



## **South Dakota Health Improvement Coalition Meeting Agenda**

**Red Rossa Highland Meeting Room, Pierre, SD  
June 21, 2023  
10:00am-3:00pm**

**Organizations Present:** Black Hills Special Services Cooperative, Disability Rights of South Dakota, Helpline Center, Horizon Health Care, South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations, South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care, SD Department of Education, SD Department of Health, SD Department of Social Services, South Dakota Council of Community Behavioral Health, WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program

**Organizations Absent:** Avera Health, City of Sioux Falls, Indian Health Services, Lutheran Social Services, Pennington County Health & Human Services, Sanford Health, SD Department of Labor & Regulation, SD Department of Transportation, SD Department of Tribal Relations, SD Department of Veterans Affairs, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, South Dakota Sheriff's Association, South Dakota State University Extension

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- Prioritize South Dakotans
- Seek Diverse and Inclusive Feedback
- Communicate Courageously
- Maximize Collaboration
- Embrace Data Transparency

#### ***DRAFT STATE HEALTH ASSESSMENT REVIEW***

#### **COMMUNITY HEALTH PRIORITIES DISCUSSION (Cont.)**

- Reducing the Burden of Disease
  - Problem: Spread of STIs (particularly syphilis and congenital syphilis), risky behaviors (drug use, alcohol use, unprotected sex), capacity of disease investigation (contact investigation and case management), penicillin shortage
    - Possible Solutions: Prevention and early detection of STIs, provider education, patient education, promote safe sex practices, education on impact of STIs and long-term effects, public health campaigns, expand screening and treatment practices, additional disease investigation positions, improved technology to notify exposed contacts
  - Problem: Prediabetes/diabetes, limited physical activity and nutrition funding, built environment (culture around food, long winters, limited access to physical activity, limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables)

- Possible Solutions: referrals to nutritionists, provider management (medication vs. behavior modification)
- Enhancing Environmental Infrastructure to Support Health
  - Problem: food insecurity, food sovereignty
    - Possible Solutions: mobile food units, backpack programs, community gardens, cooking classes utilizing community garden produce and food banks, connecting people to WIC enrollment, provider education, integration of services/resources, breastfeeding promotion and support
  - Problem: Data sets have certain limitations
    - Possible Solutions: integrated data, master person index across agencies, single sign on across state government
  - Problem: internet/broadband access, cellular phone access and cellular service
    - Solution: remote patient monitoring, telehealth services, personal device vs. clinical setting/offering, community pod offerings, school-based telehealth
- Maintaining Health Services and Care Quality
  - Problem: healthcare professional shortages (not only a rural issue), workforce burnout, COVID shifted care coverage
    - Possible Solutions: burnout support, childcare for 12-hour work shifts
  - Problem: professional education (time, cost, location)
    - Possible Solutions: Virtual learning, remote job training opportunities, unite the workforce, do the apprenticeship in your own community
  - Problem: Certification/Licensure
    - Possible Solutions: ensure professionals are working at the top of their certification and/or license
  - Problem: reimbursement challenges
    - Possible Solutions: broaden the payer base
  - Problem: keep students in state, planning for retirement wave
    - Solutions: tracking trends for the future of healthcare workforce
  - Problem: Retaining professionals in their practice
    - Possible Solutions: Identify characteristics of long-term employers and high-performing organizations – Plan to manage turnover.
- Advancing Health Literacy/Efficacy using Culturally Appropriate Strategies
  - Education
  - Cultural Awareness

## NEXT STEPS

- Meetings minute will be posted at: <https://doh.sd.gov/healthequity/>
- Next meeting: Date TBD (Virtual)
- Finalize State Health Assessment
- Draft State Health Improvement Plan
- Final State Health Improvement Plan