



Communities and Equity Accelerator Committee Meeting Summary

December 14, 2015
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Conference Call
1-866-244-8528
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Present:

Co-Champions

Antony Chiang, President, Empire Health Foundation

Winfried Danke, Executive Director, CHOICE Regional Health Network

Members

Shelley Cooper-Ashford, Executive Director, Center for MultiCultural Health

Jay Fathi, CEO and President, Coordinated Care

Uriel Iniguez, Executive Director, Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs

Jane Tiedt, Associate Professor of Nursing, Gonzaga University

Janet Varon, Executive Director, Northwest Health Law Advocates

Tommy Thombs, Commissioner, Mason County Public Hospital District 2

Chris Phillips, Director of Community Affairs/NW, PeaceHealth

Aren Sparck, Government Affairs Officer, Seattle Indian Health Board

Sofia Aragon, Executive Director, Washington Center for Nursing

Diane Oakes, Deputy Director, Washington Dental Services Foundation

Victoria Fletcher, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, Washington Center for Nursing and Ebony Nurses Association of Tacoma

Zosia Stanley, Policy Director of Access, Washington State Hospital Association

Kim Williams, Chief Operating Officer, Providence Regional Medical Center Everett

Tanya Riordan, Vice President of Community Outreach, Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho

Michael Itti, Executive Director, Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

Sybill Hyppolite, Healthcare Policy Specialist, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW

Invited:

Gail Fast, School Nurse Corps Administrator, ESD 105

Bertha Lopez, Senior Director of Community Health, Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital

Ed Price, Executive Director, Washington State Commission on African American Affairs

Staff

Lena Nachand, Community Transformation Specialist, Washington State Health Care Authority

Maria Courogen, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Health Systems Transformation and Innovation, Washington State Department of Health

Laura Zaichkin, Deputy Coordinator of Healthier Washington, Washington State Health Care Authority

Topics Identified as Potential Areas of Work:

- 1) State-level data collection and further disaggregation, emphasis on social determinants of health
- 2) The proposed Medicaid Transformation Waiver and providing specific recommendations on how health equity is woven into the projects list
- 3) Integration of children in foster care into the larger system of healthcare
- 4) Navigators and review of data in enrollment and disparities based on populations or geography
- 5) The undocumented population of Washington State and access
- 6) Best-practices or evidence-based work as “bright spots” and scaling here in Washington State

Note: 2016 is an election year and about ¼ of the Committee is made up of lobbyists or activists, so if we can identify the top 3 policies to advocate for, then when we meet with elected officials or candidates, we can bring up concerns and actions with a unified voice.

Feedback on Potential Areas of Work:

- Undocumented workers seem important as there are no federal programs to support them and there is an important consideration for prevention and proper care as the population starts to age
- For both Hispanic and Native populations, the diabetes epidemic
- There are bright spots around the country in equity work targeting mental health
- Work force: policy of funding of policies for underrepresented minorities in the workplace
- Reemphasizing data and disaggregation
- Kitsap Mental Health as a shining star/bright spot for opportunities on how interoperability can be used to more successfully treat patients
- Concern over the amount of time data and disaggregation would take, what could be an easy win?
- Can we create the standards for how providers and health plans would disaggregate?
- Concern over Medicaid data being an “opt-in” and therefore not super reliable, what would “opt-out” look like for Medicaid data?
- Improving experience of care, especially in Native populations
- Reiteration of 2016 elections
- Can we as an exciting group with exciting ideas focus on tangible change and improvements?
- Reiteration of data and disaggregation
- Can we do something that is both data and maybe more “practical”?

Both/And

We will work on data and disaggregation in parallel with another project that has a “bright-spot” example and addresses a high need, such as focusing on the undocumented population in Washington State or oral health or mental health.

Next Steps

Antony and Winfried will lead us in an online discussion of data and how we can move the needle, looking at who we will need to stakeholder with and what might need to be done at the legislative, provider or payer levels. This discussion will also be an opportunity to share bright-spots and more targeted interventions we might be interested as a Committee.