Health Equity Alliance of Long Island Meeting

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**Updates**

* Based on the lessons learned from the NowPow pilot, we are working with Unite Us to make sure they develop a comprehensive resource directory.
* HWCLI is in talks with Public Health Solutions to assess VBP contracting, CHWs and technology tools.

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Overview of new 1115 Waiver Amendment

* NY State is seeking $13.52 billion over 5 years to fund the new Waiver
* The goals for the waiver are:
  + 1) Building a more resilient, flexible and integrated delivery system that reduces disparities, promotes health equity and supports the delivery of social care.
  + 2) Developing and strengthening supportive housing services and alternative homeless and long-term institutional populations
  + 3) Redesigning and strengthening system capabilities to improve quality, address health equity, and address workforce shortages
  + 4) Creating statewide digital and telehealth infrastructure.
* **Goal 1: Health Equity-Focused System Redesign** 
  + **The Health Equity Regional Organizations (HEROs)** are regional, mission-based entities composed of a coalition of stakeholders in each region.
    - CBOs, MCOs and other stakeholders.
  + HEROs will develop plans that evaluate and address the physical and behavioral health and social care needs of vulnerable populations through Value Based Payments (VBP) interventions. HEROs will also assess the regional need for housing and telehealth to identify and address gaps in services.
  + HEROs will serve as hubs for regional collaboration and coordination.
  + The DOH will contract with a single HERO per region.
    - Long Island will be its own region.
  + HEROs will facilitate the movement to more advanced VBP models.
  + **Social Determinants of Health Networks (SDHN)**
    - The SDHN is a coordinated network of physical and behavioral health and social care CBOs.
    - The Waiver investments will support a statewide IT referral and data platform to support the SDHN.
  + **Criminal Justice Population**
    - The waiver allocates $745 million for targeted services for incarcerated individuals 30 days prior to release to assist with a successful transition to community life.
    - The services include:
      * Care management and discharge planning
      * Clinical consultant and peer services
      * Medication management plan
  + **Goal 2: Housing Services**
    - HEROs will develop an inventory of available housing resources and regional need to identify and address gaps in services
    - The initiative will encourage coordinated and targeted effort among CBOs, MCOs, and VBP contractors.
    - The services include:
      * Medical respite for recently discharged patients at risk of imminent homelessness
      * Community transitional services for those living in institutional settings or experienced temporary homelessness
      * Tenancy supports to ensure that individuals can stay safely housed
      * Referral to and coordination of related servives.