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SUCCESS STORY

Accountable Care Community in Akron, Ohio

The Accountable Care Community in Akron, Ohio, led by the Austen BioInnovation Institute, is a multi-sector partnership with representatives from public health, medicine, academia, safety-net health services, and many other community services and organizations partnering to transform health in Northeast Ohio. This sustainable model of health helps bring costs in line with outcomes, promotes shared accountability, and focuses on improving the health of an entire population—the Accountable Care Community.

QUICK LINKS

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Georgetown University Medical Center

Georgetown University Medical Center (GUMC) educates trainees at all levels in population health. In response to a charge from the dean of the medical school to train the next generation in population health and prevention, medical students will complete a longitudinal curriculum in population health. Interested students may apply for a summer internship at ASTHO to get exposure to public health policy and complete a mutually beneficial project. GUMC partners with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health for students seeking a MD/MPH. Georgetown primary care residents have the opportunity to participate in a Health Policy and Public Health elective. In addition, Georgetown collaborates with the Robert Graham Center to offer a one-year Primary Care Health Policy fellowship.

INTEGRATION RESOURCES
**Promoting Cooperative Federalism Through State Shared Savings.** This article in the August issue of *Health Affairs* outlines a policy proposal to harness cooperative federalism, based on the shared state and federal desire to control the growth of health care costs. The proposal would give states a chance to receive an increased share of savings generated from programs with federal financial participation. (full article available with subscription)

**Achieving Population Health in Accountable Care Organizations.** This article in the July issue of the *American Journal of Public Health* offers recommendations to Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) for embracing a broader community definition of population health and taking steps to improve collaboration with public health entities. (full article available with subscription)

**New ROI Tool.** ASTHO and CDC convened a user network to provide instruction on a new ROI tool that estimates return on investments for public health improvements. The user network's goals are to provide peer/expert support and advice for ROI projects, develop knowledge on how ROI analysis can be applied to public health improvement projects, build ROI capabilities in the field, and inform the tool's future iterations. Visit the tool's [tutorial](#) and join the network by contacting [Karl Ensign](mailto:karl.ensign@astho.org), ASTHO Director of Evaluation.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The ASTHO-Supported Primary Care and Public Health Collaborative has convened a new Workforce Committee dedicated to workforce development and education initiatives to advance integration and health systems improvement. The committee brings together leaders from academia, primary care, and public health to build on the existing work of the collaborative and align efforts toward workforce development. The first meeting will be held on August 16 (see below for call details).

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Committee Meetings**

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

- **Communications Committee Meeting**
  - August 9, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET
  - Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5222314

- **Successes Track of Work Committee Meeting**
  - August 16, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET
  - Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5222314

- **Workforce Committee Meeting**
  - August 16, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm ET
  - Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5222314

- **Value Proposition/Business Case Track of Work Committee Meeting**
  - August 28, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm ET
Measures Track of Work Committee Meeting
September 9, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Conferences, Meetings, and Presentations

NASHP 26th Annual State Health Policy Conference
October 9-11
Seattle, Washington
Learn more and register

ASTHO Annual Meeting and Policy Summit
September 17-20
Marriott Renaissance SeaWorld, Orlando, FL
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 a strategic mapping session in July 2012. The creation of the primary care and public health strategic map included partners from several primary care and public health agencies. The map filled a need for a strategic approach to integration as a 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](#).

Please submit your recommendations for newsletter content, areas of focus, and any other ideas or feedback to Albert Terrillion, ASTHO senior director of family and community health.

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