Each of these is a great model and will address the needs of our state. The HEC is centered around CHWs and the work they are doing. Evaluation will be guided by the "*IDOH-OMH Adapted CDC Program Evaluation Framework:  For Community-engaged Health Equity Programs,*" utilizing appropriate methods to measure outcomes of interest.  Focus groups will engage community-based organizations that have experienced firsthand the barriers from both sides of the system.

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| **IN HEC – CHW Model** (Health Equity Council CHW Model) |
| IN HEC-CHW identifies and addresses state district COVID-19 and the Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) needs among Indiana health disparity populations, foster communication, and synergy, and ultimately evaluates and demonstrates the effectiveness of the (CHW) Model.  This model's characteristics are as follows:   * It involves having at least 1 District Health Equity Council CHW in Indiana’s Health Preparedness Districts. * Partners with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) who serve the populations experiencing health disparities. * Promotes utilizing the skills and leadership of CHWs in the CBOs to reach the community's vulnerable population through coalition building and research. * Develop a district action plan to guide in partnership with CBOs to gather data on change-causing strategies. * Come alongside CBOs to develop sustainable strategies to improve the district's wellness.   Create synergy amongst CBOs across county lines to unite the district's efforts. |

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| **I-HOPE** (Indiana Healthy Opportunity for People Everywhere) |
| I-HOPE will address barriers to care that exist for people living in rural areas, minorities, and people from different cultures and backgrounds.  From healthcare associations, coalitions and state agencies to faith-based organizations and universities, I-HOPE partners are collaborating to accomplish the following:   * improve multiple conditions that affect health such as:   + nutrition,   + affordable housing,   + transportation,   + childcare issues,   + and safe and secure employment. * It is a statewide initiative that aims to reduce health disparities for better health outcomes. * They support communities with innovative tools for building collaboration, hearing the voice of the community, and guiding participants to action. |