Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

A message from Dr. Claire Neely, ICSI President & CEO

During suicide prevention month, we are sobered by the tragic reality that number of people dying by suicide in Minnesota has increased by 40.6% since 1999. There were 783 deaths by suicide reported in 2017, nearly twice as many as those who died by opioid overdose.

As the people in ICSI working groups have been working together to improve care and systems for people's mental health needs and opioid use disorder, an important theme has arisen. This work is about us. It is not about someone else, or someone else's family. We need better systems for mental health and addiction for our own families. For our own neighbors, and sometimes, for ourselves.

And, there is hope. We are fortunate in this community that many people from many healthcare organizations - along with multiple community partners - are not just talking about making changes but are taking action, together. There is much to do. It will take all of us to create more opportunities for health and recovery. Please contact me or one of my team if you are interested in joining one of the efforts below, or learning more about other ICSI work.

Emergency Departments Improving Suicide Assessment and Care

Organizations participating in the MN Health Collaborative have all identified suicide prevention and intervention as a priority, starting within Emergency Departments (EDs). Many are working to improve practices in other settings as well.

Each health system is implementing changes based on Shared Standards for Suicide Prevention and Intervention developed by a statewide, multi-disciplinary working group. These recommendations provide guidance to health systems that is evidence-based,
adaptable to local context, and align with CMS and 2019 Joint Commission requirements related to National Patient Safety goals.

Interested in learning more? Gain tips on implementing these evidence-based practices from working group members by viewing our Suicide Prevention and Intervention in the ED webinar, or contact Tani Hemmila.

NEW: IBH Implementation ECHO

Have you struggled to implement changes in your clinic to better integrate behavioral health (IBH) in primary care or other settings? New teams, processes, billing, oh my!

What if you could learn from others who have been there? As part of the ICSI network, you can. ICSI's first ECHO will begin November 5, and will focus on providing implementation support to clinics working to integrate behavioral health in primary care and other settings. This ECHO will spread learning from the MN Health Collaborative working group that worked together to develop and adopt a statewide community standard for IBH. Bring your case study examples and implementation experts from these organizations will help you trouble shoot your challenges.

There are a few spots left for ICSI member organizations interested in participating in this six-month ECHO. Contact Jeyn Monkman to learn more.

ICSI Presents: Fall Friday Workshops
Save the dates for these workshops held at ICSI in Bloomington!

**Lead Courageous QI with Improv & Collaboration**
Friday, November 1st from 8:00 a.m. - Noon.

**Motivational Interviewing**
Friday, November 15th from 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Registrations details coming soon. Contact Patty Staack for inquiries.

Twin Cities Healthcare IT Exchange

As healthcare leaders, we face increasing levels of complexity and uncertainty. And too often we independently work toward solutions for common challenges. The Exchange is an opportunity to come together, collaborate, and share best practices.

We are excited to announce that Dr. Claire Neely, our President and CEO, will be speaking at the Twin Cities Healthcare IT Exchange on October 3! Register and join us!

For additional details and information click here.
Minnesota Community Health Worker Annual Fundraiser

Enjoy a complimentary breakfast and hear about the important work of the Minnesota Community Health Worker Alliance at the 2nd annual Bridge to the Future Breakfast Fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to connect, discover how community health workers are addressing the social determinants of health as they bridge clinical and community needs.

Register today!