Medicaid in North Carolina: COVID-19, Disparities, and Opportunities for Transformation: A Virtual Town Hall

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
10:00AM – 12:00PM EST

10:00 AM Welcome
Session Objectives: Share results from the Kate B. Reynolds-funded research project, “Informing North Carolina’s COVID-19 Pandemic Response: Projected Service Needs of Medicaid Beneficiaries,” with community-based organizations and other state policy stakeholders. Create the opportunity for dialogue between the research team based at the Margolis Center and policy-oriented and community-based groups, who can use the findings presented to motivate change in their organizations and communities.
• Dr. Mark McClellan, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

10:00 AM Framing for Research on Medicaid Disparities
Session Objective: Provide framing and policy context for research and introduce research team.
• Dr. Charlene Wong, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

10:20 AM Introduction & Session Overview
• Susan Dentzer, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

10:25 AM Behavioral Health Service Utilization
Session Objective: Share findings on disparities in behavioral health-related service needs among Medicaid enrollees.
• Dr. Gary Maslow, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Duke University

10:45 AM New Medicaid Enrollees during COVID-19 Pandemic
Session Objective: Share findings on unemployment and new Medicaid enrollment analysis.
• Dr. Paul Shafer, Department of Health Law, Policy and Management, Boston University

11:05 AM Insurance Coverage Churn
Session Objective: Share findings on characterizing insurance coverage churn among pediatric and adult Medicaid enrollees and discuss implications for Medicaid transformation.
• Dr. Rushina Cholera, National Clinician Scholars Program, Department of Pediatrics and the Duke Margolis Center for Health Policy, Duke University

11:25 AM Discussion with Selected Panelists
Session Objectives: Facilitate dialogue among policy-relevant stakeholders and community-based groups. Discuss how these findings are translatable and can motivate change in organizations and communities.
• Yazmin Garcia Rico, Director of Latinx and Hispanic Policy and Strategy, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
• Dr. Barbara-Ann Bybel, Director of Psychiatry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
• Carolyn Allison, Chief Executive Officer, Charlotte Community Health Center, Inc.
• Dr. Sandra Wilkniss, Director of Complex Care Policy and Senior Fellow, Families USA

11:55 AM Closing Remarks
Susan Dentzer

12:00 PM Adjourn