



Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc.

# HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVE UPDATE AND Q&A

Topic: Health Equity Initiative

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# VERMONT CDC/VDH HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVE

VPQHC is partnering with hospitals to support the CDC/VDH Health Equity Hospital Initiative.

- The purpose is to **improve knowledge among hospital staff** of the impacts of biases in health care, **reduce bias** related impacts in health care delivery and **reduce health care disparities** among racial and ethnic minorities, LGBTQIA+ persons and or patients living with disabilities.

# PROJECT FOCUS

- 1) Health Equity Organizational Current State = \$2000 (minimum)
- 2) Quality Improvement Project = \$7000 (minimum)
- 3) Systems Level Strategies for Advancing Health Equity in Hospitals
  - Cohort Training: offered to those who have completed baseline and provider bias training with Dr. Avila (6 sessions, 1X per month) = no cost
  - Patient Focus Groups report = no cost

# DUE DATES

Send Letter of Intent by **12/15/2022**

Step 1: Assess current state by scoring the EQIC Health Equity Organizational Assessment (HEOA) categories by **1/12/2023**.

Step 2: submit a quality improvement project based on your hospital's identified area of opportunity, or continuation of an existing health equity quality improvement project in progress at your hospital by **3/15/2023, SECTION II**

Step 3: submit 3 month progress report #1 by **6/15/2023 SECTION III**

Step 4: submit 6 month progress report #2 by **9/14/2023 SECTION IV**

Step 5: submit final outcome analysis report by **11/15/2023 SECTION V**

