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To: Upstate NYS Council and CHCANYS Members

Subject: New Health Equity Training Program

As the country comes to terms with the final chapter in a presidency that has fanned the flames of racial injustice and ignited a desire for change, the NYS Council and CHCANYS are pleased to announce we have been given additional funding from The Delta Center for a Thriving Safety Net through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to provide specialized multi-session diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) training to our member organizations. This is a unique opportunity to participate in training specifically created for primary care and behavioral health staff.

Our first series of DEI training programs will be offered to upstate members only (i.e. not located in NYC or Long Island). The training series will be offered virtually in four (4) sessions offered on the third Tuesday of every month. The first session in the series begins on **February 16**, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Individuals/organizations interested in registering should:

- Participate in all 4 training sessions;
- Serve as a change agent for their community center or behavioral health agency in sharing the information learned with other staff; and
- Join a concluding meeting to share experiences, learnings, and change agent strategies with other attendees from CHCANYS and the NYS Council.

There will be a limited number of spots available for this training, so registration will be limited to only one individual per organization and is first come, first served.

The training will be presented by Tekisha Dwan Everette, Ph.D. of [Health Equity Solutions](#). Topics for the four-module training include the following:

- **Module 1 – Foundational Health Equity Concepts – February 16**
 - Focusing on a deeper understanding of key DEI concept, how they relate to health and social determinants of health, and evaluating them through different health care delivery modes, including telehealth.
- **Module 2 – Racism, Anti-Racism, and Racial Equity – March 16**
 - Understanding these terms in a health context and their relationship to health and health outcomes; also focused on opportunities and challenges with telehealth.

- **Module 3 – The Role of Primary Care and Behavioral Health in Health Equity – April 20**
 - Exploring the connections between primary care, behavioral health, and health equity and how, in partnership, health equity can be improved.
- **Module 4 – Providing Care with a Cultural Humility Lens – May 18**
 - Developing an understanding of the principles of cultural humility while also providing examples of this through telehealth settings.

If you are interested in having your organization participate in this unique training opportunity, please identify your change agent and register that person [online here](#).

Our organizations are excited to be working together again and to be able to provide this important and timely training to our members. If you have any questions about the training, please feel free to contact Cindy Levernois from the NYS Council at cindy@nyscouncil.org or Marie Mongeon from CHCANYS at mmongeon@chcanys.org.



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