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Community Health Disparities Reduction Partnership 2023 Grant Opportunity

Informational Call

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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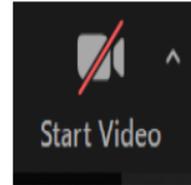


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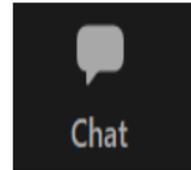
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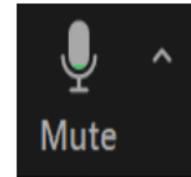
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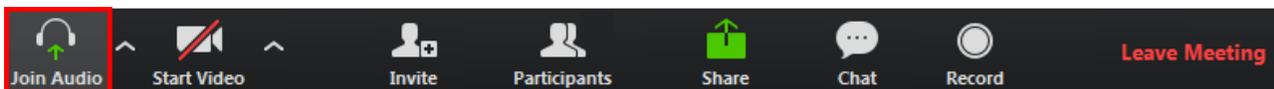


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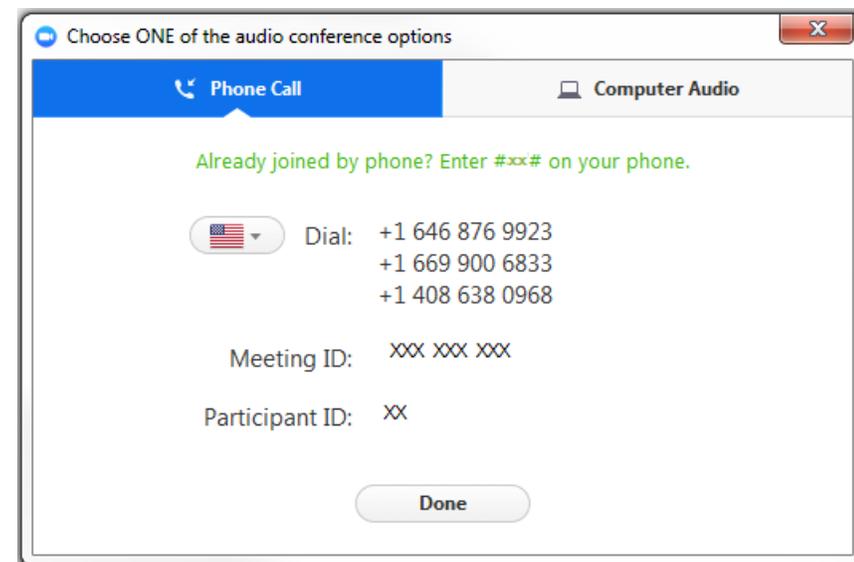
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Agenda

- Introduce Superior Health Quality Alliance (Superior Health)
- Overview of the Community Health Disparities Reduction Partnership 2023 Grant Opportunity
- Discuss eligibility and requirements
- Outline the Request for Proposal (RFP) Process and Timeline
- Questions

Superior Health Quality Alliance – Introduction

Who is Superior Health Quality Alliance?

- Formed in 2018
- Eight health care organizations across six states
- Working to achieve broad national CMS Quality Strategy Goals
- Goal to collaboratively improve the quality of health and health care for consumers, patients, clinicians, organizations and communities

What We Believe

Mission

- Improve the quality of health and health care through innovation, effectiveness and efficiency in designing and implementing CMS Network of Quality Improvement and Innovation Contractors (NQIIC) initiatives that are person-centered and integrated across the continuum of care and services.

Vision

- Better health, better care, lower costs and better health care worker experience.

Values

- Integrity | Innovation | Quality | Diversity



Integrity



Innovation



Quality



Diversity

Our Team of Quality Improvement Experts

Three Quality Improvement Organizations

- MetaStar – WI
- iMPROve Health - MI
- Stratis Health - MN

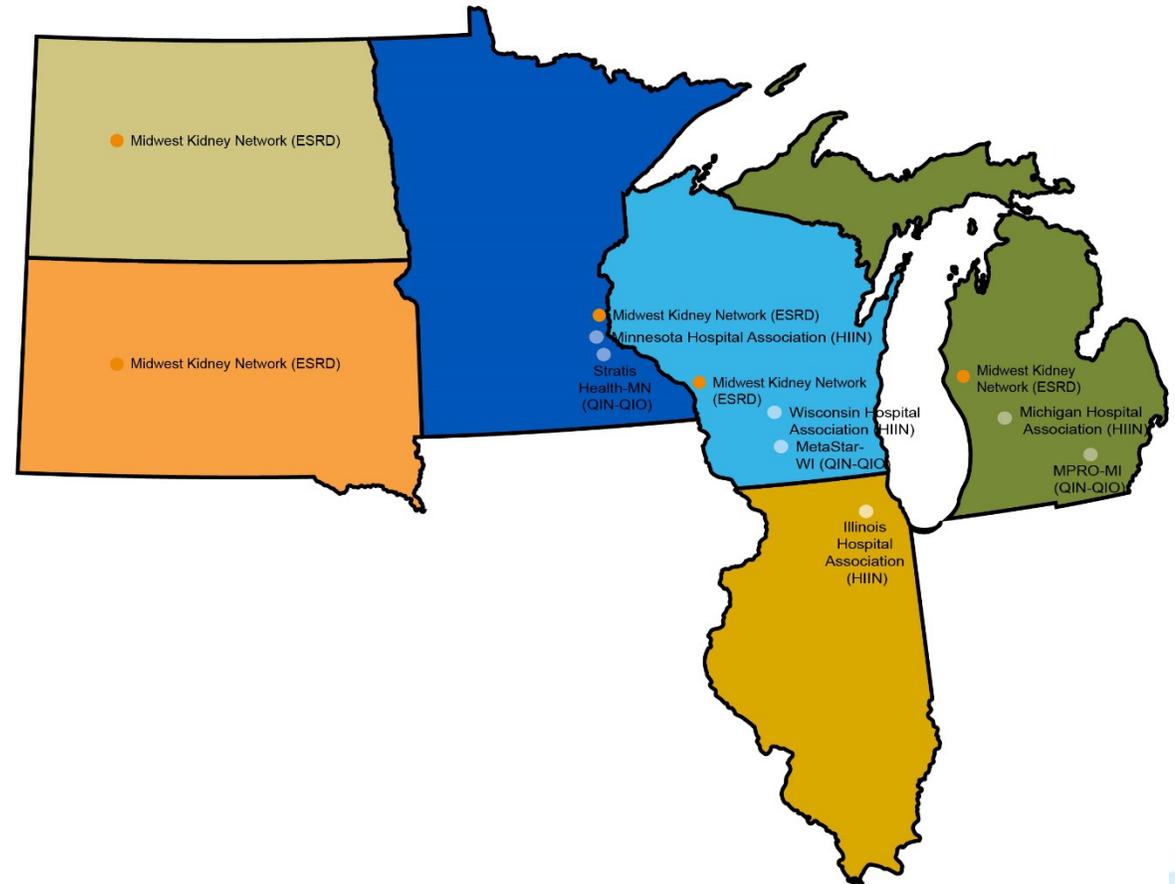
Four Hospital Associations

- Illinois Health and Hospital Association
- Michigan Health and Hospital Association
- Minnesota Hospital Association
- Wisconsin Hospital Association

End Stage Renal Disease Network

- Midwest Kidney Network

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What We Want To Achieve Regionally

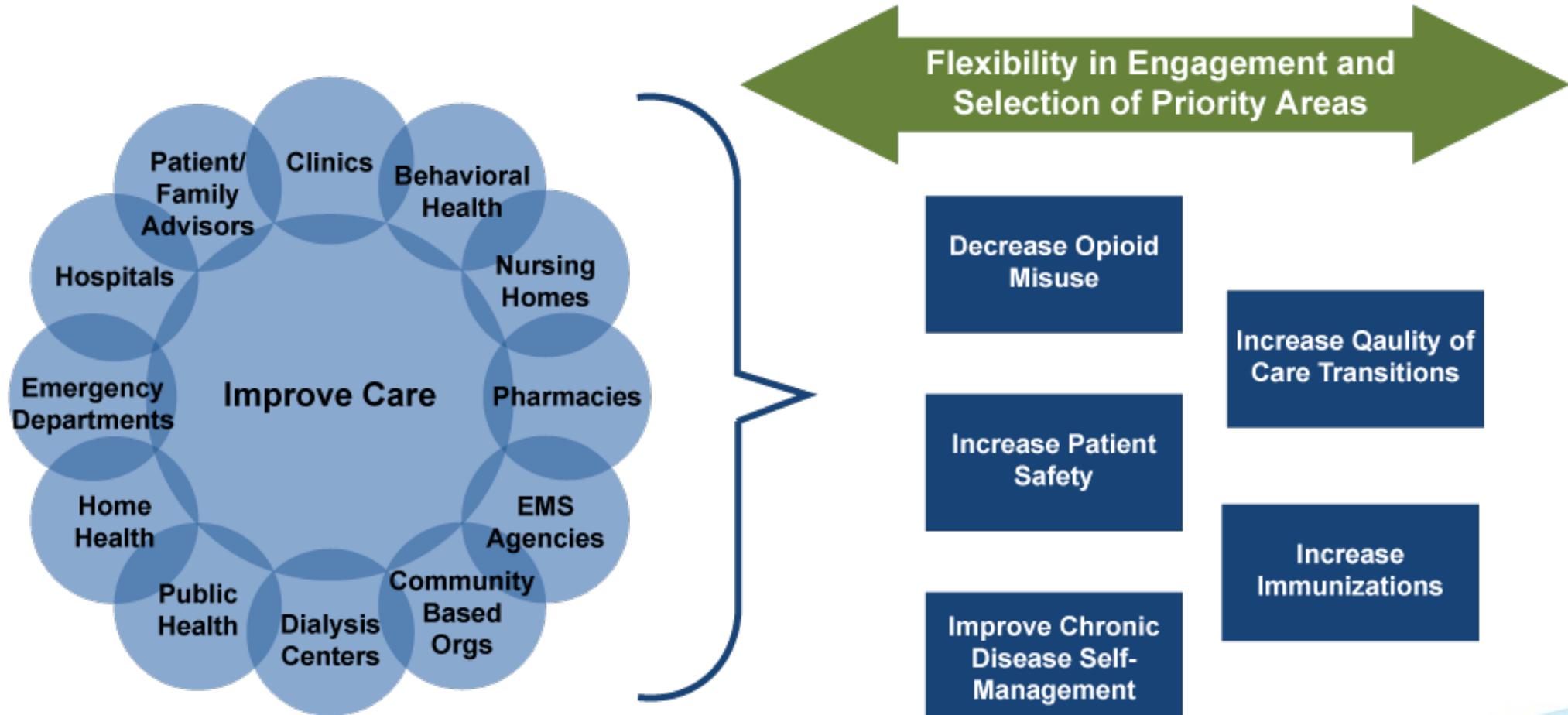
Superior Health serves as the CMS-appointed Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) for Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin:

- Engage health care organizations throughout the care continuum over the **next 18 months.**
- National CMS goals include:
 - Five bold goals
 - Two high-priority settings and areas

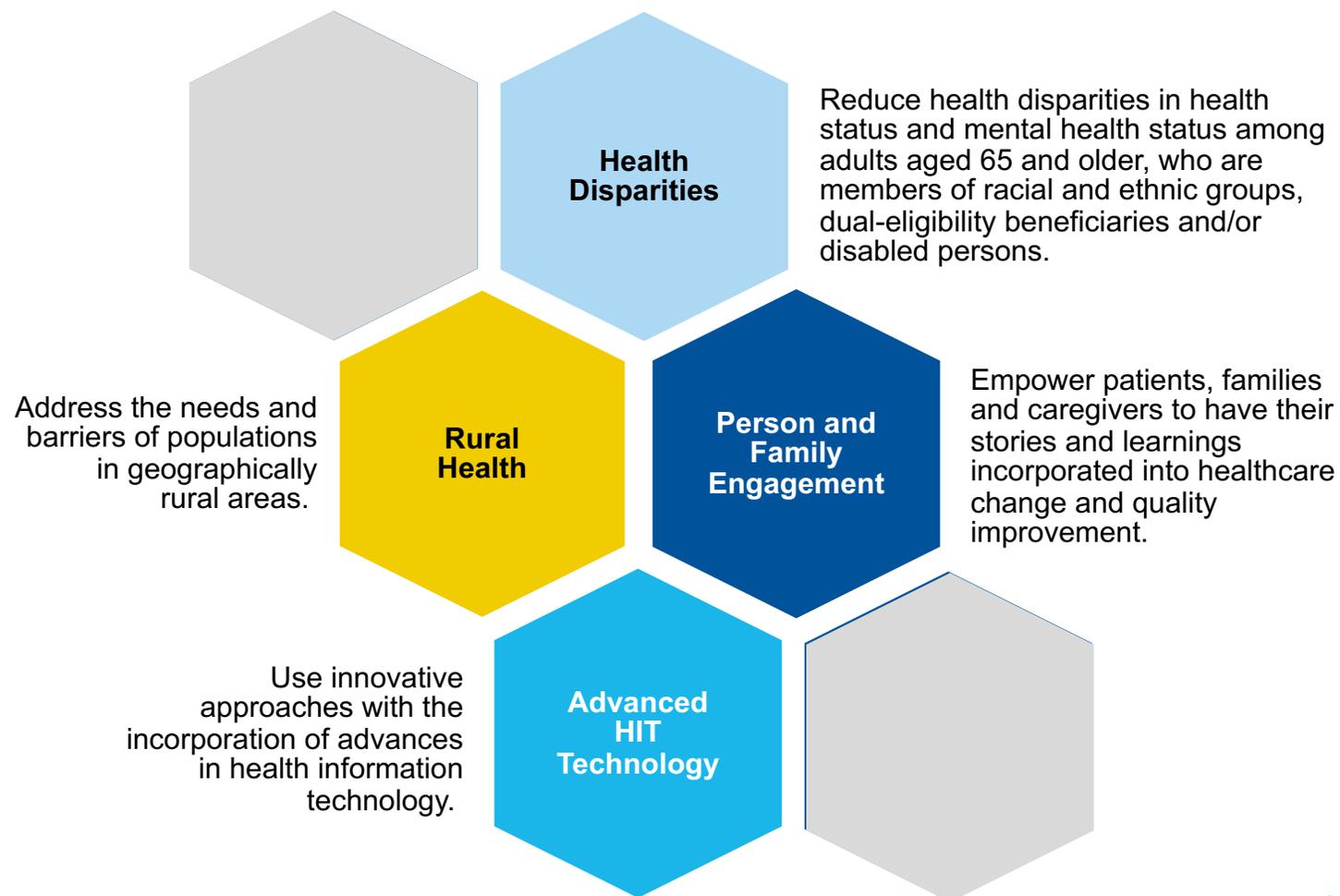
Long-term Goals

- **Care Coordination:** Improving hospital utilization to prevent readmissions and reduce unnecessary hospital and emergency department utilization.
- **Chronic Disease Management:** Improving management of chronic health conditions, including diabetes, hypertension and chronic kidney disease.
- **Infection Prevention/Emergency Preparedness:** Improving public health emergency preparedness in communities.
- **Health Equity:** Reducing health disparities and advancing equity in care practices across settings.
- **Immunizations:** Increasing the rate of immunizations for influenza, pneumonia and COVID-19.
- **Medication Safety:** Decreasing opioid adverse drug events, including overdose deaths.

Community Coalition: Collaboration Across All Care Settings and Community Organizations



Cross Cutting Priority Focus Areas



Cross Cutting Priority Focus: Health Equity

Superior Health's Health Equity team promotes resources, tools, strategies and interventions that:

- Reduce health disparities; and
- Advance equity in care practices, with a focus on the meaningful implementation of the [National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services \(CLAS\)](#) standards.

Overview of the Community Health Disparities Reduction Partnership 2023 Grant Opportunity

Community Health Disparities Reduction Partnership

- Maximum funding: \$150,000 per grant recipient
- Estimated period of performance: May 2023-September 2024

Timeline

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March 28, 2023	Applications open to invited applicants .
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What We Will Fund

- Community-led, collaborative approaches to reduce health disparities in **Wayne County (Michigan), Ramsey County (Minnesota), and Milwaukee County (Wisconsin)**.
- Projects that supplement and enhance ongoing activities and interventions to reduce disparities, particularly those based on race, in health and health care;
- Organizations with long-standing, established partnerships across the community;
- Solutions that address health disparities in the Medicare population in each county;

What We Will Fund (cont.)

- Local organizations, health care providers and community leaders who understand community needs; and
- Efforts must center local organizations and residents with lived experience in designing solutions and interventions.
- Preference is given to proposed activities that demonstrate improvement in Superior Health's long-term goals (see slide 11).

What is Excluded From Funding Consideration

The following are **excluded** from funding consideration:

- Capital projects
- Clinical research
- Litigation
- Loans
- Lobbying activities
- Organizations that discriminate based on age, race, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability or gender

Eligibility and Requirements

Eligibility

- Community-based organizations that serve Medicare beneficiaries: **Wayne County (Michigan), Ramsey County (Minnesota), or Milwaukee County (Wisconsin).**
- Entities that provide comprehensive services to populations or communities that are medically underserved.
- Focused on reducing disparities and executed within the 18-month performance period.
- Impact Medicare beneficiaries but may also serve the broader community.

Grantee Expectations

- Identify a point of contact who will coordinate with a Superior Health Quality Improvement Advisor (QIA).
- Join Superior Health QIO-QIN initiative.
- Participate in quarterly tri-state Community Health Disparities Reduction Partnership networking calls convened by Superior Health.
- Participate in a wrap-up interview conducted near the end of the performance period with Superior Health to share lessons learned, successes and barriers — what went well and what did not — and offer suggestions for improvement.

How Will Superior Health Partner With Grantees?

Awardees will have access to resources and support that all Superior Health Quality Alliance participants have, with the addition of focused networking calls.

- Resources:
 - Webinars
 - Learning collaboratives
 - Educational modules
 - Targeted training
 - A quality improvement advisor (QIA) as a point of contact for specific technical assistance requests
- Networking and Collaboration:
 - Community Health Disparities Reduction Partnership networking calls
 - Superior Health Connect platform

Superior Health Hopes to Partner With You!

Regardless of selection for this opportunity, we welcome everyone to join Superior Health to get involved and provide your perspective and expertise!



Application Process and Timeline

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Application Process: Round 1

Round 1: Letter of Interest (LOI)

Due by 4:00 p.m. CT/5:00 p.m. ET on March 17, 2023

- One page and single-spaced with 12-point font and one-inch margins.
- The LOI will be used to determine which applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.
- Superior Health *may* contact applicants to request clarification or provide input during the LOI review process.
 - If applicable, this contact will be made via email by a QIA that is part of the Superior Health LOI review team. The QIA will include a deadline to submit the requested information/clarification.

Application Process: Round 1 (cont.)

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LOIs should include the following content (preferably in this order):

- Project title and organization name(s)
- A brief overview of the project and population of focus:
 - Community - Wayne County (Michigan), Ramsey County (Minnesota), or Milwaukee County (Wisconsin);
 - Population of focus and explanation of need;
 - Brief description of previous and/or ongoing work that this project will build upon; and
 - Summary of project activities and how they will positively impact the population of focus.
- Approach to collaborating with key partners and community members

Application Process: Round 1 (cont.)

- Submit LOIs to Jenna Kornberg at jkornberg@stratishealth.org in Word or PDF format **by 4:00 p.m. CT/5:00 p.m. ET on March 17, 2023.**
- Superior Health will notify all applicants of their status by **March 28, 2023.**

Application Process: Round 2

Round 2: Application (by invitation only)

- After the LOI review, selected applicants will be **invited** to submit a full proposal.
- Superior Health will notify all applicants of their status by **March 28, 2023**.
- Further instructions for submitting proposals online will be shared in the invitation email. Full proposals must be received by **4:00 p.m. CT/5:00 p.m. ET on April 21, 2023**.

Where to Access the RFP

You can access the RFP and additional information on the Superior Health [website](#).

Questions?





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