Community Engagement Advisory Network Annual Involvement Survey 2016

Thank you for filling out the CEAN Annual Involvement Survey! This year we had 72 completed responses (up from 56 last year!)

Let's take a look at some of the results...

Q: What influences you to participate?

Top 3 answers

- **#1** Give back to my community
- **#2** I have an interest in the topic
- **#3** I have a personal interest/experience

Q: What did you expect from your involvement with CEAN?

- Feel I was making a
- contribution to the community
- Influence change in healthcare
- Use/develop existing skills
- Meet new People
- Gain New Skills

Q: What limits your involvement?

60% - Opportunities conflict with my schedule

Other limitations:

- Too busy
- Unaware of the various opportunities
- Info not received far enough in advance

The majority of respondents felt their expectations were met. In the category "Influence change in healthcare" the majority partially felt their expectations were met.

Q: What activities do you find the most meaningful?

- Participation on advisory committees
- Document reviews
- CEAN Forums
- Engagement opportunities with senior leadership

Q: What CEAN activities have you been involved in since you joined CEAN?

85.1% - Read the CEAN in Between (weekly newsletter with opportunities) **GREAT!**

Other big contenders:

- Participated in CEAN Orientation
- Responded to an on-line survey
- Reviewed patient materials
- Participated in a focus group on a project
- Attended a CEAN Forum
- Participated in an advisory committee

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Q: How can we better support you? What would make your role easier?

- More outcomes/results communicated
- More flexibility with the times that opportunities happen
- More diversity in the network
- More non-location dependent opportunities (on-line)
- More acknowledgement from Senior Leadership
- More information/orientation re: opportunities

Q: What would be some of the positive aspects of being a CEAN member?

- Learning more about VCH and healthcare
- Making a difference/impacting change
- Meeting new people/networking
- Working with the CE staff
- Feeling listened to and having a voice

We love working with you too!

Q: What have been some of the challenging aspects of being a CEAN member?

BIGGEST CHALLENGE (3 years in a row): TIME

Both making time in your busy schedules to participate and the time of meetings/events do not work with your schedule.

Others:

- Engagement being tokenistic either decision has already been made or not taken seriously by staff
- When people attending meetings use time to discuss topics that don't contribute to the meeting goal
- Location of engagement process/transportation

"...through CEAN I have been positively exposed to great people who like me would like to make a difference in our community's well-being. Furthermore, through both the forum and the newsletters I am aware to some extent of what is going on in our healthcare system at a local level." - quote from CEAN Member – CEAN Annual Involvement Survey 2016

What's next?

- Revamp orientation materials
- Offer other options to participate that are not time restricted on engagement processes i.e. online engagement
- Create a template for reporting outcomes for staff. More frequent updates on CE work and CEAN
- Continue to diversify CEAN
- Keep up with training of staff on how to do CE/engage patients and family members

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