**COE Learning Network:** Addressing Disparities and Enhancing Access in COE Care

**Presenters:** UPMC Pregnancy Women’s Recovery Center (PWRC) (Traci Day) and Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) (Dr. Abby Letcher)

**Date and Time:** October 23, 2024 - 12:00 pm- 1:15 pm

**Location:**Virtual Training (on Zoom)

**Host:**University of Pittsburgh, School of Pharmacy, Program and Evaluation Unit (PERU)

**Target Audience:**Centers of Excellence Leadership and Staff

**Training Objectives:**

1. Discuss dimensions of diversity including racial, ethnic, cultural, language, gender, sexual orientation, and socio-economic diversity, and the impact on service access and quality.
2. Describe existing disparities in clients enrolled in COE services.
3. Identify evidence-based strategies and best practices for promoting diversity and inclusion in client identification and enrollment.
4. Review existing COE policies and procedures to identify potential biases or barriers

**Agenda**:

1. Background
   1. Discussion
   2. Dimensions of Diversity
   3. Importance of diversity and inclusion
2. Common disparities
   1. Second largest racial group by county
   2. Disparity in SUD treatment
   3. Disparity in overdose deaths
   4. 2022 regional overdose trends by county
3. Disparities at COEs
   1. Sex percentages at COEs graph
   2. Race Percentages at COEs graph
   3. Hispanic Percentages at COEs graph
   4. Discussion
4. Strategies and best practices for reducing disparities
   1. Strategies for inclusive client identification
   2. Best practices for equitable enrollment processes
   3. Written strategies for reducing disparities
5. UPMC Pregnancy Womens Recovery Center Presentation
   1. 2020 Census
   2. US Overdose rates
   3. PA overdose rates
   4. US maternal motility rate
   5. Pa maternal mortality rates
   6. Access to care
   7. PWRC
   8. Enhancing Equity and Inclusivity
6. LVHN Presentation
   1. 7th street community
   2. Street Medicine/Inclusion Health Collaboration
   3. Mobile Harm reduction
   4. What they do
   5. Relationship building triad
   6. Self-care
   7. Community building
   8. Understanding the context
   9. Building partnerships for better care

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