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SustiNet Health Disparities and Equity Committee

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Results											
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop recommendations for how the Sustinet Plan shall reduce health disparities and inequities for Sustinet members through its implementation of insurance coverage, medical homes, health information technology, health care quality and safety improvements, and preventive health care.Define measurable objectives for adoption by the future governance entity.									◆ (7/1)		
Organizational Tasks											
Assure that the membership of the Committee is racially, ethnically, gender and geographically diverse and that it include consumers, health care providers, leaders of community-based service organizations and philanthropic institutions, local and state public health experts and academic experts in matters related to health inequities and their reduction and elimination.											
Assure that reducing health disparities is addressed in the work of the other Sustinet Committees and Task Forces.				*	*						
Assess connections between this Committee, state agencies, including DPH and the Connecticut Commission on Health Equity, and philanthropic and nonprofit organizations. Develop procedures to communicate and collaborate.				*	*						
Determine core elements of the Health Equity Committee's comprehensive plan (i.e. current status, priority issues, major barriers, costs and financing). Identify who will draft the final report.				*	*						

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Identify sub-committees needed to fulfill the Committee's charge.					*						
Data Analysis											
Assemble existing studies on health disparities regarding access, quality and outcomes. Analyze and prioritize existing recommendations.					*						
Identify and assess nature and extent of any existing programs/approaches to mitigate racial and ethnic disparities in the state.					*	*	*				
Identify areas needing study/further study. Invite presenters as needed to fill information gaps. Bring in additional resource people to the committee to complement/expand knowledge base.					*	*	*				
Identify ARRA and other federal funding sources as well as private sources that could assist with funding of initiatives or pilot programs.					*	*	*				
Assess whether Connecticut has the infrastructure to be competitive for grants.											
Assess how federal reform affects racial and ethnic disparities.					*	*	*				
Incorporate into recommendations.											
Development of Recommendations											
Develop recommendations regarding data collection and reporting so that access, quality, and outcomes can be tracked by race/ethnicity.								*			
Develop recommendations regarding training in cultural competence, access to language interpretation, and other services necessary for the provision of culturally competent, linguistically accessible care to SustiNet members.								*			
Review and comment on the recommendations of other SustiNet committees and task forces to assure they address racial and ethnic disparities								*			
Develop timeline and cost estimates.						*	*	*			