**Upper Valley Unified Community Collaborative Agenda**

**May 20****th 2024**   **8:30 am – 9:30 am**

4th Monday of every month

Please use the Microsoft Teams link in the calendar invitation.

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* Reminder 2024 meeting schedule for the **4th Monday of the month**
  + Issues with the meeting link. There will no longer be a link included on the agenda. This seems to be an issue. We ask that attendees only use the link in the calendar invitation. Thank you for your patience with this issue. It has been reoccurring.
  + **6/24, 7/29, 8/26, 9/23, 10/28, 11/25, 12/23**

**Organization updates**

* VDH QI projects underway
  + Lead screening - healthcare facilities are reviewing lead screening workflows.
  + HTN QI
    - The state is initiating a QI project to address HTN. More to come.
    - LRHC has been developing HTN management and prevention programs since 2018. Currently developing a Food Farmacy to implement “food as medicine.”
    - CMC (Clara Martin Center) – screening for food insecurity. Wellness program.
  + Clara Martin Center – Gretchen – Large QI project to improve access and waitlist. They started by improving front end systems and as of February they have no waitlist. They can accommodate same day admission on two days a week. They also improved managing current workloads. Revamped scheduling to make it centralized rather than provider to provider.
    - CMC is also looking at the needs of the aging population and “transitional aged youth,” 18-24 years old by helping their transition into adulthood.
    - CMC wellness program looks at whole health, tobacco cessation, and social determinants of health. They also make sure patients have other services they need.
  + VDH – Pat – Family services – Baby shower for WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) participants in August. September is WIC’s 50th birthday and there will be a celebration.
    - In-person breast feeding coalition. Distributing books to practitioners.
    - Board books for families to learn about lead and read to their babies.
    - VCHIP for kids entering foster care. Need comprehensive health care visit within 30 days of custody.
    - Interviewing a nurse to replace Wendy as school health nurse.
    - Looking for a substance abuse specialist.
    - Connecting with all daycares and schools to help them get prepared for measles and review their immunization rates. Offering a toolkit about what measles looks like and risks for those who are unvaccinated. Those who are at risk and exposed to measles are out of school 21 days from last exposure. That could hit a family hard trying to find care that long.
      * VDH is watching a new Mpox variant that is lethal. There is some concern. VDH can help with mpox and measles.
    - Improving immunization rates. Dartmouth does not remove children from their list even if they move away. This can make rates look high compared to what they may be.
    - Tick material can come from VDH.

**Next Meeting: June 24th**