

Health In Action: Screening and Addressing Social Determinants of Health

Rocky Mountain Health Plans (RMHP) is a participant in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Accountable Health Communities Model (AHCM). As part of this effort, RMHP in partnership with many clinical partners including Axis Health System and MindSprings Health have cumulatively conducted over 75,000 social needs screenings of Coloradans since 2018. This session will begin with an interactive presentation about the importance of addressing social needs leveraging both national evidence and Colorado data.

After attendees are grounded in why addressing social needs is critical to addressing behavioral health, attendees will hear from both Axis Health System and MindSprings Health about their experiences with social needs screening and the design of their workflow. Attendees will be given an opportunity to plan how SDOH activities could be incorporated into their clinic operations. For clinics already administering social needs screening or clinics interested in strategies, the facilitators will support a discussion about other ways that clinics are addressing social determinants of health including in-house food distribution, walk with a doc programs, procuring grants to distribute rent relief funds as well as other innovative ideas.

Learning Objectives

This session has the following learning objectives:

- Attendees will gain an understanding of the intersection between social determinants and behavioral health.
- Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss with the group and the facilitators possible way to incorporate SDOH activities into their clinic operations and workflows.
- Attendees will have identified key allies and resources in designing and implementing social needs programs.

Agenda

- Key Learnings from the Western Colorado Accountable Health Communities Model- Kathryn Jantz
- The Axis SDOH Experience- Sarada Leavenworth
 - Clinic-wide change management with staff
 - Leveraging a multidisciplinary team
 - SDOH strategies beyond screening
- The Mindsprings SDOH Experience- Dave Hayden
 - Why we choose screening
 - Workflow challenges and solutions
 - Electronic Health Record opportunities
- Adopting & Adapting SDOH strategies in your programs- Interactive Discussion & Worksheet

Additional Resources

- Social Interventions Research & Evaluation Network: A library of all recent SDOH Research [Research on Integrating Social & Medical Care | SIREN \(ucsf.edu\)](#)
- Institute for Health Improvement [Improving Health and Health Care Worldwide | IHI - Institute for Healthcare Improvement](#)

- Dr. Donald Berwick 2019 Meredith E. Drench Lecture “*Start Here: Getting Real About Social Determinants of Health*” [2019 Meredith E. Drench Lecture | College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College \(bu.edu\)](#) or his recent viewpoint, [The Moral Determinants of Health | Health Disparities | JAMA | JAMA Network](#)
- “*Social Determinant of Health 201 for Health Care: Plan, Do, Study Act*”, National Academy of Medicine [Social Determinants of Health 201 for Health Care: Plan, Do, Study, Act - National Academy of Medicine \(nam.edu\)](#)