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Planning Council Update

In May, members of the OneCare Kansas Planning Council participated in a virtual meeting to hear updates on project implementation, review quality measures that are required by CMS to be collected on Health Homes and potential opportunities for collecting and sharing data among OCK providers. Planning Council members continue to communicate with their respective networks and provide valuable input to the State planning team in a variety of areas. KDHE staff reported on progress related to the development of provider training materials, the provider application process, and development of a draft version of the OneCare Kansas Program manual.

Upcoming training opportunities for potential OneCare providers include an update and overview of the Health Action Planning process for enrolled members. For more information, visit <https://www.kancare.ks.gov/providers/onecare-ks-providers/onecare-kansas-planning-council> to view a full report from the Planning Council each month.

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OneCare Kansas Communication Updates

The State team will be delivering the third installment of our webinar series on June 28th. This webinar will be devoted to explaining the Health Action Plan (HAP). The HAP is the cornerstone of the OneCare Kansas program and should be used to identify the needs of qualified members. The HAP will document goals and aid staff in developing potential OneCare services and supports to meet the needs of our members.

In this webinar, KDHE staff will review the newly updated and revised HAP form that will be required for use by OneCare Kansas Providers.

Event: OneCare Kansas Provider Webinar Series: The Health Action Plan

When: Friday 28 June 2019, 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

Time Zone: (GMT-06:00) Central Time (US and Canada) (Please note that Daylight Saving Time (+01:00 hr) is in effect during this time)

Audio Conference Details:

All audio is presented through your computer speakers.

If you are unable to join online, you may listen in via telephone.

Dial 1-877-400-9499 and enter conference code 658 421 2274#

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 95 PARTICIPANTS! REGISTER SOON!

To register now, please visit the following link: https://wichtaccsr.adobeconnect.com/ock_hap/event/registration.html



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OneCare Kansas Quality Subgroup

On May 29th, the OneCare Quality Advisory Team was initiated to gain insight and input from the MCOs as the OneCare Quality Subgroup builds a quality structure for the OneCare program. The focus of the team is to identify innovative approaches for promoting coordination of care, accountability and responsiveness through a rapid-cycle improvement process.

This process will tie actionable activities and inputs to process planning, implementation, monitoring and decision-driving and drive continuous improvement. The team will meet monthly and membership includes OneCare Quality Subgroup members and two designated representatives from each MCO.

Look for updates and reports from this subgroup to be shared at both the Planning Council as well as here in the OneCare Kansas Newsletter.

Progress on Target Population

The KU Research Team has had a chance to review the state's data and have come back to the State Team with initial findings and observations. While this progress is exciting, the State Team would like to remind everyone that we are taking a thoughtful approach to selecting our eventual population.

This approach will include an iterative process of KU examining the data, consulting with the State Team, and then narrowing the focus of the analysis until a target population is selected. We hope that this careful examination of the data will lead us to a target population that will lend itself to rapid improvements and substantial savings.

As we make advances in this process we will be sure to share our findings and decisions at both the Planning Council as well as on the OneCare Kansas website and in this newsletter. Stay tuned for more and thanks again to everyone for their patience and understanding as we work through the important task of selecting the perfect population for OneCare Kansas.



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If you have questions, or would like more information about OneCare Kansas, please contact us.

Our page on the KanCare website also contains information about our work to develop the project and documents are being updated regularly.

If you would like to receive this newsletter please send us an email.

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Staying Safe in the Summer Heat

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reminds us that extreme summer temperatures can be dangerous. Though heat can be harmful to anyone, it can be especially dangerous for those with chronic medical conditions.

Why are people with chronic medical conditions more vulnerable to extreme heat?

- They may be less likely to sense and respond to changes in temperature.
- They may be taking medications that can make the effect of extreme heat worse.
- Conditions like heart disease, mental illness, poor blood circulation, and obesity are risk factors for heat-related illness.

Tips for Preventing Heat-Related Illness

- Stay Cool

Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose fitting clothing when outdoors or stay indoors in an air-conditioned place. If possible, schedule outdoor activities for when it's coolest, like mornings and evening hours. Wear sunscreen when outdoors. Sunburns affect your body's ability to cool down and can make you dehydrated.

- Stay Hydrated

Drink plenty of fluids. Remember, you should not wait until you're thirsty to drink. Avoid very sugary or alcoholic drinks as these can actually cause you to lose more body fluid.

- Stay Informed

Check for local news on extreme heat alerts and be sure you know the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness. The CDC provides a handy one-page handout that lays out what to look for and what to do if you or someone you encounter seems to be experiencing a heat-related illness. You can access that handout here: <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/warning.html>

Warm summer weather brings plenty of fun and outdoor activities, just remember to respect the heat and take the necessary precautions to ensure you, your loved ones and your pets are safe this summer. For more information, see <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/medical.html> on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website.