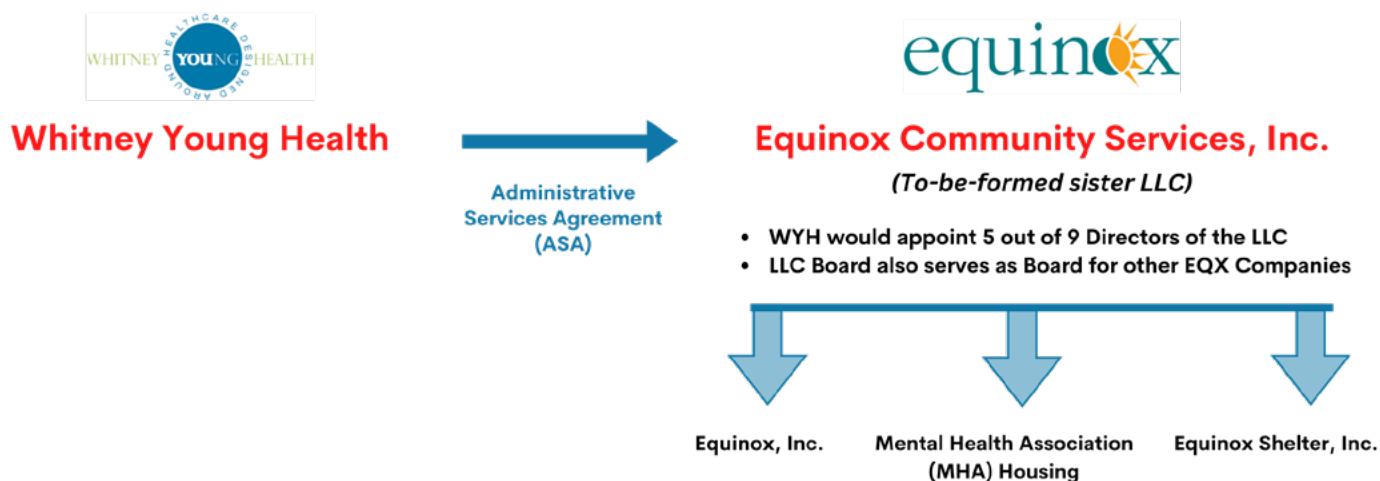


EQX Affiliation Update

Hello Whitney Young,

The **Joint Integration Committee (JIC)** of Whitney Young Health (WYH) and Equinox (EQX) continue to jump hurdles, as much of the focus is on finalizing the affiliation agreement by February 1st. You might remember we've discussed over the last few months the "process" aspects surrounding an affiliation with EQX. Below is a visual representation of how we anticipate the relationship between the two organizations will look:



As the illustration shows above, there is an **Administrative Services Agreement (ASA)**, between WYH and EQX. The ASA is simply a contract between the two entities that stipulates WYH managers, where appropriate, will now plan, direct, and coordinate activities to help EQX run efficiently. This is estimated to start 2/1/23.

The specific responsibilities vary, but WYH managers will supervise activities that include, but are not limited to: Program Areas (ex., EQX Counseling Center & Health Home); IT; Facilities; and eventually Human Resources, and Finance.

2023 is bound to add some twists and turns to this process, so stay tuned!

Best,
Will Backes,
Chief of Staff

Questions about the WYH/EQX affiliation? Please contact Will Backes at wbackes@wmyhealth.org or ext. 4495.



Whitney Young Health will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, January 16** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and happy 2023!

JANUARY 2023

Diversity, Equity & Awareness

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 World Braille Day	5	6 Three Kings Day/Feast of the Epiphany (Christian)	7 Christmas Day - Eastern Orthodox Christianity Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 World Religion Day (Baha'i Faith)	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17	18	19 Timkat (Ethiopian Orthodox Christianity)	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day	28
29	30	31				

Monthly Observances:

NATIONAL POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
 GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

WYH closed Monday 1/16/2023 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

AOW and Spence-Chapin share the Holiday spirit with WYH families!



Each year, [AOW Associates](#), an Albany-based construction company sponsors two WYH families, providing everyone in the household with holiday gifts and necessary items from their wishlists. **Above, clockwise from top left:** AOW staff with all of the gifts (including the kitchen table and chairs) for one of the families, WYH EOC staff and Spanish translator Maria Ortiz stand with Simona after delivering items for her and her three kids, and Simona holding a bag with brand new bedding. Thank you, AOW, for your continued generosity and support of WYH.

More warmth and generosity was provided by [Spence-Chapin Services to Family and Children](#), which "adopted" several WYH families served by our WIC program, providing them with holiday gifts. **Below, from left:** WIC staff receive the holiday presents to be distributed to recipient families, and a little girl smiles at all of the presents which will be going home with her family. Many thanks to Spence-Chapin for helping to brighten the lives of families served by WYH WIC!



WYH UGLY SWEATER DAY 2022!





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Happy Holidays
from Whitney
Young Health!



WYH Apparel Orders due Jan. 6!

Don't forget to place your order for **Whitney Young Health apparel and gear!** WYH is paying up to \$50 of the cost of these great items featuring the WYH logo - you only have to pay if you go over the \$50 limit by ordering extra items!

Please click [HERE](#) for the apparel form, or see the email sent by Jeffrey Watson on 12/23/2022 for details, or contact Susan Lovelock at slovelock@wmyhealth.org or ext. 4472 for details on items and ordering.

Grateful Givers: Collecting Personal Health Items for WIC

Help put personal care and hygiene items into the hands of people served by our WIC program! You can participate in two ways:

1. Purchase a "Grateful Giver" card or cards for \$5 each:

Grateful Giver cards have a space for you to write what you're thankful for. The card(s) purchased will be displayed at each of our HCs, **and all proceeds go directly to purchase personal care and hygiene items.**

To purchase a card(s), please click [HERE](#) to complete a donation form and email it to Susan Lovelock at slovelock@wmyhealth.org, or see one of the staff members listed below depending on your location. Payments of \$5.00 per card can be made with cash, check or charge.

- Karen Christina Jones – 900/Dental
- Katie Palmer- 920/Albany Health Center
- Maggie Daniels – Swinburne Health Center
- Michele Kelly – Watervliet Health Center
- Ivette Nieves – Troy Health Center

2. Donate a personal care/hygiene item from the list below to receive a card

Donate personal hygiene items that will go directly to our patients in need in the WIC Program. See the list of items below that would be most helpful to our patients:

Personal hygiene items:

- Deodorant
- Soap & shower gel
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Face & body wash
- Razors & shaving cream
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss & mouthwash
- Tampons, maxi pads, & panty liners
- Diapers & baby Wipes



The Grateful Givers campaign will run through Friday, January 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Lovelock at slovelock@wmyhealth.org, or ext. 4472, or Jeff Watson at jwatson@wmyhealth.org, or ext 4471.

THANK YOU!

Secret Santa at 920!



Staff at the Albany Health Center got into the holiday spirit at a Secret Santa party held in the SC conference room.



It's a Girl!



In early December, staff at Swinburne HC threw a baby shower for Carolyn McGuire, whose new daughter is due in January.

Congratulations, Carolyn!

Partners in Child Wellness



A joint effort between WYH, Catholic Charities and CDPHP's Community Health Project brought children to the Swinburne Health Center for Well Child Appointments on 12/27.

A representative from CDPHP was on hand in the Swinburne HC lobby to greet families arriving for their appointments.

If you or your department have anything that you would like to share in the next issue of Whitney Wire, please contact Susan Lovelock at extension 4472 or slovelock@wmyhealth.org