**HEALI Meeting Notes September 22, 2021**

Objective: To reflect on the work HEALI has done, evaluate out strategic position and to plan the next steps for the alliance. It is essential to reflect on the lessons learned from the first 1115 waiver as HEALI prepares to advocate and prepare for the next 1115 waiver next year.

Announcement: NowPow, which is a technology tool to help with a directory of services and referrals between agencies using data, is being acquired by Unite Us.

**Why is this work essential?**

We are in a unique situation as we wait for the 1115 waiver and begin to understand the impact and lessons during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. There is more awareness of the social determinants of health because the interconnectedness of these determinants became more evident. Many people began to appreciate just how much ones job, place of residence and conditions of their living environment affected how they spared during COVID. Therefore, the publics increasing recognition that healthcare must address these social determinants of health. This new awareness is a disruption to the current healthcare business model, but this recognition can allow for HEALI to work collaboratively with health systems to address the social determinants of health.

**Why a health equity focus?**

-There are two intersecting perspectives: Healthcare systems are focused on payments. They attempt to tweak their model on the surface in order to publicly say they are addressing the social determinants of health while sill utilizing a value based payment system which keeps healthcare providers at the center.

* At HEALI, we focus on a client based service model which puts the patient at the center of our model instead of the healthcare systems. HEALI recognized that there are social needs that if addressed, will improve healthcare service for everyone.

-Since the healthcare providers have a lot more funds, HEALI must address: How can we bring together the value-based payment system and the client based model to help move our work forward.

**Poll #1**

Did DSRIP result in improved patient/client care?

* 76% Yes
* 24% No

**Poll #2**

Has there been a shift in understanding of the impact of the Social Determinants of Health on patient care since DSRIP?

* 93% Yes
* 7% No

HEALI has helped already softened the ground around the issue of client centered health service. In order to change the system, HEALI must continue to educate all our partners on the negative impact the social determinants of health have on our healthcare system.

**HEALI Mission**

HEALI is determined to engage collaboratively partnerships and funding to support this work and to utilize the collective power to influence policy and investment. It is also important to recognize that there is strength in numbers. These goals can only be accomplished in a collective effort; therefore, it is important to remember that healthcare systems need HEALI to help formulate a fair and effective partnership to tackle the social determinants of health.

COVID-19 highlighted the need for a collective vision towards public health. HEALI can help create a safety net and support system for society and prepare for the next public health emergency/disaster.

**Goals**

* Develop strategies to prepare CBOs for change.
* Develop an IT infrastructure that allows for multi-directional data sharing among agencies, while respecting clients’ rights and protecting their privacy.
* Use our collective power and unified voice to advocate for services and investments needed for Long Island’s diverse communities.

**Poll #3**

* Housing was first choice.
* People wrote in chat that access to education is vital.
* All of the options received a lot of votes.

**Poll #4**

* Utilization of remote social care and telehealth medicine received the most votes.
* \*Integration of services is the focus of HEALI\*

-At the beginning of HEALI, there was agreement among those involve to focus on the collective mission instead of solely focusing on each organizations respective self interest.

* The divide and conquer mentality will not allow HEALI to reach its goals.
* In order to address the multitude of needs, a chief component of HEALI is to collaborate with organizations from a variety of fields.

**1115 waiver**

June Keenan- Westchester medial center PPS

* Recommends to not wait for public comment period for the 1115 waiver to start game planning.
* Since there are a lot of new people in the NYS health department, they can use HEALI’s assistance in formulating the foundational concepts.

There is some fear over how the 1115 waiver funds will be spent, especially by healthcare organizations, HEALI must continue to highlight and educate the public on the positive aspects of client based care. This can have a significant impact dictating where the money gets spent.

* HEALI must demonstrate and advocate to our local and state leaders that investment in client-based care has a better ROI than investments in a value based payment system. Collecting data is key to proving how effective a client based care system qualitatively.
* Demonstrating how effective an upstream approach is to deal with the social determinants of health can put HEALI is a great position to receive funds if Washington passes a infrastructure bill.