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## FHCQ | Social Needs and Health Equity Steering Committee

Social Needs Screening Workgroup

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Virtual

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### MEMBERS PRESENT

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Erin Darrah, Molina Healthcare  
Hana Hartman, Health Care Authority

Tashau Asefaw, Community Health Plan of  
Washington

### STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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Nick Locke, MPH, Bree Collaborative

### WELCOME

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Nick Locke, Bree Collaborative, welcomed everyone to the Social Needs Screening workgroup. Members introduced themselves and their current work with social needs.

### DISCUSS: WORKPLAN AND GOALS

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Mr. Locke shared the social need screening workplan. The three topics the group wants to cover are: evidence on screening and best practices, example screening workflows from Washington, and recommendations for starting a new program or scaling up an existing program. Workgroup members discussed additional themes or topics to keep in mind.

- Workgroup members wanted to ensure a mix of plans, providers, and employers when contacting key stakeholders
  - It will also be useful to contact public health/regulatory agencies like the HCA and NCQA which include screening requirements for plans
- Overlapping with the storing and sharing data workgroup – it is important to consider where patients are screened for social need and make sure that information is communicated to all parts of the care delivery system so people are not duplicating forms.
  - It may be useful to develop a map of all the different places where patient social need information is collected and where it goes.
  - We should make recommendations about improving communication.

### DISCUSSION: EVIDENCE REVIEW WORKPLAN

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Mr. Locke transitioned the workgroup into a discussion of their evidence review plan. Specifically, Mr. Locke asked workgroup members what additional questions they hope to answer through a review of evidence.

- Communication of social need screening results
- How to conduct screening (i.e., interview or self-assessment)
- How to use the process to build trust
- What should be done with social need screening information
- How to engage and inform patients about the need for social need screening
- How to find sustainable funding for social need screening
- How to adjust a screening workflow for a local population's needs

### PUBLIC COMMENT AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

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Mr. Locke invited final comments, then thanked everyone for attending. The workgroup's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00 PM.