12/18/20 Meeting Minutes of the
Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)
For Ohio’s SUD 1115 Waiver

Presentation on Ohio Health Equity Strikeforce & Discussion

- Director Nelson, Director of Governor’s Office of RecoveryOhio and Co-Chair of COVID-19 Minority Health Strike Force, presented on the current efforts of Minority Health Strike Force in relation to COVID-19.
- See slides. State team advised more resources can be found at: coronavirus.ohio.gov/More-Than-A-Mask
- SAC member noted that they used these reports and found them helpful. They suggested it would be helpful to see the data at the census track or zip code level to allow organizations to take a more detailed look at the data.
  - State response: State acknowledged the request, and noted it would be taken back to the group working on this to prioritize in future data work.
- SAC member interested in any actions that providers can take to support the health equity goals. Member noted that a few years ago there was an issue in Marion County with the Hispanic community. There was a lack of trust in behavioral healthcare workers and organizations The SAC member’s organization partnered with a local faith organization to continue delivering services.
  - State response: As a committee, we hope to have these conversations in the coming year through the work that we are doing through the SUD 1115 waiver.
- SAC member suggests adding individuals in recovery to this committee, specifically from minority populations to ensure equitable representation in the SUD 1115 waiver work.
  - State response: State agreed with the suggestion to bring voices of people with lived experiences and people of color into this work.
- SAC member celebrates the good work on health equity that is taking place in the Governor’s office, MHAS, and several other groups. Consider identifying which organizations have health equity groups and coordinating among these groups of people who are deeply invested in making change.
  - State response: Team agreed to begin familiarizing the committee with the work that is ongoing and build upon that and put a SUD 1115 lens on that in the New Year.
- Director Nelson appreciates the SAC comments and encourages members to express their priorities from a health equity perspective in order to continue advocating for equity.
- ODM and MHAS will continue incorporating health equity approaches into their work on the SUD 1115 waiver implementation in 2021 through collaboration and building awareness.

Activities and Accomplishment Review

- ODM provided a year in review summary of prior SAC discussions and Waiver activities/ accomplishments from the past year.
- ODM team reviewed the work that is anticipated to occur in 2021.
- SAC members express appreciation for the work that this group has done over the past year.
Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

- Next SAC meeting is scheduled for 2/8.
- The 2021 SAC meeting schedule has been published and members can complete registration using the following link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2454628234498996236
- State team wishes everyone a safe, happy, and peaceful holiday season.