

Multi-Cultural Awareness Plan: 2024

The organization implements a cultural competency plan that addresses patients, personnel, families and/or caregivers as well as other stakeholders in the matters of culture, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, spiritual beliefs, socioeconomic status and language or handicapping condition. The intent of this plan is to best assure that the organization demonstrates an awareness of, respect for, and attention to the various cultures of the people with whom it interacts. Cultural competency should be reflected in attitudes, organizational structure, policies and services.

1. Secure the support of AOPMHC leadership in developing a system of care that is inclusive to all cultures, while being linguistically aware.
 - A) Continue to list Cultural Competence on the EPMS as a job duty with the success criteria being met by having completed all SCEIS training modules and at least two additional trainings on a topic pertaining to Cultural Competence for all staff of AOP MHC.
 - B) AOPMHC makes continuous progress towards its goals of providing cultural and linguistically oriented services with training offerings at the onset of employment that includes how to access the foreign language line to reach a translator for speakers of other languages.
 - C) Continue to display appropriate signage in a visible area to inform patients of available interpreter services.
 - D) AOP is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on basis of race, gender, gender identification, spiritual beliefs, socioeconomic status and language or handicapping condition.
2. Ensure the general workforce of AOPMHC reflects the various cultures of their communities.
 - A) Staff will complete the required training on Cultural Competence in the SCEIS Learning Management System of AOP MHC.
 - B) The Cultural Affairs committee will continue to distribute quarterly newsletters that encompass the various backgrounds, religions, foods, languages, and gender expressions of staff.
 - C) Magazines of all ethnicities will be found in the lobbies and waiting areas of the clinics.
3. Demonstrate multi-cultural awareness of the staff.
 - A) Continuously develop educational opportunities that promote cultural awareness for staff by making training available in person and via electronic platforms.
 - B) Promote cultural awareness in the AOPMHC workforce by quarterly activities that engage staff in recognizing various cultural holidays, events, and topics on a center wide level.
4. Promote effective clinical care.
 - A) Substantiate services are culturally and linguistically appropriate by having signage for language assistance in all centers.
 - B) Encourage family members to participate in treatment, when appropriate.
 - C) Endorse and engage local community agencies and stakeholders' participation as part of the patients' treatment plan.
 - D) Foster the use of natural healing supports as part of the treatment plan.
5. Partner with advocacy groups, family members and other systems of support in the planning, development, and implementation of our system of care.
 - A) The Cultural Affairs committee will continue collaborating with the Patient Advocate Coordinator to make sure that concerns are addressed regarding service delivery.
 - B) AOP will continue to host a community forum with stakeholders, probate judges and hospital staff, regarding service needs and accessibility concerns.
6. Performance Indicators reflecting cultural awareness in the care of children and adults will be utilized.
 - A) As an ongoing best practice, AOP MHC will include patients and their families as the

primary voice in the development of a culturally competent system of care.

B) Annually survey staff to make sure they are competently trained to promote successful treatment outcomes in population served.

7. Assure data is easily accessed.

A) The organization ensures reliable and valid data on the patient's demographics to include language of preference as assessed at intake.

B) Continue to appropriately disseminate information on performance improvement.