



STAR HIE Program Health Equity Workgroup

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

June 23, 2021



Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Overview
3. Challenges: PESTO!
4. Discussion





Welcome

Overview

About the Workgroup

STAR HIE Program Health Equity Workgroup Objectives:

- 1) Peer-to Peer Learning (Summer 2021):** Share strategies including but not limited to data aggregation, implementation, partnership, and public health connections (including IIS) to reach individuals and communities at high risk of COVID-19
- 2) Public Communications (Fall 2021):** Opportunity to participate with ONC to highlight STAR HIE Awardee accomplishments and actionable lessons learned (COVID-19 focus)

STAR HIE Program Objective Two: “Improve the HIE services available to support communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Planning Council

- The workgroup is directed by a Planning Council, consisting of STAR HIE program awardees who are responsible for sharing their experiences, perspectives, and recommendations for workgroup meeting agendas
- Planning Council Members:
 - Dr. Denise Hines, Executive Director, Georgia Health Information Network (GaHIN)
 - Bill Marella, Director of Analytics and Quality, HealthShare Exchange Southeastern PA (HSX)
 - George Gooch, Chief Executive Officer, Texas Health Services Authority (THSA)
 - Scott Young Senior Director, Strategy & Growth, Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI)
 - Sonia Chambers, Executive Director, West Virginia Health Information Network (WVHIN)

Timeline

- Wednesday June 23 from 3-4pm EST
 - Focus: Overview & challenges discussion in order to inform remaining workgroup meetings
- Wednesday July 21 from 3-4pm EST
- Wednesday August 25 from 3-4pm EST
- Fall 2021 (TBD)
 - Public communications focused on how STAR HIEs are addressing health equity, with a focus on learnings shared during the workgroup meetings

Ground Rules

- Participate actively, candidly and in a timely fashion
- Provide thoughtful input in a spirit of collaboration and a desire to help all accomplish their goals
- Document and share challenges, leading practices, and lessons-learned
- Be supportive of fellow members' needs
- Support the right to be heard
- Give feedback directly and openly

Health Equity is the attainment of the highest level of health for all people.

The term “equity” means the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment.

This includes:

- Women and girls
- Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons
- Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color
- Persons facing discrimination or barriers on account of gender identity
- Members of religious minorities
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons
- Persons with disabilities
- Persons who live in rural areas
- Persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

STAR HIE Program Health Equity Workgroup Charge

How can we use our STAR HIE program work to support communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?

Challenges: PESTO!

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Legislation
Policies
Regulations

Economic
Funding
Other
Insurance
Resources
Market Power

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Demographics
Ethics
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Opinions
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Communications
Data / Data Collection
Analytical
Standards
Development

Organizational
Governance
Legal
Management
Capacity

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Instructions & Other Useful Information

- Please click on the google link or type in the chat to submit your feedback

Google Link (also in chat): <https://tinyurl.com/27864d83>

Google Doc Key:

Political	Economic	Social	Technological	Organizational
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- No limit per organization—everyone is encouraged participate!
- Key themes will be used to focus future meeting content
- Name/organization is *optional*; may include more than one bullet within row
- Please use raise hand function to if you'd like to speak
- Have any thoughts after the meeting? Send to Lisa-Nicole.Sarnowski@hhs.gov and cc your Project Officer!

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Thank You!

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