SUCCESS STORY

Washington Primary Care Health Homes

The Washington State Department of Health is working with multiple partners, including the Washington Healthcare Improvement Network (WHIN), to improve the health of its local communities through the development and expansion of patient-centered health and medical homes. This initiative also includes WHIN's work with Medicaid managed care organizations on performance improvement projects, such as providing support for care transitions, developmental screenings for infants and toddlers, and depression screenings for adults. Read the full story.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

The National Association of County and City Health Officials Leads Integration Efforts

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents approximately 2,800 local health departments across the country. NACCHO provides technical assistance and training to health departments and healthcare providers to conduct collaborative, comprehensive community health assessments and implement strategic community improvement plans. NACCHO also helps local health officials develop competencies needed for public health-healthcare integration through the Survive and Thrive program and a partnership with the Public Health Institute's National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health. As a member of the ASTHO-Supported Primary Care and Public Health Collaborative, NACCHO supports efforts to help the public health workforce use informatics to bridge public health and healthcare efforts.

INTEGRATION RESOURCES

Primary and Behavioral Healthcare Integration: Guiding Principles for Workforce Development, This SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions publication recommends strategies for addressing workforce issues.
related to the integration of behavioral health and healthcare. Free full text available.

Population Health Implications of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This summary of a June 2013 Institute of Medicine Roundtable on Population Health Improvement workshop explores the likely impact of various provisions within the ACA on population health improvement. These provisions have the potential to shift the focus of health experts, policymakers, and the public beyond healthcare delivery to the broader array of factors that shape health outcomes. View online version for free (download a copy with NAS membership).

Accountable Care Organization Formation Is Associated With Integrated Systems But Not High Medical Spending. This article by David Auerbach et al. in the October issue of Health Affairs determines that key regional factors associated with ACO formation include a greater fraction of hospital risk sharing (capitation), larger integrated hospital systems, and primary care physicians practicing in large groups. Full text available with subscription.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public health practice and academic organizations rely on the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals to guide their workforce development activities. To ensure that the Core Competencies stay current with developments in the field of public health and continue to meet the needs of the workforce, the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice is in the process of reviewing and revising the Core Competencies. As part of this process, the Council on Linkages is collecting feedback on the Core Competencies from the public health community. Click here to learn more.

IMPORTANT DATES

ASTHO-Supported Primary Care and Public Health Collaborative Meetings

Measures Track of Work Committee Meeting

November 12, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Resources Track of Work Committee Meeting

November 14, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Successes Track of Work Committee Meeting

November 18, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5222314

Value Proposition/Business Case Track of Work Committee Meeting

December 9, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5222314

Workforce Committee Meeting

December 11, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5222314
Conferences, Meetings, and Presentations

Developing Communities of Solutions Which Unite Primary Care and Public Health (Preconference Workshop at FMEC NE Region Meeting)

November 1
Philadelphia, PA
Learn more and register

Sessions to Attend at Next Week’s APHA Annual Meeting

Advancing the Reintegration of Public Health and Health Care
November 4, 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Public Health and Prescription Overdose Prevention, Monitoring, Enforcement and Treatment
November 5, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Primary Care and Public Health Integration: Key Elements of Successful Integration
November 6, 11:30 am - 11:50 am

Assessing the Potential Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Uninsured Community Health Center Patients: A Nationwide and State-by-State Analysis Webinar and Report
November 7, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm ET
Learn more and register or read the report

NASHP Webinar: Making an IMPaCT: State Models for Primary Care Transformation
December 2, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm ET
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.

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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