How can health IT promote health equity?

CRISP Summit – 04/19/2022
CHRC Background & Mission

Created by the Maryland General Assembly in 2005:

1. Expand access to health care in underserved communities;
2. Support projects that serve low-income Marylanders, regardless of insurance status;
4. Implement the Maryland Health Equity Resource Act (2021)
5. Staff Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports (2020)
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Impact of CHRC Grants

• 648 grants totaling $111.9 million.
• Projects funded in all 24 jurisdictions.
• **517,000 Marylanders** have received services including those with complex health and social services needs.
• An additional 16,000 individuals have received services under the DDA Relief Act grants (2021).
• **75% of projects sustained after grant ends.**
• **$31.8 million leveraged** in additional resources.
CHRC & Health Equity

- Longstanding commitment to addressing health disparities and promoting health equity.
- Health equity is strategic priority of annual RFP.
- Fund projects that address SDOH and remove barriers to accessing care.
- Examples of SDOH include:
  - Transportation challenges;
  - Lack of providers;
  - Food insecurity; and
  - Health literacy.
Maryland Health Equity Resource Act - Policy Objectives (2021):

1. Reduce health disparities
2. Improve health outcomes
3. Improve access to primary care
4. Promote primary and secondary prevention services
5. Reduce health care costs, hospital admissions and readmissions
Pathways to Health Equity Grantees

Baltimore City
- Baltimore Healthy Start
- Greater Baltimore Medical Center
- University of Maryland School of Nursing

Prince George’s County
- Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Prince George’s County Health Department
- La Clínica del Pueblo

Rural Maryland
- Tidal Health (Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester Counties)
- St. Mary’s County Health Department
- Horizon Goodwill Industries (Washington County)
CHRC & CRISP Collaboration

Ongoing Grants
• Encourage grantees to use CRISP Reporting Services.
• Assist in documenting program impact.
• Promote long-term sustainability.

Pathways to Health Equity
• CRISP has central role.
• Prepared Public Use Data Files for Pathways Applicants.
• Provide TA to CHRC and Pathways grantees during implementation.
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