

Social Need and Health Equity Steering Committee 2022-2023 Workgroup Priorities

Problem Statement

The Foundation for Health Care Quality's Social Need and Health Equity steering committee works to turn existing recommendations on addressing and assessing social need and health equity into action. To address the broad scope of social need and health equity activities, the social need and health equity steering committee will convene smaller workgroups on specific topics. Currently planned workgroups include:

- Advancing Equity
- Storing and Sharing Data
- Social Need Screening
- Social Need Intervention

In addition to their own scope of work, all workgroups will be partner with all health stakeholders including providers, patients, plans, employers, public health, and communities.

Storing and Sharing Data

Aim: To develop data storage and sharing strategies that protect patient safety and inform better care.

Goals:

- Identify principles for ethical data infrastructure including privacy, safety, and autonomy
- Recommend data storage strategies that incorporate demographic and social need data into existing data infrastructure, or that propose new infrastructure.
- Develop guidelines for using demographic and social need data to inform interventions.
- Recommend steps to improve data sharing and interoperability across organizations.

Duties & Structure of Workgroups

Each workgroup will:

- Research evidence-informed and expert-opinion informed guidelines and best practices (emerging and established).
- Maintain an equity lens while developing recommendations and interventions
- Research evidence, solicit expert opinion, and draw from emerging programs to develop recommendations and action steps
- Identify current barriers and future opportunities for implementing new action plans
- Recommend data-driven and practical implementation strategies including metrics or a process for measurement
- Present findings and recommendations in written reports
- Post draft report(s) and meeting material on a publicly available website
- Revise this charter as necessary based on scope of work

Each workgroup will consist of individuals confirmed by the FHCQ Social Need and Health Equity Steering Committee. Each workgroup will hold meetings monthly or as necessary. FHCQ staff will conduct meetings, arrange for the recording of each meeting, and distribute meeting agendas and other materials prior to each meeting.