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THE QUALITY ADVISOR

Welcome to the Quality Advisor! Please make special note of these upcoming offerings and important resources.

***Note:** Fast approaching dates for live events in December are **highlighted**.

News from the CQO's Desk...

Nadine Allen, Chief Quality Officer

WHA Awarded Wisconsin Partnership Program Community Impact Grant

WHA is one of four recipients of a Wisconsin Partnership Program Community Impact Grant. The \$1 million grant will fund a five-year initiative to support community-academic partnerships and their initiatives to improve health and advance health equity by addressing the social determinants that influence health and well-being.

The initiative, Wisconsin Rural Health & Substance Use Clinical Support (RHeSUS), conducted in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, will work to improve access to treatment and care for people struggling with substance use disorders in rural Wisconsin.

Together with its partners, WHA will work to increase the number of health care providers who prescribe pharmacotherapies for use disorders, improve access to medical care and peer recovery support for rural residents and decrease opioid overdose rates.

The timing of this project comes when the nation is seeing a record-high number of overdose deaths (more than 100,000 Americans in a 12-month period associated with the pandemic) as reported by *The New York Times* and other sources just this month. "As we see the rise in overdose deaths in Wisconsin and around the country, we recognize that the need is great to support our communities. We are thrilled to join in this new collaboration with Wisconsin Voices for Recovery and academic partner Dr. Randall Brown, professor of family medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health," said WHA Chief Quality Officer Nadine Allen.

WHA will leverage its member network to facilitate this project and utilize the data from the WHA Information Center to help identify which communities around the state are most in need. Successful, evidence-based strategies will then be brought forward through this partnership.

Other 2021 Community Impact Grant awardees are:

- FREE Campaign for increasing access to housing and resources that support successful reentry and recovery for formerly incarcerated women and their families in Milwaukee, Madison and the Chippewa Valley;

- Oneida Nation for developing a model of programming that promotes food sovereignty and cultural identity among indigenous communities; and
- United Community Center for developing a model of dementia health care and caregiver support to improve Alzheimer’s disease detection, diagnosis and support for Latinx people in southeast Wisconsin.

Watch for additional details and participation opportunities coming in early 2022.

WHA Health Equity Organizational (HEOA) Assessment

For those of you who **have not** completed the Health Equity Organizational Assessment, please follow this [link](#) to complete it. The survey was transitioned to a different platform which allows for easier access. Please note, the survey must be completed in a single sitting. Answers will not be saved if you leave the survey before submitting your answers. You can view the [HEOA survey questions here](#) beforehand to assist you in gathering the needed information prior to answering and submitting survey responses. **Please complete the survey no later than December 27, 2021.**

If you have already completed this survey, thank you! No further action is needed.

Coming Soon - A HEOA Dashboard will be shared in 2022!

The image shows two screenshots from the HEOA assessment tool. The left screenshot is the 'Health Equity Organizational Assessment Dashboard' for 'Hospital Name' and 'Race and Ethnicity'. It features a 'Scoring Guide' table and a 'Data Collection' table.

Scoring Guide	Hospital Name						
	Data Collection	Data Collection Training	Data Validation	Data Stratification	Communicate Findings	Organizational Infrastructure & Culture	Z CODE Collection For SDOH
Hospital Points Received	20	20	20	10	40	20	30
Total Points per Category	25	35	50	20	55	20	65

The right screenshot shows the 'Race Reporting' chart for 'Hospital Name'. It includes a 'Race Reporting' table and an 'Ethnicity Reporting' table.

Race	Count	Percent
American Indian or Alaskan Native	112,021	17.51%
Asian	176,294	28.09%
Black or African American	539,854	85.21%
Hispanic or Latino	403,511	64.23%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	20,880	3.33%
White	338,451	53.52%
Unavailable	182,616	28.92%

The 'Ethnicity Reporting' table shows data for 2021:

Ethnicity	Count	Percent
Declined	2,778	0.44%
Hispanic Origin	6,525	1.03%
Not Hispanic or Latino Origin	298,865	47.11%
Unavailable	7	0.00%

Note This

Wisconsin Quality Residency

The Wisconsin Quality Residency Program provides a comprehensive curriculum of core quality improvement concepts and leadership essentials instructed by experts in the field, effectively blending in-person and virtual learning platforms and offering monthly learning modules for health care quality leaders. We are heading into Modules C and D of the 2021-2022 program. These upcoming Quality Residency events are:

MODULE C – HOSPITAL COMPLIANCE: STATE AND FEDERAL OVERSIGHT

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 | 9:00 – 4:00 | *Zoom (Virtual)*

Learning Objectives

- Articulate State and Federal hospital regulations
- Summarize evolving healthcare hot topics, including COVID-19 1135 waivers and COVID-19 citations
- Review the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), including practical survey tools and assessment
- Examine the Statement of Deficiency process
- Write a Plan of Correction

MODULE D – QUALITY MEASURES REQUIREMENTS

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 | 9:00 – 4:00 | *Zoom (Virtual)*

Learning Objectives

- Outline required measures for CMS and other regulatory entities
- Recall CMS Medicare Value-Based Purchasing Programs (VBP)
- Recognize CMS Quality Payment Programs (QPP)
- Navigate public reporting sites (i.e., Hospital Compare)
- Develop healthy dashboards

If you are interested in joining one or more of the individual program modules, please see the full program summary and guest registration information [here](#). **Module locations vary so please take note.** To learn more, email Jill Lindwall, WHA Clinical Quality Improvement Manager, at jlindwall@wha.org.

WHA Educational Offerings

22/23 SHIP Grant Options with WORH and WHAIC

***When:** December 9, 2021 – 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Cost: This webinar is complimentary

[Register here](#)

To help our rural hospitals grow and expand their data programs, WHAIC, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health, has developed a suite of web-based dashboards that includes financial, quality, and other data/information for rural hospitals. The development of the Rural Health Dashboards is based on WHAIC's discharge data, fiscal survey results and quality metrics. The dashboard supports the comparison of target hospital(s) to each other and/or to rural cohort.

After participating in the webinar, participants will be able to:

- Know how to use eleven, executive level dashboards designed for rural hospitals
- Answer business questions using the SHIP Rural Health Dashboards
- Understand when and how to sign up for this project

If you are currently, or are eligible for a SHIP grant, please join us for this informative webinar.

Resources

[Antibiotic Stewardship Toolkits](#)

Use these toolkits to develop and improve your antibiotic stewardship program, engage frontline staff in improving prescribing behavior, and diagnose and treat hospitalized patients with common infectious syndromes. These toolkits were developed by clinicians for clinicians, based on the experiences of teams who participated in the AHRQ 'Safety Program for Improving Antibiotic Use.'

[Implementing the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) aims to save lives and prevent prescription opioid misuse, opioid use disorder and overdose by equipping providers with the knowledge, tools, and guidance they need. This resource provides:

- An evidence-based prescribing guideline
- Quality improvement measures to advance the integration of the CDC guideline for prescribing opioids for chronic pain into clinical practice
- Practice-level strategies to improve care coordination.

[Pressure Injuries and COVID-19](#)

Access resources from the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP) on COVID-19 and the effect it is having on health care providers and patients. The NPIAP compiled a list of COVID-19 related resources for pressure injury protection in addition to providing free materials to help identify pressure injuries and how to prevent them.

[CMS OMH Highlights the Unique Health Needs of Rural Communities](#)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health (CMS OMH) highlights the unique health needs of rural communities and is placing a spotlight on resources and the work being done within CMS OMH and across all federal agencies to help address these disparities. Visit the CMS Rural Health page to view CMS' annual report: [Improving Health in Rural Communities Year in Review](#) published November 22, 2021.

[Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released the 14th edition of its book, *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* (also known as the "Pink Book"). The "Pink Book," provides physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, and other health care professionals with the most comprehensive information on routinely used vaccines and the diseases they prevent. The 14th edition of the Pink Book includes general immunization recommendations and information on the following:

- Vaccine safety, storage and handling, and administration
- Vaccine-preventable diseases, including disease pathogenesis, clinical features, epidemiology and secular trends in the U.S.
- Vaccines, vaccine characteristics, schedule and use, efficacy, safety, and contraindications and precautions.

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