

# Regional Accountable Health Councils: Program Updates

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## Upcoming RAHC Council Meetings

In the coming weeks, each council will meet to review workgroup progress towards the completion of Section I of the Regional Health Transformation Plan (RHTP), which includes a governance structure and identification of up to 4 Health Equity Zones (HEZs) based on data such as the [RHTP quality measures](#). The upcoming council meetings will be made available to the public with meeting details distributed for interested parties. The dates and times for these upcoming meetings are as follows:

### **Southeast RAHC:**

Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 8:30 to 10:00am EST

### **Northwest RAHC:**

Friday, April 23, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:30pm EST

### **Lehigh-Capital RAHC:**

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:30 EST

### **Southwest RAHC:**

Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 4:00 to 5:00pm EST

### **Northeast RAHC:**

Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 4:00 to 5:00pm EST

**Learn more** about the RAHC program and **involve others:**

[Health Innovation Resources: RAHCs](#)

[RHTP Quality Measure Bank](#)

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## Workgroups

Council workgroups are in session and have started their work on assigned activities. Please see below for more information.

### **HEZ Analysis and Identification**

This group will define criteria for HEZ selection and will use data analysis to ultimately choose Zones.

*Goals: Identify up to 4 HEZs with data justification.*

### **Governance and Sustainability**

This group will drive creation of the governing documents and monitor funding needs over time.

*Goals: Establish governance and track progress towards council sustainability.*

### **Community Resources and Engagement**

This group will own the activity of identifying existing community resources and engaging consumers.

*Goals: Leverage existing resources to address service gaps in HEZs.*

### **Program Integration**

This group will ensure additivity in work done by RAHCs and similar programs.

*Goals: Identify and integrate similar initiatives at the state and local levels.*

# From the DHS Office of the Secretary: Sec. Teresa Miller to be Succeeded by Meg Snead

Teresa Miller, Secretary of the PA Department of Human Services since August 2017, will step down after her time overseeing projects creating positive outcomes for Pennsylvanians. She guided DHS in improving access to vital services, taking a two-generational approach by identifying and addressing the needs of both parents and children and increasing health equity. Sec. Miller will be succeeded by Meg Snead, current Secretary of Policy and Planning. Sec. Snead has experience in healthcare policy and addressing SDOH and will succeed Sec. Miller effective April 30 to continue DHS's work on social equity.

Access the press releases about [Sec. Miller's departure](#) and [Sec. Snead's succession](#).

## Oliver Wyman Spotlight

Oliver Wyman, a global strategy and management consulting firm, is partnering with the RAHCs to guide HEZ definition\* and develop strategies to address barriers to health equity, ultimately driving towards completion of each RAHC's RHTP. Equipped with experience and active engagement with issues impacting community care, Oliver Wyman is dedicated to creating breakthroughs, transforming healthcare and positively impacting communities. Read below to meet the practitioners.

*\*OW has developed an approach to guide HEZ selection based on regional measures and councilmember input before performing root-cause analyses and building tangible steps to create change. More detail on the approach is available upon request.*



Rohith Banerjee, Partner

*Rohith's expertise spans a range of topics for health plans and providers including population health management, medical management, value-based contracting and SDOH strategy.*



Elizabeth Southerlan, Principal

*Elizabeth lives in central PA and specializes in healthcare strategy and transformation. She works across the value chain to reimagine and implement new visions for wellness in all communities.*



Sunil Rajani, Associate

*Sunil, educated in business and mechanical engineering, has a decade of consulting and industry experience advising clients on strategic operational and cost-saving programs.*



Jack Draper, Consultant

*Jack recently joined OW, graduating in 2020 with a degree in mathematics from Princeton University. He works on an array of projects leveraging his data science and quantitative skills.*

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