Program Summary – Race, Equity, and Social Determinants of Health

SUMMARY
Members who attended this program received a grounding in health equity and social determinants of health, and developments from The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Accountable Health Communities Program in Maryland. Members also viewed a screening of "Inherit the Earth", A mini-documentary produced by Saint Agnes Healthcare about SDoH issues in South Baltimore.

Our panel included:
• **Sadiya Muqueeth, DrPH, MPH**, Director of Community Health, The Trust for Public Land
• **Shelly Choo, MD, MPH**, Chief Medical Officer, The Baltimore City Health Department
• **Olivia Farrow, JD**, Director of Community Engagement, Saint Agnes Healthcare

RESOURCES
• The Trust for Public Land Presentation – [HERE](#)
• Baltimore City Health Department Presentation – [HERE](#)
• Inherit the Earth Minidocumentary - [HERE](#)

RECAP
**MPN Social Determinants of Health Series**: The MPN Health funders will be leading a program series in 2020 to highlight social determinants of health issues and to create a more interdisciplinary understanding of health as it is *produced* in our communities

**What is Race**: “A false classification system created by white Europeans during a time of worldwide colonization. This was done to assign human worth and social status, using themselves as the model of humanity and power, to legitimize white power and white privilege”

• This is a definition Yinka is borrowing from MPN’s Joyce Bartlett, who received it from an [Undoing Racism Training](#)

**Olivia Farrow**
• Video produced by Saint Agnes and their health systems Ascension directed by Christian Schultz featuring Children in Southwest Baltimore and The Food Project
• Themes: food insecurity, generational trauma, self-determination and freedom.
• Ascension leadership

**Sadiya Muqueeth**
• The Trust for public Land - Parks, community, and health
• Health in US
  o Lots of investment in Healthcare but not the outcomes seen in other OECD countries
  o Recommended reading: The American Health Care Paradox by Elizabeth Bradley
• Race is a proxy for racism
  o Cultural constructs of race change across regions/communities/countries
  o Structural barriers to thriving also have a dual effect of reinforcing privilege
• Personally mediated racism also reinforce institutional racism

• Social ecological model drive health outcomes - Important to work across influences to address health

• Equitably Responsive philanthropy - Consider the responsiveness at the individual-level and community-level

• Health and Healthcare
  o Healthcare is not Health.
  o Investing in upstream population level solutions promotes health

• Wanachi Washington
  o Example of promoting civic engagement, community cohesion, and power building through creative placemaking and shaping the built environment

• Philanthropy should support collective strategies and informed strategies

Shelly Choo

• Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Grant
  o Integrate social needs screenings into the health department
  o Elijah Cummings example – early death as a representation of social determinants.

• Goals
  o Social needs screening – standardization of screening
  o Navigation of resources – Community Health Workers
  o Data sharing
  o Alignment of SDoH

• Baltimore AHC
  o Only widespread city in the nation picked and only health department partner

• Preliminary results
  o Population – 1005 people screened in 1st year (October ‘18 to September ‘19)
  o On average reported 5 social needs. 6 people reported 10 social needs (maximum)

• Takeaways
  o Funder (CMMI) evaluation expectations should reflect community needs
  o Growth comes from challenges

Question and Answer

• Q – Will results be published?
  o Yes, Health Department is creating a report

• Q – How was the data collected?
  o Screening has to adapted to the location and flexible

• Q - What technology is being used
  o CMMI provided their own but it isn’t interoperable with the BCHD tech. Working with another vendor

• Q – What’s the long-term strategy
  o 5-year grant ending April 2022. Great momentum but the funding and timeline needs to increase for impact and sustainability

• Q – How frequently are you able to meet the needs described?
• Their turn around is 30 days, so the resourcing reflects that short timeline. Resourcing provides a foundation to access additional support (stable housing for example)

- Comment – Additional films to cover the history of structural racism would help shape the role that systems have in creating the circumstances depicted in the film

- Q – how are the Community based organizations navigating the referrals
  - Until we develop the policies, we’ll still experience challenges
  - We need more navigators to support the process