



Oregon State Innovation Models Grant: Community Health Activities

The Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division (PHD) has leveraged SIM funds to build a foundation for community health integration as a core component of Oregon's health system transformation. SIM community health initiatives facilitate the development of strong partnerships between Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) and local public health authorities (LPHAs) and provide a better overall understanding of the leading health issues in the state and among the Medicaid population.

Partnerships for Population Health

In September 2013, PHD released a competitive request for grant applications for CCO and LPHA partnerships to implement evidence-based population health initiatives in both the community and the health system settings. Applicants were able to select from a range of health issues based on priorities identified in their community health assessments. Four grantees were selected for funding through the term of the SIM grant, collectively reaching six of 16 CCOs and 20 of 34 LPHAs. Community prevention program grantees include:

- Center for Human Development (LPHA for Union County), working in collaboration with Eastern Oregon CCO and 11 other LPHAs in the Eastern Oregon CCO region on developmental screening for children within the first 36 months of life;
- Intercommunity Health Network CCO, working in collaboration with Benton, Lincoln and Linn county LPHAs on tobacco prevention;
- Jackson County LPHA, working in collaboration with Josephine County LPHA, AllCare CCO, Jackson Care Connect CCO and PrimaryHealth of Josephine County CCO on preconception health;
- Multnomah County LPHA, working in collaboration with Health Share of Oregon CCO and Clackamas and Washington county LPHAs on the prevention of opioid overdose.

Data and Surveillance

SIM funds are being used to support the following surveys:

- A version of the state Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey (BRFSS) fielded to Medicaid recipients;
- A race and ethnic oversample of the statewide BRFSS survey;
- A portion of the Oregon Health Teens survey.

SIM funds are also supporting the web-based Oregon Public Health Assessment Tool (OPHAT). OPHAT provides users with access to population health data that is queryable by year, county, age, gender, race and ethnicity.

Finally, SIM funds have supported an analysis of key population health indicators by CCO region and by race and ethnicity. Previously, these data have only been available at the county level.