

Rhode to Equity Selection Committee Policy and Procedure (2021)

To ensure an objective, fair, and transparent process for reviewing applications, the following policy and procedure for application review is being shared with applicants:

Selection Committee Process for Review of Applications: The Selection team includes representation from Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), Rhode Island Department of Health, Care Transformation Collaborative of Rhode Island/PCMH Kids and WE in the World. The Committee will convene in May 2021. Reviewers will review team membership, budget for person with lived experience, and answers to each essay question. Each application will be scored independently by each reviewer using the scoring criteria below.

Partnership Approach	Max Score 4	Partnership readiness	Max Score 4	Potential Impact	Max score 4
Team membership includes all members listed under “Team Composition” in the RFA and is aligned with geographic region being served	Add 1 point	Team identifies one or more team members that are prepared to work effectively on each of the Pathways to Population Health portfolios (physical and mental health; social /spiritual wellbeing; community health and wellbeing; and communities of solutions)	Add 1 point	Team has access to data sources and systems that will enable them to identify inequities in their geographically based team	Add 1 point
Team demonstrates commitment to collaborating with people with lived experience of inequity	Add 1 point	Team describes at least one initiative that at least two of the partners have previously worked on together	Add 1 point	Team describes participation goals that are aligned with Rhode to Equity program design and objectives	Add 1 point
Team demonstrates commitment to learn as a team	Add 1 point	Team describes successful past collaborations that team members have engaged in, even if with organizations not on the team, and what team members learned about the factors that affect collaborations’ success.	Add 1 point	Team describes the factors that will facilitate post-program sustainability	Add 1 point
Team describes its understanding of the value of cross-sectional engagement to address health equity	Add 1 point	Team demonstrates a commitment to improve health equity and address root causes of health and well being	Add 1 point	Geographic region the team proposes to serve is considered vulnerable based on factors such as income, race, age or other social/health need	Add 1 point

The applications will be rank ordered by final scores. In the event of a tie or comparable scores, the Selection Committee will make final determination considering below criteria:

1. Completeness of application
2. Priority may be given to a team that is geographically located in an area that has a higher incidence of social and health needs
3. Priority may be given to a team that is geographically located in an area that has greater incidence of health care equity gaps in care;
4. Inclusion of teams representing diverse array of communities being served
5. Inclusion of teams representing diverse array of cross-sector partners

The Selection Committee reserves the right to interview applicants if further review is warranted.

Conflict of interest: Reviewers will disclose any potential conflict of interest related to a specific applicant. A conflict of interest is defined as a real or potential monetary benefit or having an affiliation with the applicant. The Selection Committee will discuss the potential conflicts of interest and decide of whether a conflict of interest exists. If so, the reviewer must recuse themselves from the review of that application.