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SUCCESS STORY

**Denver, Colorado Collaborates to Develop a Community Health Improvement Plan**

*Be Healthy Denver* is a joint effort between Denver Environmental Health, Denver Public Health, and numerous partner organizations and individuals throughout the city focused on improving the health of all Denver residents through collaboration. Be Healthy Denver envisions a community that provides ample opportunities for all residents to be healthy, regardless of their race, ethnicity, income level, or the neighborhood in which they live. Through this collaboration, *Denver’s Community Health Improvement Plan* (CHIP) has been developed to reflect two health priority areas selected by members of the community: Access to Care, including Behavioral Health and Healthy Eating and Active Living, including the Built Environment.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

**Association of American Medical Colleges’ (AAMC) Public Health Integration Efforts**

The AAMC is a not-for-profit association representing all 141 accredited U.S. and 17 accredited Canadian medical schools and nearly 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems. Through these institutions and organizations, the AAMC represents 128,000 faculty members, 83,000 medical students, and 110,000 resident physicians. Through the AAMC-CDC cooperative agreement aimed at improving the integration of public health concepts into health professions education, the AAMC supports and engages constituents through the Public Health in Medical Education Online Community of Practice, MedEdPORTAL Public Health Collection, and the AAMC-CDC Public Health Policy Fellowship open to early-career physicians. Through a cooperative agreement with the NIH, the AAMC collaborates with the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities/Association of Public and Land-grant Universities to support a National Learning Collaborative, Urban Universities for HEALTH, to expand and enhance a diverse and prepared health workforce to reduce health disparities in urban communities.

QUICK LINKS

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

NCSL Report on Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities: Workforce Diversity
This August 2014 report from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) discusses the current status of Workforce diversity in the United States and why a diverse workforce is important to help improve access to health and healthcare for communities of color. The report then discusses actions that both state and federal policymakers can take to increase workforce diversity.

Strategies to Support Expanded Roles for Non-Clinicians on Primary Care Teams
This October 2014 paper from the National Association of State Health Policy (NASHP) outlines strategies and resources – based on information from 9 different states and localities – for states and primary care practices interested in supporting the inclusion of non-clinicians on primary care teams.

Toolkit: Training the Workforce for a Changing Healthcare System
This October 2014 Alliance for Health Reform Toolkit addresses concerns about whether newly-trained physicians are adequately prepared for today's evolving health care delivery system. Does training adequately emphasize care coordination, team-based care, costs of care, health information technology, cultural competence and quality improvement? Does it encourage students to practice in a primary care setting? Learn more here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CMS to invest $840 Million to Improve Patient Care and Lower Costs
The CMS Innovation Center will invest $840 million to support 150,000 clinicians through the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI). The initiative will encourage doctors to team with their peers and others to move from volume-driven systems to value-based, patient-centered, and coordinated healthcare services through a combination of incentives, tools, and information. This effort is projected to save $1 billion to $5 billion over four years and could prevent 5 million avoidable hospitalizations.

Upcoming IOM Population Health Roundtable: Achieving Meaningful Population Health Outcomes: A Workshop on Spread and Scale
On Dec. 4 in NYC, this IOM workshop will feature invited presentations and discussion about the spread, scale, and sustainability of strategies to improve population health in a variety of contexts. Drawing on the expertise of practitioners in health and non-health sectors, specific topics to be explored will focus on the practical "how to" spread and scale, while considering both the barriers and successes to effectively impacting populations. The workshop will focus on case studies of evidence-based initiatives in state, national, and international contexts as invited speakers share their knowledge and experience in moderated discussions. The workshop will consider how to spread and scale through a variety of programs, practices, policies, and ideas.

IMPORTANT DATES

Conferences, Meetings, Presentations, and Other Important Dates

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
IOM Population Health Roundtable: Achieving Meaningful Population Health Outcomes: A Workshop on Spread and Scale

December 4
New York City, New York
Learn more and Register


December 8 - 9
Bethesda, Maryland
Learn more and Register

American College of Preventive Medicine Annual Meeting

February 25 - 29
Atlanta, Georgia
Learn more and Register

Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health Annual Meeting

March 22 - 25
Arlington, Virginia
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.

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