

### Readiness Assessment Survey

Directions: A community's ability or capacity to implement a colorectal cancer control prevention and screening program can be evaluated using this worksheet. This survey is designed to indicate which level of readiness is appropriate to implement a new program as well as to highlight opportunities for improvement in certain levels. Please answer each yes/no question honestly and to the best of your ability.

#### Stage 1: Community Awareness

- Are CHRs aware of CRC efforts from the clinic?
- Do CHRs or other CRC program planners collaborate with the clinic?
- Is there a cancer coalition or committee? Or is there a section on the health board or health committee devoted to increasing cancer awareness?
- Does the cancer coalition or committee focus any of their efforts on CRC?
- Are there services or efforts within the community to address CRC prevention and/or screening?
- Are there informational brochures available in the community center on CRC screening?
- Are there CRC screening posters in the community center?
- Are there informational brochures available in the clinic on CRC screening?
- Are there CRC screening posters in the clinic?
- Are videos available in the clinic to educate patients on CRC screening?
- Are PSAs being broadcast over the radio or TV?
- Does the newspaper run ads for CRC screening?
- Do you think most people in your community are aware of CRC?
  - Prevention?
  - Screening methods?
- Are there community events to raise CRC screening awareness?
- If there are community events related to CRC, do community members attend?

#### Stage 2: Individual Awareness and Motivation

- Are individuals in the community aware of the importance of CRC screening?
- Do you know where to get information on CRC?
- Do you know how and where to be screened?
- Do CHRs, CHNs, and PHNs discuss CRC screening with patients?
- Are individuals making CRC screening appointments at the clinic?
- Are individuals who have made appointments at the clinic encouraging others to do so as well?

#### Stage 3: Community and Administrative Capacity

- Do CHRs or CHWs work collaboratively with clinics or health care providers?
- Is there community and administrative support?
- Is there staff (e.g. CHR or PHN) time allocated for CRC screening awareness or program implementation?
- Is there Tribal Council support?

- Is there health board or health committee support?
- Are stakeholders (e.g. funders, clinical screening sites, or Tribal Council members, health board members) aware of CRC screening or program plans?
- Are there local policies in place regarding CRC screening (e.g. clinicians use stool test)?
- Are local policies currently in practice and effective in the community (e.g. CHR or health care providers put policies into practice)?
- Have available resources for program implementation been previously assessed (e.g. do you know if there is a budget for potential CRC prevention or screening programs)?
- Have potential barriers to program implementation been assessed?
- Have leaders of change or people who will facilitate change in the community been identified?
- In your opinion, does your community have the resources to implement a CRC screening program?
- Are health care providers aware and support current efforts to increase CRC screening rates?
- Is there a clinical site that can perform screenings?
- Do residents have access to that clinical site?

#### Stage 4: Clinic Practice and Systems

- Is there ability to provide ongoing screening?
- Is there ability to provide ongoing follow-up?
- Is there ability to treat existing patients and add to current case loads?
- Do primary care providers discuss cancer screening with patients?
- Do nurses discuss cancer screening with patients?
- Do pharmacists discuss cancer screening with patients?
- Do we know what the GPRA numbers are?
- Do we monitor the GPRA numbers?
- Is there support for patients to be screened?
  - Financial?
  - Logistical?
- Is there a system in place to get people in for screening?
  - Do reminders go out for when someone turns 50?
  - Do they send them a FOBT card?
  - Is there an appointment reminder?
  - Is there a card with an informational brochure follow-up calls, etc.?
  - Is there a 2<sup>nd</sup> reminder?
  - Is there a follow-up phone call after the 2<sup>nd</sup> reminder?
- Is there a clinical outreach protocol?