City of Milwaukee

Equity Impact Statement

1. Describe the proposed ordinance or resolution.

This is a grant agreement modification for Emergency Preparedness programming under the Emergency Preparedness Environmental Health (EPEH) Division of the Milwaukee Health Department. This grant is through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Division of Public Health. State and large metropolitan public health departments use Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) funding to develop, test, and maintain plans to quickly receive medical countermeasures from the Strategic National Stockpile and distribute them to local communities.

2. Identify the anticipated equity impacts, if any, of this proposal.

See #3

3. Identify which minority groups, if any, may be negatively or positively impacted by the proposal.

CDC's CRI is a federally funded program designed to enhance preparedness in the nation's largest population centers, where nearly 60% of the population resides, to effectively respond to large public health emergencies needing life-saving medicines and medical supplies. CRI funding ensures that preparedness services effectively address the needs of elderly and minority populations, and persons with disabilities (e.g., those with access and functional needs) when planning for and recovering from emergencies.

4. Describe any engagement efforts with minority communities potentially impacted by the proposal.

At present, Preparedness efforts target persons who are housing unstable, low-income, and have lower access to health care while facing disproportionate burden of disease in the community. Our COVID-19 Isolation Facility supports those who are COVID(+) or at greater risk of poor health outcomes if exposed to/infected with COVID-19, and are unable to safely isolate otherwise. Our COVID-19 Community/mobile vaccination clinics are located in priority ZIP codes with the lowest vaccination rates and highest vulnerability measurements in the City of Milwaukee.

5. Describe how any anticipated equity impacts of the proposal will be documented or evaluated.

Preparedness efforts supported by CRI funding tracks COVID-19 cases by age, sex, race/ethnicity, and ZIP code when conducting place-based COVID-19 samplings at homeless shelters, long-term care facilities, and workplaces, and further informs where we need to target our efforts. Additionally, our COVID-19 vaccination clinics track demographic information and social vulnerability index (SVI) to ensure we are reaching populations most in need of services/with the lowest access.

6. Describe strategies that will be used, if any, to mitigate any anticipated equity impacts.

- Continue to utilize data/trends provided by MHD's Data team to inform where our COVID-19 efforts should be targeted in terms of populations most in need of shelter and access to testing/vaccination based on changing COVID-19 positivity rates, vaccination uptake, etc.
- Solicit input from community members to improve our practice - e.g., better understand prevalence of misinformation and fear surrounding COVID-19 and vaccination uptake
- Survey community members to ensure COVID-19 efforts (i.e., vaccination clinics and testing sites) are accessible to populations we are targeting - e.g., hours of operation for sites, access to transportation, etc.

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