specific subcommittees, goals, or events could help encourage people with specific interests to become involved in those portions, rather than promoting SCOPE as a whole. It is also recommended that more outreach be done with the Native American population and caregivers in the community.

Survey Respondents

Respondents tended to be quite involved in both SCOPE meetings and events, but the survey also captured people with less involvement. Some members help with events and promotion, but do not necessarily attend meetings regularly.





How active are you in events or