

Program Update –October 2015

PCPCH Program Annual Report Now Available

The [Patient-Centered Primary Care Home Program 2014-2015 Annual Report](#) is a comprehensive description of the PCPCH Program in Oregon chronicling the PCPCH model development, program operations, PCPCH characteristics, program evaluation and future direction of the program. The report also highlights “in the field best practices” from PCPCHs across the state! The report is available on the [PCPCH Program website](#).

PCPCH Program Evaluations & Research Now Available

The PCPCH Program conducts evaluations to assess the effectiveness of the program. A variety of program components have been evaluated to provide a comprehensive analysis. Both PCPCH Program staff and contracted health services researchers have completed evaluations. Results are used to identify areas of development and improvement of the program’s implementation of the PCPCH model. Completed PCPCH Program evaluation reports are now available on the [PCPCH Program website](#).

Congratulations 3 STAR Clinics!

The PCPCH Program is pleased to announce four clinics have been designated as 3 STAR! Please join us in congratulating:

- [Winding Waters Clinic](#) in Enterprise
- [Grants Pass Clinic](#) in Grants Pass
- [Metropolitan Pediatrics](#) in Portland
- [Metropolitan Pediatrics](#) in Gresham

3 STAR designated clinics are trailblazers in primary care transformation. 3 STAR clinics must meet 11 of 13 specific measures of high functioning PCPCHs and receive a verification site visit prior to being awarded the designation. For more information about becoming a 3 STAR designated clinic email PCPCH@state.or.us.

PCPCH Standards Advisory Committee Update

The PCPCH Standards Advisory Committee is a comprised of diverse stakeholders from across Oregon who advise the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on primary care delivery system transformation. The committee has been meeting monthly since June 2015 to discuss revisions to the PCPCH model and to develop standards for Behavioral Health Homes (BHH) as mandated by the [Oregon legislature](#). The committee's work to date is documented in the meeting minutes and materials which are available on the [PCPCH Standards Advisory Committee webpage](#). Committee meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is November 3 in Portland.

Upcoming Webinars

Q Corp Statewide Report Release: Overview of Key Themes

Each year Q Corp releases a statewide report on health care quality across both government and commercial payers. Join Q Corp staff to review the key themes of the 2015 report and to ask questions about its findings. The reports includes a [Statewide Snapshot](#), which lists average clinic scores on a set of measures, indicating that scores have improved on 11 measures covering a wide spectrum of health care. The report provides a closer look at four such measures where Oregon saw improvement across all payer types: adolescent well-care visits, well-child visits, diabetes kidney disease screening and diabetes blood sugar screening. Finally, it also includes comparison data on the average scores of Patient-Centered Primary Care Home recognized clinics with others on 11 measures, and that shows that PCPCH recognized clinics are scoring higher on 9 measures, and statistically significantly higher on 7 of those measures.

October 29, 2015, 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

[Register here >>>](#)

Tobacco Use: Identification, Intervention and Referral

Tobacco use remains the number one preventable cause of death and disease in Oregon, killing 7000 people each year, and costing Oregonians \$2.5 billion a year in medical expenditures and lost productivity due to premature death. This webinar will explore and identify opportunities for increased patient participation in tobacco cessation through evidence-based interventions. It will also include an overview of tobacco cessation counseling and how the referral workflow works. Lastly, this webinar will include information about the state provided Quit Line that was recently enhanced and the effectiveness of these services in supporting tobacco cessation.

This webinar is part of an on-going public health and primary care webinar series featuring public health experts who can offer valuable training and resources to primary care providers, and ideas and examples of how the two can work together to improve population health.

November 18, 2015, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM [Register here >>>](#)

2015 Coordinated Care Model Summit

Highlighting Outcomes and Promoting Excellence in Oregon's Coordinated Care Model

The Oregon Health Authority invites you to join providers and clinicians, public and private health care purchasers, coordinated care organizations (CCOs), community stakeholders, CCO community advisory councils, health leaders, lawmakers, policymakers and funders for a one-day meeting to:

- share outcomes and lessons learned;
- support excellence in coordinated care model implementation across sectors;
- and inspire future innovation in Oregon and beyond

November 17, 2015 at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR

For more information visit the [Oregon Transformation Center](#).

Technical Assistance Opportunities

As the Oregon affiliate of HealthInsight Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO), Acumentra Health provides **technical assistance at no charge to providers**, related to improving services, care, and outcomes of clinic patients.

Acumentra Health recently launched a new behavioral health initiative to **increase screening of older adults for depression and alcohol use disorder**.

Strategically tailored assistance will help medical practices integrate validated behavioral health screenings into the office visit and documentation workflow, with a focus on recognizing issues that can impact the well-being of Medicare or Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries and referring them for appropriate care to support their overall health. Participating practices will also have opportunities for continuing education and for being part of community-based solutions with mental health providers and inpatient psychiatric facilities. [Read about the behavioral health initiative in The Scribe](#)

A second project supports providers in **improving adult immunization rates**, building on a pilot project that prepared practices to submit EHR data to ALERT IIS, Oregon's statewide immunization registry. The company's clinical facilitators can help clinics refine their processes to use more of their opportunities to provide flu, pneumococcal, and shingles vaccinations.

Acumentra Health also helps practices **use their CEHRTs to meet Meaningful Use requirements** for incentives and avoidance of penalties. Much of what practices accomplish through the other initiatives supports their achievement of Meaningful Use requirements.

To learn more about how to get this valuable assistance, contact David Smith at (503) 382-3954 or dsmith@acumentra.org.

Depression/Alcohol Screening Webinar

Join Acumentra Health and HealthInsight on October 23, 11 a.m. Pacific, for a free webinar featuring alcohol and substance abuse epidemiologist Laura Tomedi, PhD, MPH, and mental health epidemiologist Jessica Reno, MPH, from the New Mexico Department of Health. This event is approved for 1 hour of continuing medical education credit. [See event mailer for details and link to log in.](#)

Have Questions?

We are here to help! Email PCPCH@state.or.us

About the Patient-Centered Primary Care Home Program

Patient-Centered Primary Care Homes (PCPCH) are health care clinics that have been recognized by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for their commitment to providing high quality, patient-centered care. The PCPCH Program administers the application, recognition, and verification process for practices applying to become Patient-Centered Primary Care Homes. The program is also working with stakeholders across Oregon to support adoption of the primary care home model. For more information visit www.PrimaryCareHome.oregon.gov.