



DHS Update for GHEC

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Update Overview

- Equity Work
 - Office of Health Equity
 - Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council
- Budget Celebrations
- American Rescue Plan Act Funding

Equity Work at DHS

Updates on OHE and HEDI

Office of Health Equity

Updates:

- We are currently reviewing applications.
 - We received 138 applications for the Director of OHE position, and we are also hiring for a Communications Specialist position.
- Once Director is hired and onboarded, additional jobs will be posted.
- Visit our [DHS Office of Health Equity webpage](#) for updates.

Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council (HEDI)

HEDI serves an independent advisory body designed to provide analysis, insights, and recommendations to DHS on specific internal and external matters regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, and affirmative action.

The first meeting will be held **Wednesday, July 28, 2021 from 11:00am-1:00pm**, and it is open to the public.

Zoom <https://dhs.wi.zoom.us/j/86592924625>

HEDI Charges

1. Oversee the implementation of the Equity and Inclusion Plan.
2. Meet requirements of affirmative action under Chapter 230 by:
 - Advising the secretary concerning programs designed to ensure equal opportunity to all employees, applicants and clients.
3. Select (3) budget proposals from non-committee members for consideration by Secretary's Office for inclusion in DHS budget.
4. Select (3) items related to DEI for the committee to analyze and review to provide formal and direct recommendations or materials to DHS.
5. Support education and training on diversity, equity, and inclusion by:
 - a. Identifying trainings for executives management and all staff.
 - b. Recommending trainings and resources for external stakeholders.

HEDI Structure

Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council Structure

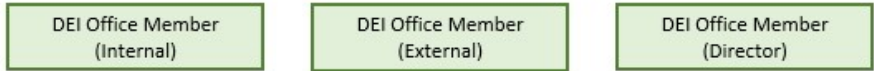
Elected /Assigned Roles



Members



Non-Voting Members



- Political appointee
- DHS Internal
- External Stakeholder

Budget Celebrations

Passed and signed provisions with an equity focus

Community Health Centers and Free and Charitable Clinics

Increases funding by \$2 million for Community Health Centers and Free and Charitable Clinics.

Long-term Care Workers

- Increases funding for direct care workforce serving individuals in the Family Care program by \$104 million.
- Increases funding for Medicaid personal care rates by over \$78 million.

Lead Safe Homes

Continues ongoing funding of \$28.4 million for Lead Safe Homes program for CHIP-eligible households within the Medicaid budget.

Behavioral Health Crisis Services

Provides for \$10 million to establish regional crisis systems.

Dementia Care Services

Provides \$3.5 million in funding dementia care specialists (additional 18 for counties and 7 for Tribal nations) to ensure staffing across the state.

Tribal Care Coordination Agreements

- Authorizes Tribal nations to use care coordination agreements.
- Increases federal funding by \$5.5 million.
- Provides GPR payments for costs that are shifted to federal funding.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding

Thank you for your input!

Home and Community Based Services – ARPA process

- ARPA provides Enhanced Federal Matching Percentage for Medicaid-eligible activities
 - Approximately \$350 million allocated for Wisconsin
 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid issued guidance (examples of qualifying activities)
 - DHS engaged in stakeholder outreach
- Division of Medicaid Services submitted our plan to CMS, found here:
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p03048.pdf>

Home and Community Based Services – proposed plan

Our proposed plan includes activities addressing:

- Direct caregiving workforce
- Policy and program improvement
- Continuum of care
- Fiscal stability

For more information, visit our ARPA HCBS webpage:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/arpa/hcbs.htm>

Or read our media release:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/071421a.htm>

ARPA and next steps

A similar process is underway concerning ARPA funding for mental health and substance use disorder block grants. More information to come on that process and our proposals in the near future.