

Applied Practice Experience: Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services Health Equity Fellowship Program

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EOHHS Background

EOHHS is responsible for developing and implementing policies that guide the operations of all health and human services agencies in the state including the departments of Health (RIDOH); Human Services (DHS); Office of Healthy Aging (OHA); Office of Veterans Services (VETS); Children, Youth and Families (DCYF); and Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH). EOHHS is also designated as the only state agency to administer the Medicaid program in Rhode Island.

Responsibilities

- Worked with state agencies and/or organizations to strengthen cross-system collaboration and implement integrated services.
- Responsible for special project development authorized and delegated by a director.
- Served in a highly responsible communications capacity representing a number of state departments in their contact with state, local, public, and media officials.
- Assisted in the planning and implementation of community events and in creating infographics for specific projects.
- Performed research on various issues affecting consumers of human service programs. (ex. Medicaid Renewals).



Contributions

- **Cultural Celebration and Food Truck Lunch:** In the spirit of inclusivity and community, I developed and planned a food truck luncheon to celebrate the cultural observances of June. Due to the success of this event, we continued to host this luncheon monthly! As part of our commitment to fostering equality and raising awareness, we curated a lineup of diverse and delicious culinary offerings which employees at surrounding state agencies could enjoy during their lunch break to foster cross-collaboration between agencies.
- **Cultural Celebrations & Health Awareness Month Newsletter:** As part of this project, I conducted thorough research on various cultural celebrations and health awareness months in order to create an engaging and informative newsletter that highlights these events and promotes health awareness within the community.
- **Medicaid Mini-Grant Support Network Project:** As part of this project, I attended and took meeting notes for the monthly virtual support meetings for those who received mini-grants from EOHHS to aid the community in the Medicaid renewal process. These meetings were designed to allow participants to provide feedback to EOHHS about services provided and identified gaps, helping to ensure that efforts are maximized, and communities receive the most significant benefit possible.

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