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A Monthly Insight into the Greater Columbia ACH



**GCACH** report



## *Practice Transformation, It Really Ties the Project Together!*

It has taken me a while to understand how practice transformation ties our four project areas together, because practice transformation is a process improvement initiative designed to help practices improve care delivery through changes in office systems. **Because it is in the office environment where people seek health care, those offices that provide exemplary care use evidence-based approaches. Therefore, it is the approach to care that ties our projects together.**

Success in transformation is largely linked to the adoption and performance of Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMH) which is the work of our Practice Transformation Navigators under the leadership of Sam Werdel. GCACH, with assistance from OHSU, will be determining the initial list of provider organizations that will receive technical assistance for practice transformation and “move the needle” on our performance measures.

Enjoy a few thoughts from our Provider organizations regarding practice transformation.

### **Yakima Valley Farm Workers**

The vision at YVFWC is, “The health of one person is the health

of humanity.” We believe that Practice Transformation will help us further our progress towards our goal of the Triple AIM. Through Practice Transformation, we hope to achieve better care and better health for our patients, improve patient and clinical team experiences, and lower the cost of care. Our goal is to utilize training, coaching, and funding to implement both proven and promising practices to achieve the highest possible health outcomes.

### **Community Health of Central Washington**

It has always been true that a doctor/patient visit could rarely achieve the health outcome needed by the patient and desired by the provider. Practice transformation has the potential to support the team required to achieve outcomes in primary care – the most cost effective and efficacious healthcare setting – and to align the team in an innovative whole person approach to improve well-being and reduce future health care costs. Practice transformation doesn’t only lead us to a desired future state envisioned by patients. As primary care providers, we embrace the freedom to expand the definition of care in the interest of outcomes and efficiencies. Sustaining a more comprehensive, equitable and responsive health care system is the community’s reward.

# WAFE Portal Registrations & Payments

Payments continue to roll out bi-weekly within the WAFE Portal! The stipend amount is based on the following: submission of LOI, registration within the WAFE Portal, participation as a project facilitator, and participation as a GCACH board member. 44 organizations have been paid, releasing a total of \$144,000. The next payment date is June 29<sup>th</sup>. Depending on Board approvals, June 29<sup>th</sup> payment may include payment for completing the Current State Assessment. More categories and efforts are being discussed for future engagement payments.

## Providers Yet to Register

There are 18 providers that still need to register in the WAFE portal. Kylee and Diane have been working hard to contact the remaining providers, and understand some work is being completed on the

back end to update information. If you need additional assistance, please contact Diane Halo ([dhalo@gcach.org](mailto:dhalo@gcach.org)) or Kylee Spence ([kspence@gcach.org](mailto:kspence@gcach.org)).

To view the recorded training, click the link below:

<https://pcgus.webex.com/pcgus/ldr.php?RCID=ef80c2e8cbf452e78a18af993f51cb96>

## Instructions to Register

To register in the portal, follow the instructions listed below:

- Go to: <https://wafinancialexecutor.com/>
- Select the **Register Provider** tab
- Enter in **your** email address and your entity's **EIN** (This email and EIN must match what was provided on your LOI)
- A confirmation code should be sent to your email address
- Type that confirmation code into the box and select **Submit**
- Now you will be brought to **set password** then to the login page
- On the **login** page enter in your credentials



## LHIN Priority Deliverables

Congratulations to the following Local Health Improvement Networks for completing priority deliverables due June 30<sup>th</sup> earning each of them some funds.

- Benton-Franklin Community Health Alliance, \$30,000.
- Kittitas County Health Network, \$30,000.
- Whitman County Health Network, \$30,000.
- South East Washington Rural Health Network, \$15,000.

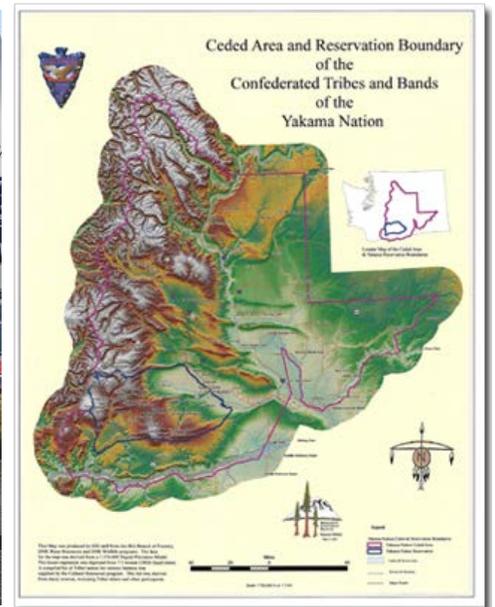


## Practice Transformation Training

Practice transformation training has continued to move forward. Wes and Jenna have completed reading all 32 modules included in the Practice Transformation curriculum. Additionally, Wes and Jenna have completed the Safety Net Medical Home Initiative (SNMHI) – Change Concepts for Practice Transformation.

This training has provided a perspective on practice transformation from the practice's point-of-view. This has been complementary to the previous training Wes and Jenna received which was from the perspective of the Practice Transformation Navigator point-of-view. Additionally, Jenna and Sam have begun some "hands-on" training with Tri-Cities Community Health's IT Department for an extensive overview of the Nextgen process and infrastructure.





# Yakama Nation Treaty Days

This year marks the 163<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the signing of the treaty that formed the Yakama Nation Tribe. GCACH's Community and Tribal Engagement Specialist, Rubén Peralta, had the honor of representing GCACH at the Yakama Nation's Treaty Days celebration.

Rubén set up an informational booth at the celebration to spread the word about what GCACH is working to accomplish in our region. He passed out bilingual brochures, bubbles and other fun promotional items to generate awareness of Greater Columbia ACH.

The celebration marks the anniversary of the 1855 Treaty in which the Yakama Nation ceded over 12 million acres to the federal government in exchange for education, healthcare, and other services. Tribal leaders reserved the right to fish, hunt and gather all of the tribe's traditional foods on the reservation as well as the ceded area. The term "reservation" within the context of indigenous people of the United States comes from the land and rights they reserved to themselves after ceding millions of acres.

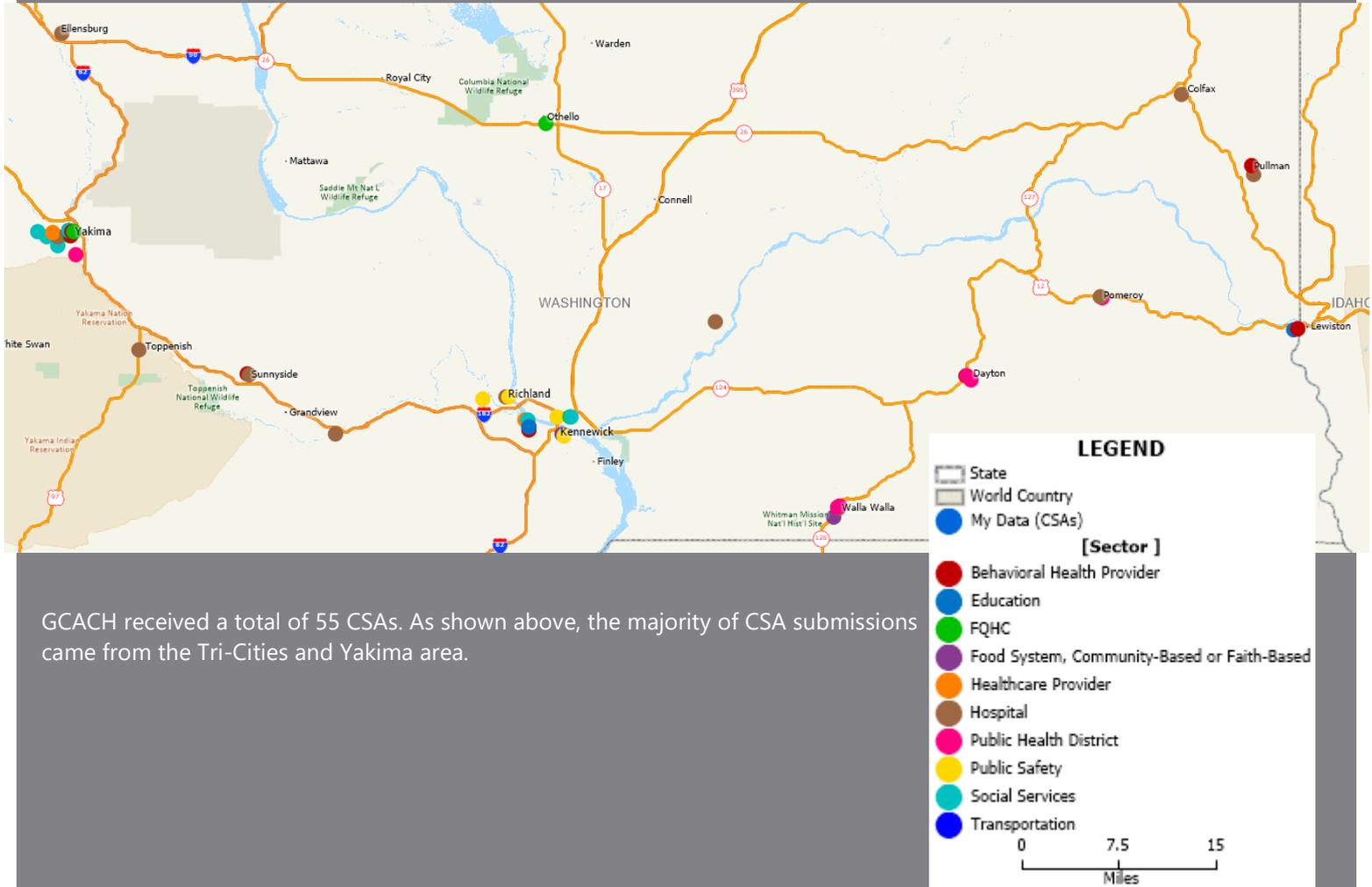
Yakama Nation Ceded Area and Reservation Boundary



GIS mapping >>>

# GCACH CSA Submissions by Sector

GCACH purchased Maptitude, a GIS and mapping software allowing our organization to create maps and map images from data spreadsheets. The map below highlights organizations that we received CSAs from between May 9, 2018 – May 30, 2018. The below map is organized by sector, please reference the legend to determine which color belongs to which sector.



GCACH received a total of 55 CSAs. As shown above, the majority of CSA submissions came from the Tri-Cities and Yakima area.



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