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Attention Partners,

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health's (DPBH), Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention is excited to announce the application of two pieces in our data collection of key demographics: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification Expression (SOGIE) and Middle Eastern and North African (MENA).

This letter serves as an official notification that community providers collecting demographic data must be ready to collect SOGIE and MENA data in the State Information Technology Application system by 12/1/2024, and all providers collecting demographic data to be actively collecting SOGIE and MENA data by 12/31/2024. This data collection is required by a host of state legislation and federal executive orders, including Nevada Senate Bill 109, Assembly Bill 139, Executive Order 13988 and Executive Order 14075.

Providers and coalitions are required to integrate the minimum questions for both SOGIE and MENA and they are being asked of all clients, and the information is used to ensure that everyone is treated equally and gets their individual needs met. This information has been requested because our clients are diverse, and we want to make sure we are treating every client equally supported.

System updates are aimed to better reflect the growing diversity, inclusion and ethnicity of Nevadans and to improve quality and usefulness of federal race and ethnicity data. Any paper and manual collection of data will also need to include both SOGI and MENA data. Data collection must now include at minimum the following questions:

#### SOGI:

- 1. What sex were you assigned at birth, such as on your original birth certificate? (Mark one Answer)
- 2. How do you describe yourself? (Mark One Answer)
- 3. Which of the following best represents your sexual orientation identity? (Mark one Answer)

#### MENA:

#### Add under Race:

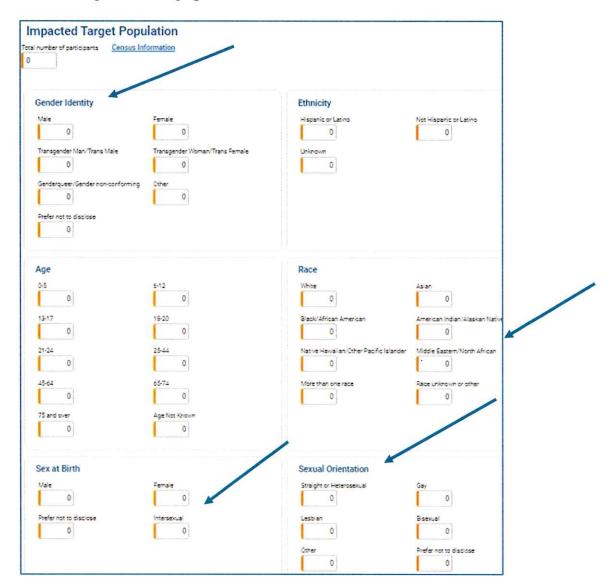
• Option - Middle Eastern / North African "ME/NA"

Review the attached SOGIE and MENA for further Nevada Revised Statue clarification.

Please see below for how you can modify your data collection submissions to comply with this new requirement as easily as possible.

### Prevention

WITS – Required Demographic



• Collection parameter starts: 12/01/2024 project period and forward.

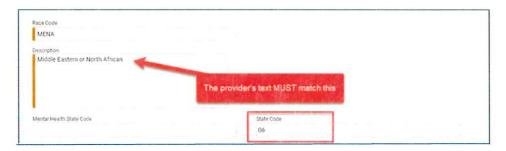
## Treatment / Recovery

WING: SFTP File – Requirement

SOGIE: Examples



• For MENA, providers need to ensure "Middle Eastern or North African" are spelled exactly as per the regulation requirements when uploading to WING.



#### Mental Health

• Excel Spreadsheet Attachment: Client Level Data (CLD) Requirement added separate tab for SOGIE.

1. What sex were you assigned at birth, such as on your original birth certificate? (Mark One Answer)
a. Male
b. Female
c. Intersex
d. Prefer not to disclose
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2. How do you describe yourself? (Mark One Answer)
a. Male
b. Female
c. Transgender Man/Trans Male
d. Transgender Woman/Trans Female
e. Genderqueer/gender non-conforming
f. Different Identity; Please Specify:
g. Prefer not to disclose
. Which of the following best represents your sexual orientation identity? (Mark one Answer)
a. Straight or Heterosexual
b. Gay
c. Lesbian
d. Bisexual
e. Not listed: Please specify
f. Prefer not to disclose

As we move towards validation of the collection of both SOGIE and MENA data, the BBWHP- Office of Data Management team will be working with program staff in verifying collection capacity. Please submit comments and questions to the DBPH WITS email (<u>WITSSupport@health.nv.gov</u>). With your help, we can make sure everyone in Nevada is counted.

Thank you,

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