Digital Inclusion Network
Wednesday, March 28, 2018
2:30-3:30
Office for Community Technology, Rivers Conference Room
111 SW Columbia St., Suite 600, Portland, OR

MEETING NOTES:

1. Introductions

2. Digital Equity Lens

Sonja Ervin, Equity & Inclusion Manager at Multnomah County Library, presented the County's draft Digital Equity Lens. The draft Digital Equity Impact Review tool and process (see meeting handouts) are intended to be used by County staff for project/policy planning and decision-making to uncover, highlight, and address digital inequities and barriers for marginalized communities.

Discussion: Participants discussed ways to measure and assess impact or importance by assigning a value to the categories included in the Equity Impact Review Worksheet Suggested resources for assigning value included the Communities of Color assessment tool, and the City of Seattle's work in this area.

Participants discussed ways to assess whether a project or program is having its intended impact. Free Geek staff make follow up calls to Earn-a-Computer participants to check-in, offer tech support ask generally about equipment use and digital literacy training needs. MetroEast is working with East Metro STEM hub community survey data to better understand community needs. Portland Metro STEM hub has a similar program to survey the community. Their focus is on STEM or STEAM.

Participants discussed ways to engage the target population groups in assessing impact of digital inclusion programs. DIN members agreed the Digital Equity Lens tool and process could help with this effort.

Sonja committed to sharing with the DIN members the draft tools via the Google Group listserv and to keep the DIN of further developments in this area.

3. NDIA Advocacy Week in Washington D.C.

Cindy Gibbon, Director of Policy & Special Projects, Multnomah County Library, trip report. Gibbon participated in the NDIA sponsored Advocacy Week in Washington D.C. Gibbon said she met with the many digital inclusion innovators, such as Colin Rhinesmith (Benton Foundation), Susan Corbett (CEO of Axiom) and Tom Essleman (Connecting for Good). Gibbon spent time meeting with FCC staff to raise awareness about digital inclusion and equity issues.

4. Digital Inclusion Resource Database

Matt Timberlake, Multnomah County, discussed the first design of the database. Timberlake said that the Resource Database will provide the DIN with a more formal website presence. Timberlake said the database design team is using the look and feel of the Year 1 Progress Report to develop the look and feel of the website that host the database. Timberlake said the design team has drafted a proposed DIN logo.

Discussion: Participants provided feedback on the icons used in the DIN logo.

5. 2018 Digital Inclusion Summit

Senator Wyden has agreed to video record a statement to share at the Summit. A member of his staff, Grace Stratton is a panelist.

6. Digital Inclusion Week is May 7-11. See https://www.portlandoregon.gov/revenue/76094 for a list of local activities and ways to get involved. Visit NDIA: https://www.digitalinclusion.org/diw/ to register as a 'host'.

City of Portland DIW Proclamation: May 9, 9:45 Time Certain

7. Strategic Action Activity Updates
       Year 2 – Progress Report– Send your evaluation data and stories using the Google Form, or via email to Rebecca