



discussed among all groups as one of the most important issues faced by Nuiqsut residents. During the collective discussion at the end of the meeting, one participant stated that smoking needs to be addressed. NSB Health Director Doreen Leavitt stated that the NSB Health Department just received a grant to provide tobacco cessation services to North Slope communities, and outreach and educational materials will be sent to all communities soon. Findings from the Baseline Community Health Analysis Report shows that tobacco use among North Slope residents is high, so providing resources to address this issue has been a main objective for the NSB Health Department. An Elder and another participant at the meeting talked about their journey in quitting smoking, and another participant gave a strong message about the serious damage smoking can cause to a loved one.

Next Steps:

An interagency meeting wasn't held for Nuiqsut because there were not enough participants to hold a meeting. During the evening forum, a presentation on the Baseline Community Health Analysis Report was given to attendees, and the community café model was used to discuss health issues by asking the three questions mentioned above. Smoking cessation is among the priorities for Nuiqsut and the NSB Health Department will work with the community in providing resources and services for Nuiqsut residents.

This report will be given back to the community, and it will be uploaded online on the North Slope Borough Health Department's website with other community forum reports, found here:

http://www.north-slope.org/departments/health/Health_Impact_Report.php

Large-scale change comes from better cross-sector coordination rather than from isolated intervention of individual organizations; therefore, substantially greater progress could be made in alleviating many of our most serious and complex social issues if nonprofits, governments, businesses, and the public were brought together around a common agenda to create *collective impact*.¹ Communities on the North Slope are diverse; therefore, each community will have its own set of priorities for health. The NSB will be traveling to the remaining three villages to provide community health forums similar to this one, for the purposes outlined above.

¹Kania, John, and Mark Kramer. "Collective Impact." *Stanford Social Innovation Review* (2011): 1-11. *Stanford Social Innovation Review*. 2011. Web. 24 Oct. 2012. <http://www.ssireview.org/articles/entry/collective_impact>.



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