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Health Innovation & Cancer Prevention (HICP)

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Outcomes/Accomplishments	 Community participation was good at every event Increased screening questions being asked during several of the events Cancer screening and information about cancer became part of the discussions at most community gatherings
Challenges	• The health restrictions and lockdowns delayed program implementation in the first 2 years due to pandemic.
Lessons Learned	 The community needs to take responsibility for their own health. Prevention activities have always been an important part of the culture in order to survive and stay healthy.
Next Step(s)	 Keep current on cancer prevention findings and therapies Increase knowledge sharing about traditional healing practices in the community More efforts to create spaces for exercise and gathering of community members Develop modules on cancer related topics (online and hard copy). Start a support group for newly diagnosed and cancer survivors.
Recommendation(s)	 AHS can keep the Screening for Life as user friendly as possible Continue to communicate with diverse group Acknowledge and validate Alternative and Traditional therapies

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