

Steering Committee September 8, 2020 Meeting Summary

Attendance

Not available at this time.

Key Summary Points

- **Approval of past meeting notes:**
 - July Meeting Notes - Approved.
- **Leadership Transition at CHRT**
 - Terrisca Des Jardins was selected to succeed Marianne as the new Executive Director of CHRT. Marianne will be retiring at the end of the calendar. A national search was performed to find her replacement and there were 4 final candidates; a Board sub committee interviewed those 4.
 - Terrisca comes from the Physicians of Michigan ACO, as the Chief Operating Officer. She is experienced with strategic planning across local and state health sectors. Jack Billie has worked with her through multiple initiatives, she has an excellent blend of population health and work with political complexities.
 - Transition Plan
 - After her official retirement, Marianne will be moving into a Senior Advisory role at CHRT to work on several key projects, including the Vital Seniors through AAACF and Kresge Foundation project.
 - Terrisca will start 10/1 and will partner with Marianne through the end of the year.
- **Project Updates – MI Community Care (formally SIM) Funding**
 - State funding ends Sept. 30th. ; we have been pursuing alternative funding including continuing to improve the service delivery model based on our learnings.
 - WHP will continue to fund the CHW through the end of the year
 - We are working with fellow shires (Jackson & Livingston) to utilize state dollars
 - Submitted a grant to Robert Wood Johnson foundation – it's a very competitive grant, our chances are not very high.
 - We had hoped to get funding from MH millage dollars, but that is on hold due to changing priorities b/c of COVID.
 - Lastly, a more likely opportunity is through the Clinical Quality Improvement (CQI) collaborative funded by BCBS. This work will be housed at UM and their focus is on SDOH – we are working on a proposal to them – which could bring a match with Medicaid dollars.
- **Possible 2021 Priorities**
 - **Racial equity** - we intentionally put in our strategic plan to address racial inequities. The general direction our executive committee has been leaning towards to do this work is to address policy. We have discussed issues around homelessness and food insecurity as priorities for our community in the upcoming year. In the next year, we will have more discussion with the

county, United Way, and the UNITE group - we want to augment the work that is already being done. Discussion on this issue included:

- Acknowledging that the county and Board of Health passed a resolution that racism is a public health crisis and the WCHD are doing a lot of work on health equity/social justice and getting at community-driven solutions
- There is a significant educational divide between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti resulting in the lack of employment opportunities in the city (factories have left, technology jobs are not there)
- Healthcare providers are a part of the puzzle. How do we focus our attention on the various circles of influence?
- The question was raised is WHI well positioned to do this kind of work as it typically requires [to be effective at addressing race equity] to be working on the ground/grassroots level. We should stick with what we do well: make things more visible to the right people as a connecting organization.
- UNITE is also looking at racial disparities and social justice work, acknowledging the importance of coordinating and collaborating especially at the hospital level (the health systems are focused on aligning with other services in the county) – we are working on identifying the right staff support that can support this alignment
- **Opioid Project** - we were not funded to continue this work. Looking at other funding opportunities; the group is motivated to continue this work, especially around community education. We will need to have some reflection on this work to decide if this is the kind of work WHI should continue, effectively asking should/can any of the work continue without the grant funding? Could we revisit the priorities that were established as part of a strategic plan? Could we rely on partners to do some of the work?
- **Action Taken**
 - SIM/MiCC Continuation of funding - approved using the \$40,000 and recommended to let the MiCC exec committee to decide how to best use it, such as putting more of it into the work of the hublets and less on the project management. Unanimously approved an amended plan to allow the MiCC exec committee to decide how to continue SIM at a minimal level until we know more on the other funding opportunities.
 - Affordable Housing Millage – unanimously approved to endorse the efforts to support the housing millage
 - Community Ambassador Position – approved plan, provided the following considerations:
 - Pay a stipend
 - Use an application process and have the applicant reviewers be “blinded” to the candidates
- **Information Sharing/Announcements**
 - Reviewed the MMOW outreach plan for the 2020 open enrollment period, which has been significantly changed from years past due to COVID.
 - Shared the survey questions for candidates on the Nov. ballot
 - Reviewed the Stakeholders Agenda for 9/14/20
 - Shared the details of the Opioid Summit on 9/23/20

Action Items

1. Next month's agenda will include updates on efforts for MiCC funding, a discussion of the place of the Opioid Project within the overall WHI initiatives, and the 2021 priorities

Next Meeting: Tuesday Oct. 13, 2020 10:00am-11:30am
