

GOAL Achieve Greater Health Equity and Decrease Disparities in Dane County

OBJECTIVES

- Eliminate disparities in low birth weight births between Black and White women in Dane County
- Decrease the number of opioid-related deaths in Dane County
- Increase access to mental/behavioral health services in Dane County

STRATEGIES & INITIATIVES

Achieve Healthy Birth Outcomes for Black Women

- Provide health education and social support in collaboration with community partners in neighborhoods facing the highest disparities
- Reduce the rates of pre-term labor for Black women cared for at the Meriter Center for Perinatal Care through medication treatment (17-Alpha-Hydroxyprogesterone)
- Expand breastfeeding education and support to all Black women who deliver at Meriter
- Integrate Community Health Workers and Doulas into Black women's pre-natal, birth and post-partum experience for additional care, support and advocacy

Prevent & Treat Opioid and Substance Use Disorders

- Provide education and pharmaceutical safe storage and disposal boxes on the Meriter campus
- Implement a Meriter Hub & Spoke model for Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) to increase access and better support people in recovery from opioid use disorder
- Prevent opioid overdose through a Naloxone education and distribution plan within Meriter
- Offer real-time peer support and coaching to those who enter Meriter hospital (ED or prenatal care) while addicted to opioids

Provide Additional Mental/Behavioral Health Resources

- Integrate behavioral health into Meriter's Stoughton and DeForest-Windsor primary care clinics
- Expand Meriter's Child & Adolescent Psychiatry to offer inpatient treatment, as well as intensive outpatient services during the day
- Train Meriter employees on the warning signs of suicide, how to offer hope and how to seek help to save a life
- Advocate for the expansion of the WI Medicaid Provider Network to increase the number of providers and decrease wait time for services

METRICS

- Number and percentage of low birth weight births by maternal race
- Number and percentage of eligible Black women receiving 17-P
- Percentage of Black women breastfeeding at initiation and discharge

METRICS

- Number of patients on daily chronic opioids
- Number and percentage of opioid dependent patients receiving Medication Assisted Therapy
- Number and percentage of Naloxone co-prescribing
- Increase number of providers who can provide Medication Assisted Therapy
- Number of referrals to recovery coaches (ED and Pregnancy2Recovery)

METRICS

- Number of Meriter staff trained in Question, Persuade & Respond (QPR) method
- Number of children/adolescents served by Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
- Number of patients who receive a Behavioral Health Specialist consult in primary care clinics

OUR COMMITMENTS

- Use an equity lens in developing solutions, keeping diversity, equity and inclusion at the forefront
- Prioritize initiatives based on evidence-based methods as well as lived experience of community members
- Participate in regional community health improvement partnerships
- Address social determinants of health
- Leverage technology

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