



**GA FLEX Health Equity Improvement Project Monthly Meeting  
Year 1 Close Out and Celebration Meeting**

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## Featured Speaker



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Rosa leads Alliant's health equity strategic portfolio and embeds health equity in the core of Alliant's work. Rosa has 10 years experience in public health advisory for premier agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). She holds a master of public health in health policy and management from Emory University.

# GA CAH Health Equity Assessment Results

## Social Needs Issues faced by patients (*most common to least common*)

- 1 Affordability of Medication
- 2 Health Literacy
- 3 Transportation
- 4 Food Insecurity
- 5 Homelessness

*Other issues mentioned include social/family support, lack of financial resources, and mental health assistance*

## Current community partnerships with hospitals (*most common to least common*)

- 1 Language Line/Interpretation Service
- 2 Faith-based Organizations
- 3 Pharmacy
- 4 Van/Transportation service
- 5 National Organizations
- 6 Hospital Meds to Bed Program

*No survey participants mentioned Food Bank/Food Pantry. Other partnerships include school-based programs and Family Connections, Inc*

# Year 1 Health Equity Improvement (HEI) Project Achievements



New and innovative partnership involving 30 participating GA critical access hospitals (CAH) in Year 1 (December 2022 – August 2023)

Developed and launched a health equity assessment to the CAHs and identified critical staffing gaps and resource needs to drive our HE support

Conducted 6 train-the-trainer sessions with SMEs on the identified needs and topics included behavioral health equity, medication affordability health literacy and CLAS standards

## Year 1 Recap Polling Questions:

- What has been the most useful resource shared during these monthly calls?
- What have you implemented that was discussed since the beginning of this series?
- What could we provide for you in Year 2 that will better assist with your implementation of Health Equity?
- Do you have any other feedback that you want to share with us?

# Looking Forward: Year 2 Health Equity Improvement (HEI) Project

- **Year 2 Project Period:** September 2023 – August 2024
- **Purpose/Focus:** Critical access hospitals and rural health hospitals often lack the necessary funding, staffing and resources necessary to successfully implement HE interventions. The goal is for AHS to provide the HE subject matter expertise and to maximize this cohort to be a peer learning space and divide and conquer the HE planning amongst the CAH hospitals.
- **Strategy:** Our 30 participating critical access hospitals will be divided into sub-cohorts of six (6) hospitals focused on just one of the five CMS domains of social determinant of health (SDOH) focus. Each sub-cohort will spend the entire year learning about, action planning and intervening on their assigned domain:
  1. Food insecurity
  2. Housing Instability
  3. Transportation Needs
  4. Utility Difficulties
  5. Interpersonal Safety
- **End Goal/Deliverable:** By August 2024, each sub-cohort will have developed an action plan for implementing their SDOH domain and commence intervention on their domain. Each action plan will include the following sections: health disparities and priority populations, short and long-term health equity goals and action steps, data collection/evaluation, an identified list of GA community partners for that domain and success stories.

# Year 2: 5 Breakout Groups by CMS SDOH Domain

## 1. Food Insecurity

Food insecurity is defined as limited or uncertain access to adequate quality and quantity of food at the household level.

## 2. Housing Instability

Housing instability encompasses multiple conditions ranging from the inability to pay rent or mortgage, frequent changes in residence including temporary stays with friends and relatives, living in crowded conditions, and actual lack of sheltered housing in which an individual does not have a personal residence.

## 3. Transportation Needs

Unmet transportation needs include limitations that impede transportation to destinations required for all aspects of daily living.

## 4. Utility Difficulties

Inconsistent availability of electricity, water, oil, and gas services is directly associated with housing instability and food insecurity.

## 5. Interpersonal Safety

Assessment for this domain includes screening for exposure to intimate partner violence, child abuse, and elder abuse.

## Year 2 Assigned Subcohorts – Starting September 2023

Food Insecurity	Housing Instability	Transportation Needs	Utility Difficulties	Interpersonal Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center</li> <li>• Bacon County Hospital</li> <li>• Miller</li> <li>• Bleckley Memorial Hospital</li> <li>• Clinch Memorial Hospital</li> <li>• Higgins General Hospital</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Davis Hospital</li> <li>• Mitchell County Hospital</li> <li>• Candler County Hospital</li> <li>• Jasper Memorial Hospital</li> <li>• Liberty Regional Medical Center</li> <li>• Morgan Medical Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elbert Memorial</li> <li>• South Georgia Medical Center-Lanier Campus</li> <li>• Jenkins County Medical Center</li> <li>• Life Brite Hospital of Early</li> <li>• Warm Springs Medical Center</li> <li>• Wills Memorial Hospital*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optim Medical Center– Screven</li> <li>• Optim Medical Center – Tattnall</li> <li>• St Mary’s Good Samaritan Hospital</li> <li>• Chatuge Regional Hospital</li> <li>• Monroe County Hospital</li> <li>• Mountain Lakes Medical. Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phoebe Worth Medical Center</li> <li>• Putnam General Hospital</li> <li>• Brooks County Hospital</li> <li>• Effingham Health System</li> <li>• Medical Center of Peach County</li> <li>• Wellstar Sylvan Grove Hospital</li> </ul>



## POC Per Hospital



**We need your help to solidify the contact list for Year 2!**

**Please type in the chat the name(s), title and email of the POC(s) for your hospital.**

**We only need one (1) POC per hospital, but you are more than welcome to have more than one.**



# Questions?

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