

St. Paul – Ramsey County Public Health

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- Objectives:
 - Who we are
 - Lessons learned
 - Impact of community engagement
 - Current Practices
 - Recommendations for the future

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- Local health department
- Tuberculosis Program:
 - TB Clinic
 - Nurse Case Management and DOT
- >90% patients identify as being from a culturally or ethnically diverse background
- ~280 latent TB patients and 30-40 active TB patients a year

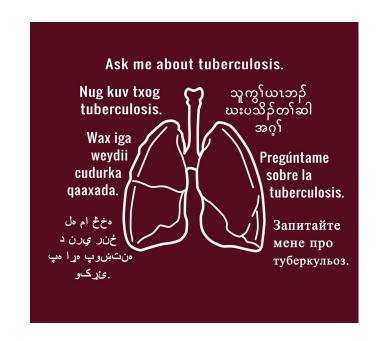


- Focus on Hmong and Karen communities
 - Hmong Day at MN State Fair
 - Adult Day Care Centers
 - Hmong and Karen New Year Celebrations
 - Hmong TV and Radio Shows
 - Community Health Fair
 - Hmong International Freedom Festival
- Provider outreach





- Lessons Learned
 - Need engagement tools and promotional materials
 - Culturally appropriate materials tailored to the community
 - Leverage existing relationships to build partnerships with community-based organizations
 - Build trust by increasing presence in community and partnering with community-based organizations
 - Easier to engage providers with pre-existing relationships
 - Importance of connecting with clinical leadership team











- Impact of Community Engagement
 - Increased trust and willingness to talk about TB
 - Increased baseline knowledge of TB
 - Improved relationships with providers
 - Opportunities for future collaborations



- Current Practices
 - Continue community engagement activities
 - Expansion of provider outreach
 - Partner with other departments within organization
 - Partner with community-based organizations





- Recommendations for the future
 - Embed community engagement into program
 - Budget for community engagement activities
 - Continue to build partnerships with community-based organizations





