



TASC 90

Health Equity & The Flex Program

March 31, 2022

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP)

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Health Equity in the Flex Program

- What does all of this mean in relation to Flex?
 - Number of CAHs participating in Program Area 3 increasing
 - ✓ 151 CAHs in FY15 to 332 in FY20
- Suggestions for the upcoming NCC submission
 - Include in your narrative discussions about forming new partnerships
 - ✓ Hospital association, department of public health, etc
 - Already working in program area 3?
 - ✓ Include an environmental scan of resources in your CHNA
 - Does health equity fit in a program area you currently are not working in?
 - ✓ Call your PO! We can discuss a change in scope



Health Equity in the Flex Program (cont.)

- **Examples from other Flex Programs:**
 - **Program Area 1:**
 - ✓ CAHs receive TA implementing a health equity organizational assessment to support patient and family engagement of diverse populations
 - **Program Area 2:**
 - ✓ Include service line assessment in statewide financial assessment to ensure services are addressing the needs of the community
 - **Program Area 3:**
 - ✓ Provide health literacy resources to support communication with patients
 - ✓ Contract to provide health systems with webinars and resources around addressing health equity, cultural humility, systemic oppression, institutional accountability, addressing racial disparities and best practices around contact tracing
 - ✓ Convene conversations with community and statewide partners to address specific needs in individual communities



Culture Care Connection -

<https://culturecareconnection.org/>

- Addressing Bias & Driving Equity
 - Implicit Bias
 - Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards
- Cultural Responsiveness
 - Patient-Centered Care
- Data Resources
 - Explore community-level data through national interactive data sets
- Social Determinants of Health
 - Screenings, referrals, data analytics, and more

Questions

