



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2018

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

HealthlinkNY's New Location

2529 Route 52, Building 1-Suite 201, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Attendees:

Cheryl Hunter Grant, LHVPN	Victoria Reid, HealthlinkNY
Jacquelyn Machisaca, MISN	Hisieni Sacasa, HealthlinkNY
Tamara Wrenn, LHVPN	Emily Engel, NYS Program Manager for the Bureau of SDH
Caren Fairweather, MISN	Angela Jo Henze, MHA Orange
Rachel Romaine, HealthlinkNY	Maxine Golub, The Institute for Family Health
Victoria Reid, HealthlinkNY	Bonnie Reyna, WMC PPS
Kevin McKay, Rockland County DOH	Lillian Jimenez, WMC PPS
Rob Wingate, CHAHEC	Erin Ray Pascaretti, Putnam County DOH
Renita Malone, HealthlinkNY	

I. Welcome & Introductions

Victoria welcomed the group, introductions were made and the meeting opened at approximately 2:05 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

The first item on the agenda was the Approval of Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting of January 19, 2018. There was a motion to approve the minutes and so moved that Meeting Minutes of January 19th be accepted with no changes.

III. Presentation: NYS Department of Health Social Determinants of Health Team

Emily Engel, NYS Program Manager for the Bureau of SDH joined the meeting to present on Social Determinants of Health (SDH) VBP Roadmap Standards & Guidelines.

Begin collaboration between the State, plans, providers, and other VBP stakeholders to discuss the Roadmap requirements related to SDH and share examples of SDH interventions occurring in New York State.

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NYS publishes a multi-year VBP Roadmap, a living document that outlines the State's payment reform goals and program requirements. The VBP Roadmap lays out standards and guidelines to support SDH interventions and CBO engagement.

Emily then discussed the Key Insights to Keep in Mind:

- Understand Community Needs
- Know your key community partners
- Understand the local VBP Level 2 or 2 arrangements
- Determine the SDH invention needed
- Develop your value proposition

The NYS Bureau was started in December and has been rebranded from MRT Support of Housing Initiatives to Social Determinants of Health. All state funding and must be a high utilizer of Medicaid.

Emily then provided the group with an overview of What the Social Determinants of Health and Why They are Important. She explained that under Value Based Payment, VPBP contractors aim to realize cost savings while achieving high quality outcomes. The program provides incentives to VBP contractors to douc on the drivers of poor health outcomes.

Next, Emily gave an overview on the Implementation of SDH Intervention describing that the VBP contractors in Level 2 or 3 arrangements must implement at least one social determinant of health intervention. VBP contractors may also decide on their own SDH intervention and they should be measurable and able to be traced and reported to New York State.

Emily then shared the Outcomes of Medically Tailored Meals (MTM) highlighting:

- Low cost/high impact intervention
- Reduction of overall healthcare costs
- Reduction of hospitalizations
- Reduction of emergency room visits
- Increasing the likelihood of patients receiving meals
- Increasing medication adherence

Next, the Community Based Organizations VBP Roadmap Standards and Guidelines was shared with the group highlighting:

- Inclusion of Tier 1 CBOs
- Definitions of Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 CBOs
- The role of Tier 2 and 3 CBOs in VBP
- CBO Engagement and Integration
- Having a direct reflection on health and outcome

The next item shared with the group was the CBO Contracting Strategies explaining that CBOs may support VBP arrangements in three ways:

- Contracting directly with an MCO to support a VBP arrangement
- Contracting directly with an MCO to support multiple VBP arrangements
- Subcontracting with a VBP Contractor

Emily then relayed the CBO Contracting Options to the group explaining that CBO contracts are not required to include risk and shared the existing resources for CBOs emphasizing:

- Community Based Organization Planning Grants
- NY Performing Provider System Innovation Fund Awards
- Negotiating for Stimulus Adjustment Dollars

Emily continued her presentation by going over the Bureau of Social Determinants of Health and the Bureau's goals as follows:

- Implement the VBP Roadmap Requirements Related to SDH and CBOs
- Begin CBO SDH Regional Meetings
- Improve SDH Measures in Population Health and Payment Reform
- Create a New Housing Referral Process

Lastly, Emily shared that NYS is working on the development of a VBP Pilot Program in 2018 to focus specifically on achieving Prevention Agenda targets and the State is planning to launch a Request for Innovation Initiative that will solicit proposals from CBO across New York.

After full questioning from the group, Emily concluded her presentation and Victoria thanked her for her time. Additional information regarding the Value Based Payment, the Committee is free to use the following link and/or contact Emily Engel via email at SDH@health.ny.gov.

Link for information on VBP:

[Value Based Payment \(VBP\) Resource Library](#)

IV. Old Business

a. Workgroup Updates

The next item on the agenda was the Workgroup Updates.

i. Behavioral Health Workgroup

Victoria reminded the Committee that the Behavioral Health Workgroup has been suspended and we are presently working on supporting the initiatives that already exist. Rachel Romaine informed the Committee that we have decided to focus our efforts on workplace wellness and our newly formed Data Informed Opioid Response

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Collaborative. She then presented an update on the Mental Health First Aid and SBIRT Trainings for 2018 as follows:

- **Mental Health First Aid**
A training held for MHA of Orange County on February 16th and 23rd. We are looking to offer at least two more trainings this year
- **SBIRT**
Two trainings scheduled, including Health Alliance Hospital on April 9th and Good Samaritan Hospital on June 15th

ii. **Social Determinants of Health Workgroup**

Hisieni then provided the group with an update on the Social Determinants of Health Workgroup.

Blueprint for Health Equity Event:

We have four Blueprint for Health Equity events scheduled in 2018 in the counties of Dutchess, Rockland, Sullivan, and Ulster, respectively. Due to the overwhelmingly positive feedback from both Dr. Martine Hackett's and Dr. Kenya Beard's presentations at the events, we asked them to present at each of the 2018 events. The event schedule was shared as follows:

- Dutchess County proposed for Thursday, May 31st @ Dutchess Community College
 - WestCOP can run the poverty simulation
- Rockland County proposed for Wednesday, July 25th @ Rockland County Fire Training Center
 - WestCOP can run the poverty simulation
- Sullivan County proposed for Friday, September 28th, Venue to be determined
 - RECAP can run the poverty simulation
- Ulster County proposed for Friday, October 26th, Venue to be determined
 - MISN can run the poverty simulation

Hisieni informed the group that assistance is needed to recruit in Ulster County and the group mentioned that recruitment would be easier if a venue had been selected. Lillian Jimenez mentioned that she would be contacting Hisieni offline to discuss Blueprint outreach. Hisieni has started looking into venues in Kingston and will report back to the group.



iii. Workplace Wellness

Rachel Romaine then provided an update on the Workplace Wellness Workgroup.

Wellness Coordinator Trainings:

Four Wellness Coordinator Trainings will be held in 2018. The training to teach businesses how to promote a culture of health in their workplace by creating a wellness committee and connecting them with local wellness resources. The four trainings that have been scheduled were relayed as follows:

- Orange Wellness Coordinator Training will be on **Friday, April 13th** at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh. This training is being planned as a joint effort with the Orange County Chamber of Commerce Health & Wellness Committee.
- Rockland Worksite Wellness Event will be on **Thursday, April 24th** at the Fire Training Center in Pomona. The name of this training was changed to minimize confusion with the Wellness Coordinator certification offered in Rockland County.
- Westchester Wellness Coordinator Training will be on **Thursday, May 24th** in the Jaguar Room of the NY Power Authority Building in White Plains.
- Dutchess Wellness Coordinator Training is in the planning phase for the 4th Quarter.

Rachel informed the Committee that the flyers for Orange and Rockland were sent to our committees this past week and we would really appreciate it if people would be willing to share with their subsequent networks to help get the word out.

Rachel then explained that this workgroup is also gathering one-pagers from organizations in the region with programs to support health & wellness in the workplace to create a Regional Resource Guide.

Mental Health Toolkit:

Rachel informed the Committee that the Mental Health Toolkit Website has been launched and the Toolkit can be accessed at workplacewellnessny.org.

Through the website, you can download the entire toolkit, as well as area-specific resources, sample documents, and posters. When downloading, users are prompted to input their name, email, and organization so that we can track usage and follow-up for technical assistance.

iv. Local Health Department PA Collaborative

Next, the update on the LHD Collaborative Workgroup was presented by Hisieni. She reminded the Committee that it has been decided to create a regional health assessment for the entire region and the workgroup is working with Siena College. We'll be starting the calls around April 15 and have reached out to hospitals to partner so data can be used for the health assessments. The goal is to have raw data be placed into Tableau to have an active live document by the Summer of 2019.

Victoria informed the group that we will be reaching out to all our partners to complete surveys on the services they offer.

b. LIFT Update

The next item discussed was the LIFT Grant Update. Victoria informed the Committee that we have finally received the LIFT Contract with an extension with a full first year. With the LIFT Grant we'll be using the Health Information Exchange to identify levels to establish whether they need to get into diabetes program.

V. New Business

a. Prevention Agenda 2019-2024 Feedback

Victoria informed the group that Sylvia Pirani of New York State has requested our feedback on the Prevention Agenda 2019-2024 from the Committee to be shared. Victoria then shared a short video regarding the Prevention Agenda and the slides for review and feedback. Group fully discussed Prevention Agenda topics and feedback/suggestions were made and noted as follows:

- Topics to Address:
 - Reassess barriers, such as addressing **poverty** before healthy eating
 - "Increase skills" goal should be rephrased → increase skills, knowledge and **resources in the home**. Without a way to preserve or prepare food, you can give them skills & knowledge, but they still will not be able to eat

- Also, if you can't read or navigate systems due to extensive poverty, then you will not be able to increase skills and knowledge
 - We can teach people information, but they need the tools to follow through or else it will not make a change
- NY needs to address economic policies that inevitably link to health disparities
 - We cannot be the healthiest state while remaining one of the most expensive states to live in – only a select few that are healthy. To be healthiest state, connect economic policies and the prevention agenda - especially in terms of housing.
 - Prevent Chronic Disease
 - Physical Activity
 - Putnam County reached out to classroom teachers to implement physical activity interventions in all kinds of classes, instead of just gym, but they were not interested – may not be in line with what people want to do
 - Chronic Disease Preventive Care & Management
 - Does not seem preventive. Instead, seems more like detecting those who already have it
 - Should include education and environmental risk factors that we could intervene on
 - “Have the healthy choice be the default choice” model needs to be addressed to incorporate prevention in this objective
 - Chronic disease prevention and self-management skills
 - Promote a Healthy & Safe Environment
 - Injuries, Violence and Occupational Health
 - Does violence include gun violence?
 - Climate and the Environment
 - How will these be measured???
 - Does “built environment” mean housing or other built environments?
 - “Promote healthy home environments”
 - People need to have financial resources to have a healthy home. If they are renting, landlords need skin in the game and punishment if it is not happening. People may not have a choice for finding and affording a healthy home.

- Need more clarification on what a “healthy home” consists of: lead, domestic violence, home conditions?
- Water Quality
 - How do we measure “quality” drinking water? Great opposition to having fluoride in water in Sullivan County.
 - Need more clarification on what “reduce potential public health risks associated with exposure to recreational water” objective means. Is it addressing blue/green algae?
- Food and Consumer Products
 - More feedback needed...
- Promote Healthy Women, Infants and Children
 - No goal that addresses women’s health in general, just addresses women reproductive
 - Add something around preventing teen pregnancy. Some of our communities are well above the state-wide average.
 - More feedback needed...
- Prevent HIV/STDs, Vaccine-Preventable Disease and Antimicrobial Resistance, and Healthcare-Associated Infections
 - Sexually Transmitted Diseases
 - “Begin to bend the STD curve” is ambiguous → needs to be revisited
- Promote Well Being and Prevent Mental and Substance Use Disorders
 - Promote Well-Being
 - Should be a part about promoting management of chronic conditions in those that report poor health.
 - Prevent Mental Emotional and Substance Use Disorders

b. Prevention Agenda Feedback Survey

Victoria distributed the survey that New York State is requesting from partners as a reminder to complete. The State has requested that partners complete and provide their feedback to inform the Prevention Agenda 2019-2024.

VI. Announcements

Maxine Golub announced that NYS Commissioner of Health Grand Rounds will be conducted at Ellenville Regional Hospital on April 3rd and full details have been shared with Committee via email.



VII. Adjourn

The meeting wrapped up at was adjourned at approximately 4:05 pm.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2018