SUCCESS STORY

Massachusetts General Hospital to Screen All Patients for Substance Abuse

According to national data, nearly one-quarter of patients in the hospital for routine medical problems have active substance abuse disorders, and that was before the recent epidemic of opioid abuse and overdoses in Massachusetts and other states. In response, the Massachusetts General Hospital says it will take the unusual step of questioning all patients about their use of alcohol and illegal drugs this fall, no matter what their reason for visiting. The mandatory screening program is part of a broad plan to improve addiction treatment at the Boston teaching hospital and its community health centers and is an example of an expanding national and statewide effort to reach substance abusers earlier and in mainstream medical settings. Mass. General will hire five "recovery coaches"—former substance abusers who are certified by the state—to work at the hospital and in the three community health centers. Coaches will accompany people needing longer-term care to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and encourage them to stick to treatment plans. Read more here.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) Innovation Station

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INTEGRATION RESOURCES

New Guide To Clinical Preventive Services 2014 Available
The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has released the "Guide to Clinical Preventive Services, 2014," a comprehensive resource that can help primary care clinicians and patients decide together what preventive services are right for a patient's needs. The guide can also be used as a teaching tool for new clinicians as they learn about clinical preventive care. The 2014 guide includes all active Task Force evidence-based recommendations since 2004, including 28 new and updated recommendations since the 2012 version, in a format meant for use at the point of patient care. It also includes information about topics in development, clinical summary tables and additional resources. An e-book version of the publication will be available later this year.

Advancing Linkages Between Healthcare and Community Prevention
In a memo published June 2014, the Prevention Institute shares strategies for leveraging partnerships and collaboration between health institutions and community change efforts with an aim to spur innovation and success for applicants seeking these new funding opportunities. While originally targeted towards applicants of CDC's strategies offered are focused on CDC's six Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) released in May 2014, this memo is also valuable for CMMI applicants and for every community trying to advance healthcare's effectiveness in improving quality, reducing demand in the first place and coordinating with community health efforts.

New Resources Improve States' Abilities to Advance Medicaid Payment and Delivery System Reform
Human Services Secretary unveils a new program called the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) which will work with state agencies to award $100 million in federal funding help promote innovation aimed at advancing Medicaid-specific delivery system improvements. The IAP will develop specific resources to support state-based innovative health care reform efforts by identifying and advancing new service delivery and financing models to improve patient care by providing data analytics, improving quality measurement and rapid cycle evaluation capabilities, and advancing effective and timely dissemination of best practices and learning among states.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dissemination and Implementation Conference: Call for Abstracts
The goal of Dissemination and Implementation Sciences is to promote and rigorously evaluate the impact of the integration of evidence-based approaches, into clinical and community settings via public health practice, healthcare delivery and healthcare policy. The theme of this year's AcademyHealth Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation is "Transforming Health Systems to Optimize Individual and Population Health". The conference is currently accepting abstracts that demonstrate innovative research or conceptual papers that emphasize data-driven evidence based interventions within clinical and community settings. Abstract submission deadline: Friday, August 8.

HHS Announces Availability of $11 Million to Better Integrate HIV Services into Community Health Centers
On July 15, 2014, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the availability of $11 million in funding, through the Affordable Care Act and the Secretary's Minority AIDS Initiative fund, to enhance the integration of HIV efforts into primary care through innovative partnerships between health centers and state health departments in Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, and New York. This initiative is part of Partnerships for Care, a three-year project run jointly by CDC and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Read

Request for Proposals: Million Hearts State Learning Collaborative Focus on Hypertension Identification, Control, and Improvement
ASTHO, with the support of CDC, released this RFP to support states in achieving the Million Hearts goal of preventing 1 million heart attacks and strokes by 2017. The states will utilize a quality improvement process to partner across sectors including clinical, community, and public health partners to implement best practices and evidence-based policies to identify, control, and improve blood pressure. All governmental state health agencies in good standing with ASTHO are eligible to apply for this RFP, except the nine states and the District of Columbia that participated in the first learning collaborative from 2013-2014. The deadline for applications is 3:00pm EDT (12:00pm PST), Thursday September 4th, 2014.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**ASTHO-Supported Primary Care and Public Health Collaborative Meetings**

**Measures Track of Work Committee Meeting**
August 4, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm ET  
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

**Communications Committee Meeting**
August 8, 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm ET  
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

**Successes Committee Meeting**
August 18, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET  
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

**Workforce Committee Meeting**
August 27, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ET  
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

**Value Proposition Committee Meeting**
September 17, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm ET  
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

**Resources Committee Meeting**
October 16, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET  
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

**Conferences, Meetings, Presentations, and Other Important Dates**

**New Webinar: Sustaining Momentum in Multi-Payer Payment Reform: Transitioning from Design to Implementation**
July 29, 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm ET
AHRQ Health Care Innovations Exchange Webinar on Patient- and Family-Centered Care
July 22, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm ET
Learn more and register

American Medical Association: State Advocacy Roundtable Conference
August 7 - 9
Chicago, Illinois
Learn more

American Academy of Family Physicians National Conference
August 7 - 9
Kansas City, Missouri
Learn more and register

2014 Community Health Institute & Expo
August 22 - 26
San Diego, California
Learn more

ASTHO Annual Meeting 2014
September 10 - 11
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Learn More and Register

American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living Annual Convention and Expo
October 5 - 8
Washington, DC
Learn more and Register

National Academy for State Health Policy Conference
October 6 - 8
Atlanta, Georgia
Learn more and Register

ABOUT THE ASTHO-SUPPORTED PRIMARY CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATIVE
The ASTHO-supported Primary Care and Public Health Collaborative is a partnership of more than 50 organizations that seeks to inform, align, and support the implementation of integration efforts. This initiative began with the creation of the 2012-2014 Primary Care and Public Health Integration Strategic Map, which filled the need for a strategic approach to integration in follow-up to the IOM report Primary Care and Public Health: Exploring Integration to Improve Population Health. The strategic map is currently being updated. View the draft map here. Please send any comments or feedback to pcphcollaborative@astho.org. For more information on the strategic map and our integration efforts, visit our website.