SUCCESS STORY

Arizona's Recovery Through Whole Health Initiative: Integrating Behavioral and Physical Healthcare Delivery

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) is expanding its integration efforts to deliver coordinated behavioral and physical healthcare to Medicaid-eligible adults with serious mental illnesses (SMI) under a model known as "Recovery Through Whole Health"—an approach that focuses care on the person's life goals instead of his or her diagnosis—to generate greater efficiencies and improve the sustainability of Arizona's health system for the benefit of all Arizonans. Click here to learn more.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

The Children and Recovering Mothers (CHARM) Collaborative: Improving Health Outcomes for Women with a History of Opioid Dependence and their Infants

The CHARM Collaborative in Vermont brings together a multidisciplinary group of agencies to provide comprehensive care management for pregnant and post-partum women with opiate addiction and their infants up to 18 months, depending on need, in an effort to improve short- and long-term health outcomes. The CHARM Collaborative serves approximately 200 women and their infants annually, and coordinates a range of clinical and social services (e.g., child welfare; Medication Assisted Treatment; home visiting; treatment for co-occurring mental health disorders; medical services for incarcerated pregnant women), as well as support in securing reliable transportation, housing, and daycare. CHARM mothers are supported by a team comprised of a physician, registered nurse, medical assistant, and social worker who meet monthly to discuss cases. Click here to learn more.

QUICK LINKS

All Partners List
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Recent Tweets Using #PCPHIntegration
Strategic Map

INTEGRATION RESOURCES

Policymakers in United Kingdom Struggle with Best Approach to Integrate NHS and Social Care Services.
This September 2014 article in the British Medical Journal captures a speech at a future Labour government's annual conference. Andy Burnham, the shadow health secretary, proposed that National Health Service (NHS) hospitals, general practices, and social care services evolve into single integrated care organizations that coordinate all of
people's care from one place. Patients will have a care plan personal to him/her and their family, and the healthcare team will come to their own home to provide care. Burnham's plans were met with resistance from colleagues who warned that the plans would create hospital led organizations, marginalize general practitioners, and lead to the demise of family doctoring as we know it.

**Public Health and Pharmacy Joins Forces to Address Community Health**
This October 2014 article in The Nation's Health discusses how public health practitioners are increasingly calling for stronger partnerships between pharmacists and public health, noting that pharmacists with their reputation for being accessible and trustworthy are ideally positioned to help further priority public health goals. Mitchel Rothholz, chief strategy officer at the American Pharmacists Association, noted that pharmacists have long been providing services that align with public health, though it is only recently that more formalized partnerships between the two fields have emerged. While such partnerships are not entirely new, Rothholz said the idea is gaining even greater momentum with the recent push to expand access to coordinated care.

**AAP Develops a Toolbox to assist Primary Care Practitioners who work with children with Adverse Childhood Experiences**
This 6-part series was designed with the primary care practice in mind – those who may or may not be familiar with adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and the process of asking families about exposure to ACEs or other traumatic events. This project was funded through a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

**AHRQ and Rocky Mountain Health Plans Discuss Integration in Issue Brief**
In this September 2014 issue brief from Rocky Mountain Health Plans, local public health directors and experts from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality discuss the burgeoning collaboration between primary care and public health. The brief discusses examples of primary care and public health integration in Colorado, and explores AHRQ's focus on linkages between primary care and public health through the Clinical-Community Relationships Measures Atlas.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**National Health Service Corps expands the primary care workforce in communities that need them most**
On October 9, 2014 Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell announced that because of to the Affordable Care Act, $283 million has been invested in the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) in fiscal year 2014 to increase access to primary care services in communities that need it most. Programs like the National Health Service Corps increase the primary care workforce in medically underserved urban, rural and Tribal communities. Today, more than 9,200 Corps clinicians are providing care to approximately 9.7 million patients across the country.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**ASTHO-Supported Primary Care and Public Health Collaborative Meetings**

**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**

**National Forum on Hospitals, Health Systems and Population Health**
October 22 - 24
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 and Exposition

November 15 - 19
New Orleans, Louisiana
Learn more and Register


December 8 - 9
Bethesda, Maryland
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 meeting co-hosted by ASTHO and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) that brought together key individuals in primary care and public health to create a strategic map. The map 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*. View the Strategic Map [here](#). For more information on the strategic map and our integration efforts, visit our [website](#) or email [pcphcollaborative@astho.org](mailto:pcphcollaborative@astho.org).

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