

DFWHC Foundation contributes in 1115 Medicaid Waiver Regional Health Planning (RHP)

(DFWHC Foundation) supported the efforts of three Medicaid Waiver Regional Health Planning (RHP) areas this year – RHPs 9, 10 and 18. Over the next three years, the DFWHC Foundation will support the programs hospital and community partners implement under these approved Waiver.

Results of ongoing studies revealed areas of great need within all regions for

- ❖ Behavioral health crisis prevention treatment (including Intellectual development disability and autism spectrum disorder)
- ❖ mental health treatment (including developmental disabilities),
- ❖ substance abuse prevention and treatment,
- ❖ violence and injury prevention,
- ❖ primary care access
- ❖ chronic disease prevention and management (diabetes, asthma, hypertension, heart disease)
- ❖ health care quality/performance improvement
- ❖ patient satisfaction
- ❖ disease management
- ❖ identifying and addressing disparities
- ❖ health education and training
- ❖ best practices in health care

DFWHC Foundation is collaborating with various organizations to support their approved RHP projects in above described areas specific to each RHP's needs. DFWHC Foundation plays an important role in health care research in North Texas region and provides unique high quality, standardized data as well as research and business intelligence services to measure value, improve delivery of care, prevent disease, improve the health of our community and promote patient safety. Foundation provides expertise in quality care and patient satisfaction areas using its assets like regional Patient Quality Metrics, key hospital acquired condition trends and hospital readmission patterns.

In addition to above, DFWHC Foundation research and community health team has developed a Community Health Needs Assessment for RHP 9. The main objective of the Community Health Needs Assessment is to inform the recommendations of both the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment pool and the Uncompensated Care Committees as defined under the Texas Healthcare Transformation and quality improvement program Medicaid 1115Waiver.

This assessment will help RHP regions in

- identifying community needs, projects, and investment
- establishing potential collaborations with community health care partners
- addressing health care challenges
- selecting quality objectives and associated metrics for each project.

DFWHC Foundation is committed to support the programs hospital and community partners implement under these approved Waiver.

DFWHC Foundation believes in collaborative efforts and looks forward to work with its powerful collaboration to improve the health and prosperity of the people of North Texas.

“It is the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed. —Charles Darwin”