

Health Equity

Engaging with Partners



Health Equity Committee & Learning Collaborative

- South Country has a **cross-functional Health Equity Committee** that meets regularly to discuss health equity, strategies and initiatives
- Wrapping up two-year **Health Equity Learning Collaborative 2022-2024** with ACAP (Association for Community Affiliated Plans)
- **Six action plan areas:** community engagement, member engagement, provider engagement, staff development, data analysis and strategy development




Member Engagement



Member Advisory Committee (MAC)

Relaunched nearly 1 year ago

Overall purpose:

- Gather member feedback
 - Community advocacy
 - Share experience and ideas
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Community Engagement in Steele County & Sibley County



Steele County

Steele County completed Gap Analysis 2022

Resulted in 3 action teams:

- I. Affordable Housing
- II. Racial Division
- III. Teen Mental Health*

*Subgroup = Opioid Action Team



Racial Division Workgroup

- Mission driven leaders throughout Steele County meet routinely to build a logic model and measurable outcomes to bridge the gap in equity and engage in community conversation.
 - This group is merging with a pre-existing group called AGE, Alliance for Greater Equity.



Opioid Action Team

Opioid action team is a collaboration of several community organizations in Steele County including law enforcement, public health, a local pharmacy, school staff, substance use treatment providers and emergency medical services

- Created opioid resources for Steele County members
- Posted an educational tip sheet for teens
- Provided free naloxone education and distributed free kits to community individuals
- Creating a video with community members and families who have lived experience with substance use and recovery to be shared with the community and schools

Sibley County Collaboration


- South Country established grant funds with Sibley
 - Community health worker
 - Focus on diabetes and LatinX
- Working together on community health assessment
- Collaboration on Community Engagement and Trainings
 - Bridges Out of Poverty training
 - Advisory Committee
 - Other events 2024

Provider Partners



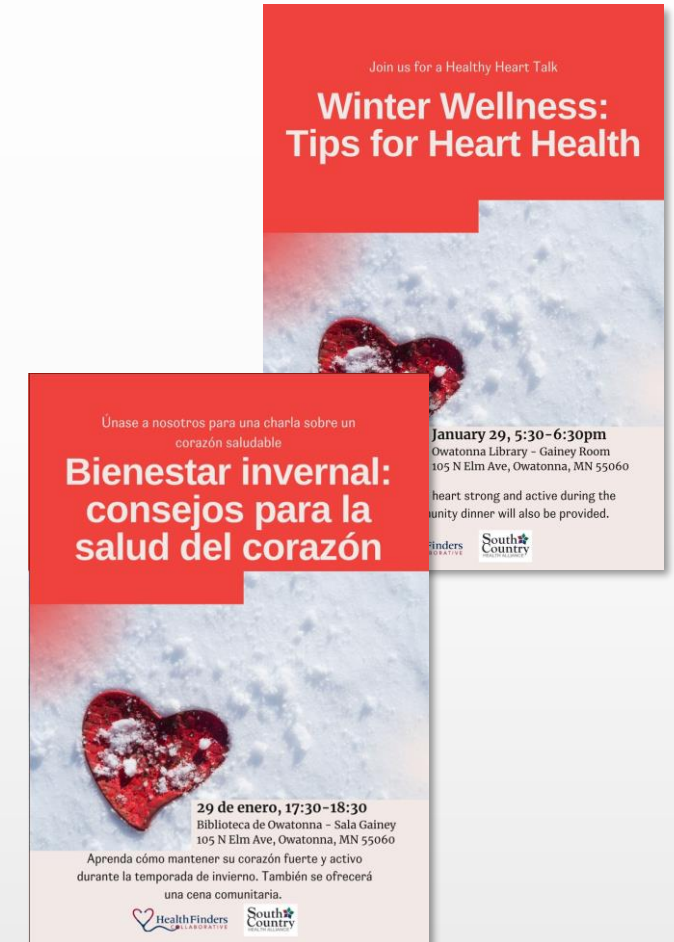
HealthFinders Collaborative

Specific outreach strategies to non-English speaking members
(Steele, Dodge and Waseca Counties):

- Adolescent and childhood immunization outreach
 - MA eligibility renewal outreach
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HealthFinders Collaborative

- Flu Shot Clinic Event – Oct. 2023
- Heart Health Event – Jan. 2024
- Wellness Bingo
- 2024 discussions/plans:
 - Expanding outreach for other preventive care/chronic conditions
 - Community health workers – Somali and Spanish
 - Prenatal/postpartum
 - Continued collaboration on community events





Also: Providers addressing HRSN

Health related social needs (HRSN): social aspects that can affect a person's overall health.

Provider Network Medical Record Reviews:

- 1.) Providers screening for social determinants of health (SDoH) needs
- 2.) If any SDoH are identified, is there a discussion, referral or intervention that addresses the concern



Other Equity Activities

- Delfina – addresses equitable maternal health
- Developing internal and external messaging on health equity initiatives and outcomes.
- Data driven initiatives to address health care disparities in South Country members.

Questions and Feedback:

Let us hear your health equity initiatives or ideas

