

PCPCH Program Newsletter – March 2015

3 STAR Designation Update

Four PCPCHs meeting the eligibility requirements for 3 STAR Designation have expressed interest in the designation. Verification site visits at these clinics are scheduled for the spring. If your clinic is interested in being considered please read the [eligibility requirements](#) and complete a [3 STAR Designation Interest Form](#).



PCPCH Standards Advisory Committee

Thank you to all who applied for a position on the 2015 PCPCH Standards Advisory Committee! Staff are currently reviewing applications and will select committee members by early March. The PCPCH Program convenes the committee to review best practices, clarify existing measures, and refine the model based on lessons learned and current literature.

An emphasis for the 2015 committee will be the integration of behavioral health services and primary care. While looking across the PCPCH Standards, the committee will dedicate time to ensure that the current PCPCH model has appropriate standards related to integration of behavioral health services into physical health-focused primary care settings. The committee will also develop recommendations on standards for integration of primary physical health care in sites where the main focus is delivery of behavioral health care services.

All committee meetings are open to the public and accept public comment. A meeting schedule will be available on the PCPCH Program website.

PCPCH Program Evaluation

Evaluation research on the PCPCH Program in Oregon has been published in January/February 2015 edition of [The Journal of Public Health Management and Practice](#). From the abstract, “This evaluation provides insights into the factors that influence implementation of a primary care home program as public policy; the strategies and challenges associated with implementation of the model; and the implications of both for other states that are engaged in—or considering—similar system reform efforts.”

Upcoming Webinars

POLST: What's New and How Can We Do Better?

March 18, 2015. 8 am - 9 am

Join this webinar hosted by the Patient-Centered Primary Care Institute to learn why the Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) and Advanced Directives are an essential part of comprehensive, patient-centered care, what resources and training materials are available, and how other practices have implemented POLST in their primary care . [Register Now>>>](#)

Medication Assisted Treatment of Substance Use Disorders

April 8, 2015. 8 am - 9 am

This webinar will cover the variety of medications used to treat Substance Use Disorders (SUDs), how those medications work, and, most importantly, how the use of medications fits into a recovery plan. [Register now »](#)

Become a NHSC Certified Clinic

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) will begin accepting applications from NEW practices interested in certification on March 30, 2015. Becoming a NHSC-approved clinic can help your practice recruit and retain qualified health care providers who are committed to serving in communities where their skills are most needed. Visit the [NHSC](#) website for more information.