Welcome to the 12th edition of Health Equity Equation

We encourage you to sign up for a variety of 90-day projects for the Public Health Division’s Strategic Plan, sent out by DPH Director Williams recently. If you are interested in contributing, or just want to learn more, please fill out that survey, and you will be contacted with more details! Contact for more questions at: DHHS.DPH.stratplan@nebraska.gov

Resources:
ASTHOConnects: In Health Matters,
Place Matters -The Health Opportunity Index (HOI)
What Racism Looks Like

Save the date:
Healthy Youth NE 2018
Addressing Risks, Resiliency & Barriers to Success
Tuesday, September 18th, 2018

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN DHHS?

Division of Behavioral Health (DBH): In the System of Care work, a recommendation was made by our DBH CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) Lead to start a CLAS work group for the System of Care. Recruitment has begun for that work group. We also have the CLAS survey results (we used the same survey public health a few years back). A brief has been prepared with some recommended next steps.

For more info, contact Bernie Hascall, Bernie.Hascall@nebraska.gov.

Division of Medicaid and Long-term Care (MLTC): Budget requests have been submitted for Community Health Worker reimbursement, coverage of prenatal genetic testing for all pregnant women, SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment) substance abuse screening, and MAT (Medication-assisted Treatment) for Methadone clinics.

MLTC is also working on implementing a Health Management Plan and Care management for our Fee-For-Services members with chronic diseases. Members enrolled in our Managed Care Organizations can receive care management/coordination services.

Although all of these are in their preliminary stages, if passed and implemented they have the potential to increase health equity for our NE Medicaid population.

For more info, contact Laura Stang, Laura.Stang@nebraska.gov.

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD):

- DD continues to draft the Policy Guide on DD regulations, home and community-based waivers, and “how-to” processes for information and guidance for the public. When completed, the DD Policy Guide will be posted on the public website.
- Currently drafting updates to Title 404 regulations to meet the Governor’s vision of brevity, support new waivers, and compliment drafted new 403 regulations.
- A Second Public Hearing on Title 403 draft held on 5/17/18 and 403 regulations went to the Governor’s office on 6/6/18.
- DD is continuing to improve the public website and is working with Communication & Legislative Services on the system-wide redesign, including simplifying language and eliminating excess or unused items.
- CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) State Transition Plan for HCBS Final Settings Rule is out for Public Comment until 6/20/18.

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