

Quarterly Report

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Publicity:

None

Outreach:

All the training sessions were completed in the previous quarter.

Other accomplishments:

None

Target audience:

See Goals, Outcomes, Objectives.

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While the laptops were available to the Promotoras during this quarter, they did not receive much use. Many still felt uncomfortable with the technology, opting not to attend the training sessions or seek out the laptops for their own use. We did not make the progress we'd hoped for at the outset. We plan to involve the new Promotoras coordinator and have her spend extra time providing instruction and training on a regular basis.

Also, the start of the weight management project was delayed. The laptops are going to play an integral part of this program, as the Promotoras will use them to provide the group with online health information about weight loss. This was to be their first 'research' project and opportunity for assessment of their health literacy skills. We still plan to do this but the start date for the program is still undetermined.

Evaluation:

No evaluation happened during this quarter.

Impacts and Observations:

It was very ambitious to expect to complete these trainings and get the Promotoras to the point where they felt comfortable and empowered by the technology. When this project is repeated next year with a new class of Promotoras, the timeline should be generously extended, allowing much more instruction time. Sessions should be scheduled weekly, if not twice a week, with extra time for hands-on training.

Planned Activities:

We will continue working with the Promotoras on their computer skills, encouraging them to practice and get comfortable using the technology available to them.