Outcomes of a Community-Based Participatory Research Partnership Self-Evaluation: The Rochester Healthy Community Partnership Experience

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What Is the Purpose of This Study/Review?

• This article describes the qualitative and quantitative research methods, group analysis, and outcomes of a self-evaluation performed by a well-established community-based participatory research (CBPR) partnership.

What Is the Problem?

 Case studies in CBPR partnership evaluation are needed to better understand processes and dynamics associated with outcomes and to identify factors that contribute to partnership sustainability.

What Are the Findings?

- The evaluation showed that partnership processes were its most important products.
- We also identified associations between partnership practices, dynamics, and outcomes.
- Positive partnership dynamics were associated with perceptions of improved health and equity outcomes.
- Insights gained from the evaluation are being used to guide decisions about future directions for the partnership and sustainability.

Who Should Care Most?

• This study is relevant for members of CBPR partnerships who seek to better understand partnership processes and dynamics that influence partnership outcomes.

Recommendations for Action

- CBPR partnership evaluation facilitates structured reflection about processes that contribute to outcomes, sustainability, and future directions.
- Partnerships should seek out established and validated measures to evaluate CBPR partnership processes and dynamics, and evaluation designs should be adapted to suit their specific needs.

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