SUCCESS STORY

The Utah Asthma Program

In 2001, the Utah Department of Health (UDH), with cooperative funding from the CDC, convened multiple stakeholders from public health, primary care, and community organizations to create the Utah Asthma Program. In 2002, the Utah Asthma Program invited diverse primary care and public health professionals as well as community members, hospitals, and health systems to join the Utah Asthma Task Force. This collaboration led to the development of a healthcare provider resource guide, a school resource manual, parent education packets, an online asthma training program for coaches and physical education teachers, the training of more than 5,000 faculty and staff in more than 270 schools, and implementation of awareness activities around air quality and asthma issues. The task force has been successful in gradually reducing the burden of asthma in Utah, and the number of hospitalizations has decreased dramatically since its inception.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

National Association of Community Health Centers

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) works with a network of state health center and primary care organizations to serve community health centers and provide them with a unified voice and a common source for research, information, training and advocacy. NACHC provides many tools and resources to health centers to promote better integration. The patient centered medical home (PCMH), community partnerships, and Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) are just a few examples of strategies that can assist health centers to deliver and maintain excellent primary care for underserved populations. Additionally, NACHC’s research department collects data, performs analysis, and applies information to empower communities in their efforts to improve public health. It also educates the public, health officials, and decision-makers at the local, state, and national level about the critical role of health centers in promoting access to high quality, affordable healthcare that reduces disparities and advances community well-being.
EHR Cardiac Measures Report Guide
The August 2014 EHR Cardiac Measures Report Guide, developed by HealthInsight, with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Utah Department of Health, helps health care providers and office managers use their electronic health record (EHR) data to identify processes to improve the delivery of healthcare. Specifically, the guide focuses on identifying quality reporting functions within an EHR that support the delivery of health care for patients diagnosed with diabetes, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, those in need of antiplatelet therapy, and/or those who smoke.

Community Health Advisor Tool
In August 2014, HealthPartners Institute for Education and Research, Partnership for Prevention, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation launched a new tool that predicts the economic and health impacts of public health interventions at the county level. Users select their desired location and a policy or intervention related to tobacco use or physical activity. The results show a 10 year overview of the policy’s impact on the behavior, disease burden, and medical costs.

AHRQ Hospital Guide to Reducing Medicaid Readmissions
This August 2014 guide from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality helps hospitals expand efforts to reduce readmissions among Medicaid patients. The “Hospital Guide to Reducing Medicaid Readmissions,” can help acute care facilities adapt or expand existing Medicaid readmission reduction efforts; develop Medicaid readmission reduction strategies using the guide’s roadmap featuring 13 customizable online tools; comply with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ Conditions of Participation requirements for standard, improved and transitional care for all patients; and develop partnerships across other settings.

CMS SBIRT Factsheet
In June 2014, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a fact sheet on Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Services for both the Medicare and Medicaid programs. SBIRT services are an evidence-based practice designed to identify, reduce, and prevent problematic use, abuse, and dependence on alcohol and illicit drugs. The fact sheet provides health care professionals with an overview of Medicare and Medicaid coverage of SBIRT services, including who may perform the services, documentation requirements, billing and coding guidance, payment information, and resources for additional information. For more information about behavioral health services and Medicaid, click here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Association for Community Health Improvement (ACHI) Seeks Proposals for National Conference
ACHI is seeking proposals for its 2015 National Conference, March 4-6 in Dallas, Texas. This year’s theme is Building the Next Generation of Healthy Communities. The conference will feature breakout sessions that share successful case examples and practical tools and skills on building health-promoting hospitals and care systems, healthy policies and environments, healthy and impactful partnerships, a community health workforce and leaders, tools to measure community health impact, healthy and sustainable funding sources, and healthy populations. For more information about the conference and how to submit your proposal click here.

CMS releases Request for Information on Beneficiary Engagement in Healthcare
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a Request for Information (RFI) to seek input from stakeholders on the possibility of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation testing innovative models to increase the engagement of Medicare beneficiaries, Medicaid beneficiaries, Medicare-Medicaid beneficiaries, and/or Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) beneficiaries in their health and health care. Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. on September 15, 2014. For additional information, please visit the Beneficiary Engagement Model Opportunities web page and the RFI web page.

IMPORTANT DATES

ASTHO-Supported Primary Care and Public Health Collaborative Meetings

All Partners Call
September 19, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET
Phone: 800-749-1342;  Web Login

Resources Committee Meeting
October 16, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Successes Committee Meeting
October 20, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Workforce Committee Meeting
October 29, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Conferences, Meetings, Presentations, and Other Important Dates

American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living Annual Convention and Expo
October 5 - 8
Washington, DC
Learn more and Register

National Academy for State Health Policy Conference
October 6 - 8
Atlanta, Georgia
Learn more and Register

National Association of Health Data Organizations Conference
October 7 - 9
San Diego, California
Learn more and Register

American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference
October 11 - 14
San Diego, California
Learn more and Register

National Forum on Hospitals, Health System And Population Health
October 22 - 24
Washington, DC
Learn more and Register

American Association of Colleges of Nursing Fall Semiannual Meeting
October 26 - 29
Washington, DC
Learn more and Register
National Association of Medicaid Directors Fall Conference
October 26 - 29
Arlington, Virginia
Learn more and Register

National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health Annual Meeting
October 28 - 29
Omaha, Nebraska
Learn more and Register

Association of American Medical Colleges Annual Meeting
November 7 - 11
Chicago, Illinois
Learn more and Register

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting
November 15 - 19
New Orleans, Louisiana
Learn more

Academy Health and National Institutes of Health Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation
December 8 - 9
Bethesda, MD
Learn more

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. For more information on the strategic map and our integration efforts, visit our website.

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