SUCCESS STORY

Primary Care and Public Health Departments in Dallas, TX Collaborate to support Men's Health

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Office of Regional Operations office in Dallas met with North Central Texas public health stakeholders to discuss plans to integrate the Dallas, Tarrant, and Denton Counties' Public Health departments with primary care settings to support Men's Health programs. Participants identified strategies to promote the initiative throughout the three-county area, and chose three performance indicators: 1) number of events sponsored to educate men on health related topics, 2) number of preventive screenings taken by men, and 3) number of organizations in the three counties that offer services specifically designed for men. To kick off the effort, the Dallas County Commissioner's Court convened a proclamation ceremony on June 17, 2014 to pronounce June as Men's Health Month and highlighted safety net providers in the three-county area which offer men's health care services. Contact Princess Jackson for more information.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) Makes Progress to Measure Health Value

HPIO, a health policy and public health institute in Ohio, provides independent, unbiased, nonpartisan information needed to create sound health policy. Currently, HPIO is developing a dashboard of health outcome and cost measures to track Ohio's progress in improving health value. This includes tracking population health outcomes, health costs, health care system performance, public health system performance, access to health care and evaluating Ohio's social, economic and physical environment. The HPIO Health Measurement Advisory Group consists of representatives from public health, public and private payers, state agencies, employers, providers and consumer groups. This work will lead to the creation of an Ohio Health Value Dashboard (to be released later this year). Read more about HPIO's Measurement Initiative.
CDC Releases Vital Signs Report on Opioid Painkiller Prescribing
On July 1, 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a Vital Signs Report highlighting the danger of opioid painkiller overdose. The report also contains a study highlighting the success of Florida in reversing prescription drug overdose trends. Results showed that after statewide legislative and enforcement actions in 2010 and 2011, the death rate from prescription drug overdose decreased 23 percent between 2010 and 2012. The American Medical Association President, Robert Wah, MD, issued a statement in response to the report emphasizing the importance of CDC, state medical associations, public health agencies and other stakeholders working together to stop prescription drug abuse while preserving access to medically necessary treatment for pain.

2014 Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals Now Available
The Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (Council on Linkages) is pleased to announce the adoption and release of the 2014 Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals (Core Competencies). The result of a yearlong review and revision process, this latest version of the Core Competencies, which has been updated from the 2010 version, adds and expands concepts of increasing importance in a time of health reform and national health department accreditation, simplifies and clarifies the wording of competencies, and reorders competencies within domains to ensure a logical progression in the complexity of skills. The Council on Linkages is a collaborative of 20 national organizations that aims to improve public health education and training, practice, and research.

New CMS Resource: From Coverage to Care
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recently launched "From Coverage to Care", an initiative to help people with new health care coverage understand their benefits and connect to primary care and the preventive health services that are right for them, to promote a long and healthy life. Resources include a Roadmap Booklet in both English and Spanish to help individuals understand their healthcare coverage, a discussion guide for community partners, and a 10 part video series.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HHS awards $83.4 million to train new primary care providers
Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell today announced $83.4 million in Affordable Care Act funding to support primary care residency programs in 60 Teaching Health Centers across the nation. The funding will help train more than 550 residents during the 2014-2015 academic year, increasing the number of residents trained in the previous academic year by more than 200 and helping to increase access to health care in communities across the country.

HHS Awards $100 Million to Expand Access to Primary Care Through New Community Health Centers
Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell announced the availability of $100 million from the Affordable Care Act to support an estimated 150 new health center sites across the country in 2015. New health center sites will increase access to comprehensive, affordable, high quality primary health care services in the communities that need it most.

IMPORTANT DATES

ASTHO-Supported Primary Care and Public Health Collaborative Meetings

Communications Committee Meeting
July 11, 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

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

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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](mailto:pcphcollaborative@astho.org). For more information on the strategic map and our integration efforts, visit our [website](#).

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