Access and Policy Team: Summer Projects

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Overview

Project #1: Community Collaboration During COVID-19: A Narrative Review

Project #2: Environmental Scan on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Healthcare Quality, Safety and Innovation
Community Collaboration During COVID-19: A Narrative Review

Background:

- Health and social service organizations have participated in several collaboration tables across the local health system.
- The relationships built across the health system represent an infrastructure that extends beyond the hospital community and across broader regions of the health system as a whole.
Research Question:

"What lessons can be learned and opportunities imagined with respect to the collaboration infrastructure developed during the COVID-19 pandemic?"
Methods:

**Narrative Review**
Two databases are currently being searched using key words related to 'collaboration', 'care', 'innovation', and 'COVID-19' to screen and conduct a full text review of the academic literature.

**Document Review**
Collaboration tables that WCH was involved in are currently being acquired to identify local collaborations and describe their importance for health and health care.

**Analysis & Synthesis**
Academic literature and collaboration tables are being analyzed and will be synthesized to outline important directions for research, policy and practice related to the sustainability of such innovations.
Culturally Tailored Care is Crucial

- Increases patient engagement
- Increases vaccine uptake rates

Community-Based Organizations Continue to be Key Players in the Pandemic

- Community-based organizations act as hubs, repurpose activities, organize volunteers, and provide health promotion oriented activities

Community-Based Organizations Lack Funding to Sustain Their Efforts

- Community is often seen as a “sideshow” which receives little funding and credibility to solve a policy crisis

Preliminary Insights
Environmental Scan on EDI in Healthcare Quality, Safety and Innovation

Objective:

- The aim of this rapid environmental scan is to address existing knowledge gaps and provide foundational knowledge for a national health organization regarding what “equity”, “diversity” and “inclusion” might mean for their work.
Methods:

- Hand Selecting Organizations
- Canvassing our Networks
- Via Search Strings
  - Google Web search
  - Google Scholar
Preliminary Insights

Most organizations...

- Often group the terms ‘diversity’ and ‘inclusion’ with equity
- Primarily focus on equity and not diversity and inclusion
- Do or encourage work that supports diversity and inclusion efforts, but do not explicitly list their definitions of equity, diversity and inclusion on their website/other related documents
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