Maryland Commission on Health Equity

Update on Pathways to Health Equity Grants

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Maryland Health Equity Resource Act - Policy Objectives

Five Strategic Goals:

- Reduce health disparities;
- Improve health outcomes;
- Improve access to primary care;
- Promote primary and secondary prevention services; and
- Reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions.
Maryland Health Equity Resource Act

Pathways to Health Equity Program

- Two-year grants issued by CHRC.
- Applicants to demonstrate self-sustainability as a HERC.
- Provides foundation and guidance to become a HERC.

Health Equity Resource Communities (HERCs)

- Five-year grants (Fall 2023 RFP).
- Emphasizes longer-term interventions that address SDOH:
  - Housing;
  - Transportation;
  - Employment;
  - Food Security.
Maryland Health Equity Resource Act
Pathways to Health Equity Applicants

• Pathways to Health Equity RFP released October 12, 2021.
• Applications due December 13, 2021.
• 40 proposals received, requesting more than $42 million.
• Applicant presentation and award decisions made February 15, 2022.
• 9 proposals awarded, totaling $13.5 million (next slide).
Nine Pathways Grantees

Baltimore City
- Baltimore Healthy Start
- Greater Baltimore Medical Center
- University of Maryland School of Nursing

Prince George’s County
- Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Prince George’s County Health Department
- La Clínica del Pueblo

Rural Maryland
- Tidal Health (Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester Counties)
- St. Mary’s County Health Department
- Horizon Goodwill Industries (Washington County)
Pathways Technical Assistance

• CHRC and CRISP staff have host bi-weekly TA sessions.

• Topics of TA sessions include:
  - Data collection;
  - Patient service targets;
  - CRISP panel uploading.

• Monthly implementation calls and grantee site visits this fall.
Patient Enrollment

• Encourage grantee to use standard patient enrollment form.
• Require grantees to collect demographic information for patients enrolled, including race and ethnicity.
• Encourage grantees to use unique patient identifier.
• Lead grantees upload patient panels to CRISP.
Unique Patient Identifier & Demographic Information to be Collected

Pathways grantees will be expected to collect the following information as part of their Patient Intake Data Elements / Process.

It is the responsibility of the grantee to ensure that this information does not violate HIPAA.

If you already collect this information and have developed your own patient intake data elements/process, please forward a copy to CHRC staff for final approval.

Patient Intake Data Elements

- Unique Participant Identifier (Patient_ID, etc.)
- First Name
- Last Name
- DOB
- Address
- Gender
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Program Enrollment Date using mm/dd/yyyy format
Pathways Project Data Flow - Process & Deliverables

- DUA/Data Sharing Agreements (detail roles/responsibilities)
- Unique ID assignment process
- What data partner(s) collect
- Who collects data, how and when the data is collected
- How (data format) and when data is transmitted
- Data the Lead collects/provides to partners
- How data is stored (security) & who controls
- Key person(s) responsible for all data for reporting & analysis

Lead Grantee

Partner 1

Partner 2

Partner 3

CRISP (panel uploads)
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