
FHCQ | Social Needs and Health Equity Steering Committee

Social Needs Screening Workgroup

June 21st, 2023 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Virtual

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Gepert, Washington Association for Community Health

Ellen Robson, University of Washington

STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nick Locke, MPH, Bree Collaborative

Karie Nicholas, MSc, Bree Collaborative

Emily Robson, DNP, RN, Foundation for Health Care Quality

WELCOME

Nick Locke, Bree Collaborative, welcomed everyone to the Social Needs Screening workgroup.

Workgroup members briefly introduced themselves and reviewed May minutes.

DISCUSS: COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Locke shared the workgroup's draft recommendations. Unfortunately the outreach process did not receive many responses due to a quick turnaround. Instead, Mr. Locke shared one comment about the draft screening recommendations and invited final comments from workgroup members.

- Screening workflows:
 - One commenter mentioned that the screening workflows were too high level and may inspire a negative response from providers. Members discussed how to address.
 - Recommendations include adding more language clarifying the “sample workflow” use and acknowledging limitations, as well as adding links to other workflows from existing organizations.
 - Additionally, we may want to add a second, more specific workflow example for a single setting that has made choices about each consideration.
- Coding:
 - In addition to recommendations about z-codes, we should add SNOMED and LOINC.
 - We should make more recommendations about increasing training on z-codes and other methods for collecting social need data. We can point to existing training from NACHC or WACHC.
- Other implementation steps include:
 - Brainstorming safe tables on pilot project progress, action/implementation collaboratives.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Locke thanked everyone for attending and summarized next steps. The FHCQ will make edits according to the comments received today. The final draft of recommendations will be shared with the Steering Committee on June 26th. From June – December, the Steering Committee will move to implementation efforts. Members are invited to join the Steering Committee's implementation efforts.