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SUCCESS STORY

Georgia Physicians Partner with the Department of Public Health to Improve Health Outcomes

The Georgia Academy of Family Physicians and the Georgia Department of Public Health have partnered on projects related to developmental screenings, transition care plans for children and youth with special healthcare needs aging into adult medical care, transition care guides for physicians, and combating low literacy rates in school children. This 10-year working relationship has increased awareness of important health issues and serves as a benefit to families across the state. Read the full story.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

National Quality Forum Leads Efforts to Improve Population Health

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is an essential forum for driving improvements in health and healthcare. NQF is leading efforts to develop measures, reports, and tools to help organizations improve healthcare quality. Efforts include a Community Action Guide that is being developed to help meet communities’ increasing demand for population health programs as well as a project focused on risk adjustment for outcome and resource use performance measures. NQF is accepting public comments for both projects through April 16. To learn more and submit comments, visit the Population Health Framework and Risk Adjustment for Socioeconomic Factors web pages.

QUICK LINKS

- All Partners List
- Capturing Successes Tool
- Recent Tweets Using #PCPHIntegration
- Strategic Map

INTEGRATION RESOURCES

Governmental Public Health and the Economics of Adaptation to Population Health. This March 2014 IOM discussion paper by Glen Mays describes recent experimentation with population health strategies spurred by the Affordable Care Act and state health reform. Mays addresses opportunities for government public health agencies to pursue solutions to problems caused by fragmented public health activities through three types of adaption: substitution, synergy, and independence. Free full text available.

Medical Homes Cost and Utilization Among High-Risk Patients. This March 2014 article by Susannah Higgins et al. researches the impact of patient-centered medical home (PCMH) adoption on patients identified as having the greatest health risks in several clinics. The study results showed that the PCMH model decreased medical costs.
among high risk patients and suggests that the average patient may not be the relevant unit of observation for evaluating the impact of PCMH adoption. Free full text available.

Five Lessons from the Super Bowl for Improving Population Health. In this March 2014 IOM discussion paper, Judy Monroe finds parallels between what it takes to win at football and to improve health in communities. In both cases, winning requires a well-supported lead player - the football quarterback and the community integrator or quarterback - who forms the core of a winning strategy, along with fundamentals, team effort, visibility and value, and the 12th man (the fans, or the support of the community). Free full text available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Transforming Clinical Practices Initiative RFI. The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services has issued a Request for Information (RFI) to obtain input on policy considerations about large-scale transformation of clinician practices to accomplish the aims of better care and better health at lower costs. Comments are due by April 8. Learn more here.

IMPORTANT DATES

ASTHO-Supported Primary Care and Public Health Collaborative Meetings

Measures Track of Work Committee Meeting
April 7, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Communications Committee Meeting
April 11, 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 3185413

Successes Track of Work Committee Meeting
April 21, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Workforce Committee Meeting
April 23, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 3185413

All Partners Meeting
April 30, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Resources Track of Work Committee Meeting
May 8, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Value Proposition/Business Case Track of Work Committee Meeting
May 21, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm ET
Conferences, Meetings, Presentations, and Other Important Dates

Measures Applications Partnership Population Health Task Force In-Person Meeting

April 9, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm ET
Hosted by National Quality Forum, 1030 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC
Learn more and register

IOM Roundtable on Population Health Improvement: The Role and Potential of Communities in Population Health Improvement

April 10
Los Angeles, CA
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 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. For more information on the strategic map and our integration efforts visit our website.

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