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SUCCESS STORY

Minnesota’s White Earth Tribal Hepatitis C Intervention

In response to clusters of hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection near the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota, a native community-based health organization, the Minnesota Department of Health, Indian Health Service physicians, and tribal home health nurses worked together to form the White Earth HIV and HCV Harm Reduction coalition and hold a health summit focused on HCV prevention. The coalition is now working to develop this project into a replicable model for other tribes looking to partner with state and federal agencies to combat HIV and HCV. Read the full story.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

USF Bridges the Gap Between Public Health and Medicine

Through academics and service, students at the University of South Florida (USF) are bridging the gap between its Colleges of Public Health and Medicine. Examples include the MD/MPH program, options for medical students to obtain a scholarly concentration in public health, and an interdisciplinary USF Health Service Corps program that enables students in the health professions to participate in community activities together. Volunteers at the student-run BRIDGE Clinic (Building Relationships and Initiatives Dedicated to Gaining Equality) also bring health and social services to the uninsured. Through campus-based organizations like the International Health Service Collaborative, students promote sustainable health projects in underserved communities within the United States and developing nations. To learn about other collaborations, visit the USF College of Public Health.

QUICK LINKS

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

INTEGRATION RESOURCES

Connected Health: A Review of Technologies And Strategies to Improve Patient Care with Telemedicine and Telehealth. This February 2014 Health Affairs article by Joseph Kvedar et al. examines the concept of connected health as an overarching structure for telemedicine and telehealth and determines that policymakers, academe, patient advocacy groups, and private-sector organizations need to create partnerships to rapidly test, evaluate, deploy, and pay for new care models that use telemedicine. Full text available with subscription.
Core Characteristics and Related Indicators of Successful Partnerships Involving Hospitals, Public Health Departments, and Other Parties. The University of Kentucky developed this framework of the most widely accepted characteristics of successful partnerships in phase one of its study "Models of Collaboration Involving Hospitals, Public Health Departments, and Others: Improving Community Health Through Successful Partnerships."

CDC's Noon Conference Educational Materials. These resources include educational modules on important population-based health topics for medical residents and other healthcare educators. The modules contain customizable presentations, discussion questions and case studies, and guidance and resources for healthcare providers and their patients.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
ASTHO and CDC will co-host a Twitter chat on the integration of primary care and public health, with examples from Million Hearts. The event will take place on Thursday, February 27, 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET. To participate or learn more, please email Judy Rugel.

The Health Systems Integration Program launched a new fellowship to place public health practitioners with strong backgrounds in epidemiology or informatics at state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments. The program's mission is to engage the community to facilitate the integration of public health and clinical health systems. Host site applications are due March 7, and fellow applications are due March 31. Click here to learn more.

More than $40 million in grants has been awarded to nine community-based partnerships in Massachusetts as part of the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund, created by the legislature and administered by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. These grants will help fight chronic illness and improve health outcomes while reducing healthcare costs. Click here to view the press release and a list of funded partnerships.

IMPORTANT DATES
ASTHO-Supported Primary Care and Public Health Collaborative Meetings

Communications Committee Meeting
February 14, 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 3185413

Successes Track of Work Committee Meeting
February 18, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Workforce Committee Meeting
February 26, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 3185413

Resources Track of Work Committee Meeting
March 13, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153
Value Proposition/Business Case Track of Work Committee Meeting

March 19, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Conferences, Meetings, and Presentations

IOM Roundtable on Population Health Improvement - Resources for Population Health Improvement

February 6
Keck Center, Washington, DC
Learn more and register

2014 Public Health Systems Research Interest Group Annual Meeting Deadlines

Submit a Paper, Article, or Apply for a Scholarship by February 14
Learn More

Health Workforce Speaker Series at George Washington University

February 13, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET: Patient Navigation Role Delineation
March 13, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET: Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice
April 10, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET: Behavioral Health and Primary Care Integration

Lectures will be held at 2021 K Street NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC. To register for one or more lectures, email Emily Bass. Learn more at GW Health Workforce Research Center.

2014 State Healthcare IT Connect Summit

April 1-2
Baltimore, MD
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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