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Introduction to Proposed Equity Lens

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Why An Equity Lens?

I. ACRN / SURG / GMU

Mutual commitment to equity

II. Equity Lens Applications

Functions as an "Choice Point Prime"

III. Choice Points

- Opportunity for reflection, generate options, and enact change
- Nevada's Equity Lens composed of CHOICE POINTS





CHOICE POINTSa GENERALINTRODUCTION

- 1. Commit to develop outcomes free of bias
- 2. Identify decision-making opportunities
- 3. Examine choices based on their potential impact on equity and inclusion
- 4. Act equitably



CREATING NEVADA's Equity Lens Using Choice Points

Choice Point Primes

- 1. Which Decision Can be Influenced?
- 2. Who's Impacted at each Choice Point?
- 3. SDoH Consideration/Impacts?
- 4. Community Integration Reflected?
- 5. CLAS Standards Incorporated?
- 6. Steps Taken to Ensure Accountability?
- 7. Community-Focused, Data-Driven Proposal?
- 8.. Others??

"Choice Point Thinking: Applying Nevada's Health Equity Lens"

NOMHE's recommended application guide

ACRN's 3 Fundamental Priorities

Choice Point Template

Choice Point Prime	
Category #1:	
Prime #1 Rationale:	
To Be Used During the	
Following Functions:	
(i.e. Action Planning; Priority Setting; Resource Allocations; etc.)	
Choice Point Questions:	





Primes / Questions

1. Decisions to be Influenced

- Sample Questions
 - What decisions am I responsible for? And regularly make?
 - What disparity could be exacerbated if access was not universal and equitable?
- Example

2. Identifying Those Impacted

- Sample Question
 - SO/GI demographics

Example





Primes / Questions 2

3. SDoH Consideration

- Sample Questions
 - Are connections between health outcomes to (negative and/or positive) impacts on socialization, employment, education and personal safety opportunities clearly defined?

Example

4. Community Integration

- Sample Questions
 - Is there history with the community that evokes trauma and if unaddressed would cause a barrier?
 - Is there a plan to keep the community engaged throughout all phases?

Example



Primes / Questions 3

5. Use of CLAS Standards

- Sample Question
 - Are proposed delivery systems presented at a comprehension level defined by CLAS Standards

Example

6. Accountability

- Sample Question
 - Are you regularly reporting data, accomplishments and results back to the community including those most marginalized? (e.g., dashboards, indicators, etc.)

Example



Prime / Question #7 Data Driven Decisions

1. Social Vulnerability Indexes (SVI)

- the potential negative effects on communities caused by external "stressors on human health"
- CDC SVI value range: 0 (least vulnerable) to 1 (most vulnerable) <u>Social Vulnerability Index | Data |</u>
 <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>
 <u>(cdc.gov)</u>

2. Asset Building / Mapping

 Strategies and supports that broaden and stabilize an individual, family, or community

3. Example



ACRN FEEDBACK

Questions/Comments/Recommendations



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