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DIVISION:
Policy and Strategic Planning OMMH

SUBJECT:
Distribution Recommendation for the adoption of the National CLAS Standards-Blueprint for Advancing and Sustaining CLAS Policy and Practice

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to encourage wide distribution and implementation of the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health Office of Minority Health National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in Health and Health Care- Condensed *Blueprint for Advancing and Sustaining CLAS Policy and Practice* to key stakeholders, community partners and New Jersey Department of Health program staff. The CLAS standards Blueprint is a compilation of implementation strategies delineated for each of the fifteen standards that can be applied in a variety of settings and environments.

Authority

The OMMH obtained permission from the DHHS March 2014 to create a condensed or modified version of the Blueprint for Advancing and Sustaining CLAS Policy and Practice.

Scope

The condensed CLAS standards will be used to advance the awareness of the enhanced (2013) CLAS standards to community partners, e.g. community and faith-based organizations, public health agencies, hospitals and others. Distribution of the CLAS Standards is intended to extend beyond the DOH program

staff. Unlimited posting, is available, of URL link ([National CLAS Standards/Blueprint](#)) that can be down loaded from the OMMH website (<http://www.nj.gov/health/omh/>).

Process

- Distribution of hard copies of the CLAS Standards *Blueprint* to the DOH Commissioner’s Senior Management Council. As new members join the Council hard copies will be provided to that individual.
- The CLAS Standards *Blueprint* will remain posted to the OMMH website, for an unspecified time period, for easy downloading by the public.
- Upon request from a DOH key leader and, or community partner the OMMH staff may provide the OMMH CLAS Standards *Blueprint* power point.
- Power point presentations will be documented with attendance logs/ signatures of participants.

Schedule

There is no schedule associated with this policy.

Key Resources

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Attachment(s)

There are no attachments associated with this policy.

History

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