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A Monthly Insight into the Greater Columbia ACH



GCACH report

Practice Transformation Success Stories

Written by Jenna Shelton and Martin Sanchez, Practice Transformation Navigators

Columbia Basin Health Association (CBHA) – Connell Clinic

Greater Columbia ACH is excited to highlight Columbia Basin Health Association's (CBHAs) Connell Clinic for their progress in Practice Transformation. Over the last few months they have worked hard to gather data to include in the Reporting Workbook. Out of this work, leadership was able to identify areas of opportunity and areas of strength. To address these areas, CBHA has hired an individual that will focus on stratifying their patients and is planning on rolling out a care management program company-wide. CBHA is also planning on starting a care coordination program to effectively manage high-risk conditions in their patients. The GCACH team is excited to see implementation of such practices and programs that will benefit their patient population. Great job CBHA staff!

CHAS Health

Greater Columbia ACH would like to highlight CHAS for the work that they have completed with Practice Transformation. CHAS has been assigned one clinic for Practice Transformation, which happens to be their dental clinic in Clarkston, Washington. GCACH is excited to learn that CHAS has already implemented workflow changes, including bi-directional integration. Each patient that enters the dental clinic who is over 16 years of age receives a PHQ-2 assessment. Since implementation in quarter one, CHAS has been able to connect one dental patient to behavioral health services based on PHQ-2 results. CHAS has also hired a full-time Community Health Worker (CHW) that will be performing outreach to patients following discharge from the hospital and Emergency Department. Based on the workflows that were developed at CHAS, the CHW is able to help patients that are seen at the Clarkston and Lewiston clinic. Great job, CHAS!



Washington Financial Executor (WAFE) Portal Update

Written by Becky Kolln, Director of Finance and Contracts

The Practice Transformation providers are receiving \$658,492 the week of May 13, 2019 for accomplishing their contract milestones. The providers are now working hard on their Quarter 2 milestones.

GCACH also funded Blue Mountain Community Foundation to facilitate proposals to address the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) that were identified in the community.

The WAFE Portal will be closed May 20, 2019 and opening again on June 14, 2019 which will make the next payment distribution June 28, 2019.

WAFE Payments and Contracts

2019 PAYMENT BY USE CATEGORY (CONTRACT)	TOTALS
Community Health Fund (Third Party Administrator Contracts)	\$ 1,395,201.87
Health Systems and Community Capacity Building	\$ 1,196,504.92
Integration Incentives	\$ -
Provider Engagement (Practice Transformation Contracts)	\$ 4,287,534.00
Provider Performance and Quality Incentives	\$ 340,662.00
Reserve / Contingency Fund	
2019 Total Payments	\$ 7,219,902.79
2018 Year End	\$ 4,495,434.89
Total Portal Payments to Date	\$11,715,337.68

Total payments made to providers.

CSI Reporting Portal Update

Written by Wes Luckey, Deputy Director

As previously reported, Greater Columbia ACH has been working with CSI Solutions to develop a Reporting Portal site that will be used to track GCACH project areas, post educational opportunities and resources, Practice Transformation activities and other project work. This site is separate from the <https://www.gcach.org> website. The landing page for the site is now completed and we are beginning the process of developing confidential organization folders for Practice Transformation organizations to store their related documentation (e.g. contracts, Practice Transformation Implementation Workplans). The Reporting Portal web-reporting form (based upon the specifications of the Practice Transformation Reporting Workbook) will be used by providers to report Milestone progress and will have a variety of input types (e.g. columns, narrative, number sum, and multi-selection). Providers will also be able to upload additional documentation to support their Milestone progress. However, the complexity of the web-reporting form continues to challenge the developers at CSI and has pushed-out the form's implementation date for Practice Transformation providers. Once the web-form has been completed (mid-May), we will ask a participating Practice Transformation organization to pilot-test the form to ensure its reliability. More updates to this will follow as we continue to track progress.



Social Determinants of Health (SDOHs) as Determined by each Local Health Improvement Network

Written by Rubén Peralta, Community and Tribal Engagement Specialist

On May 17, 2019, GCACH will complete the distribution of the \$1,395,200 we budgeted from the Community Health Fund (CHF) to address the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) within our region. For several months, the six Local Health Improvement Networks (LHINs) went through a process of selecting their SDOH priorities which included capturing the consumers' voice to determine which areas are most pressing. They took into consideration the findings of the Community Health Needs assessments, consumer surveys, focus groups, and a consumer council. The table below shows the SDOH categories each LHIN selected to address with the funds provided by GCACH.

Highest Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) identified by each Local Health Improvement Network (LHIN)

	Access to Care/Transportation	Healthcare System Navigation	Nutrition/Food Insecurity	Behavioral Health	Housing	Employment	Education
Benton-Franklin Community Health Alliance	x		x	x	x		
Blue Mountain Regional Health Partnership	x				x		x
Kittitas County Health Network			x		x		
Southeast WA Rural Health Network	x	x	x	x			
Whitman County Health Network				x			
Yakima County Health Care Coalition	x			x	x	x	x

As shown in the table above, most LHINs identified housing, behavioral health, nutrition/food insecurity, and access to care/transportation as top SDOHs.

It was required that the funds be administered by a third-party administrator (TPA) of each LHIN's choosing. The following table shows each LHIN's TPA and the amount they received.

Third Party Administrator (TPA) Selected by each Local Health Improvement Network (LHIN)

Third Party Administrator (TPA)	Benton-Franklin Community Health Alliance	Blue Mountain Regional Health Partnership	Kittitas County Health Network	Southeast WA Rural Health Network	Whitman County Health Network	Yakima County Health Care Coalition
Three Rivers Community Foundation	\$ 434,537.09					
Blue Mountain Community Foundation		\$ 141,583.09		\$ 111,067.33		
Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation					\$79,047.12	
Yakima Valley Community Foundation			\$ 99,880.61			\$ 529,084.75
					Total	\$ 1,395,200

Practice Transformation Quarter One Reporting

Written by Carol Moser, Executive Director

Results of Practice Transformation Milestones shows that our providers in cohort one are making great progress for the reporting period January through March. Every organization has submitted a budget for their planned use of incentive funding, and all are working on empanelment status, identifying high-risk patient and conditions, strategies to support self-management, medication management, 24/7 access, patient centered interactions, care coordination, health information technology assessments, identifying clinical quality metrics and more.

These Milestones were reviewed on May 2, 2019 by the Practice Transformation Workgroup (PTW) as part of their chartered responsibilities. Each Milestone is part of the journey of Practice Transformation, and give providers choices to address them. Perhaps more importantly, it highlights areas where providers need to focus, and where they need assistance in addressing barriers. Upon achievement of the Milestones, providers are incentivized based on an algorithm that the PTW developed in 2018, and totals over \$12.6 million in Delivery System Incentive Payments (DSRIP) if all of the Milestones are achieved during 2019 (click [here](#) for the Practice Transformation Toolkit).

Quarter One Practice Transformation Reporting

PCMH Milestone Report Q1 2019		B1 Directional Integration (DI.1)			Transitional Care (TA.1)			Optimal Care (OC.1)			Chronic Disease & Prevention (CA.1, PA.2, SA.2)		
Organization	Amount Paid YTD 2019	Planning Implemented	Not Started	Not Started	Planning Implemented	Not Started	Not Started	Planning Implemented	Not Started	Not Started	Planning Implemented	Not Started	Not Started
Arkia Sonoparis (Includes LDI, CSA, WME Portal)	\$87,800.00												
Arkia Sonoparis Hospital	\$47,400.00												
Arkia Health Center	\$47,400.00												
Arkia Tappanish Hospital (Includes LDI, CSA, WME Portal)	\$90,413.00												
Arkia Tappanish Hospital	\$90,413.00												
Virginia Mason Memorial (Includes LDI, CSA, WME Portal)	\$147,800.00												
Virginia Mason Memorial Hospital	\$72,400.00												
Memorial Cardiovascular Medicine	\$75,400.00												
Catholic Charities Serving Central Washington (Includes LDI, CSA, WME Portal)	\$211,879.00												
Catholic Charities - Yakima	\$126,880.00				Working on Pre-emptive access								
Catholic Charities - Richland	\$84,999.00				Working on Pre-emptive access								
Providence St. Mary Medical Center (Includes LDI, CSA, WME Portal)	\$180,287.00												
Providence St. Mary Medical Center	\$60,788.00												
Providence Medical Group	\$60,788.00												
Providence Urgent Care	\$60,788.00												
Palouse Medical (Includes LDI, CSA, WME Portal)	\$226,883.00												
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Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (Includes LDI, CSA, WME Portal)	\$200,126.00												
Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic - Toppenish	\$131,183.00												
Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic - Waha Valley	\$71,183.00												

The GCACH Practice Transformation Team has been providing technical assistance to the providers to achieve all of the Milestones which translates into incentive payments for our providers. To date, more than \$11.7 million has been distributed to our 45 clinics and hospitals participating in Practice Transformation since May of 2018, the first month of DSRIP.

Trauma and the Opioid Crisis Summit

Written by Diane Halo, Opioid Resource Network Project Manager

On June 20-21, 2019, Greater Columbia Accountable Community of Health (GCACH) and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Yakima, in collaboration with Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (PNWU), are hosting a regional summit on Trauma-Informed Care and the Opioid Crisis. It will be held at PNWU in Yakima, Washington. The Summit will include five keynote speakers and four tracks that include 30+ speakers from across the region. The Summit is where solutions are formulated, where stakeholders from federal to family convene, and where change begins. This gathering is where we will discuss what's working in prevention, implementation, and treatment for Trauma Informed Care and Approaches and the Opioid Crisis.



Four Tracks have been developed so participants can get information that is relevant to their patients and practices.

Track 1 - Strategies for Managing Patients with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)

Track 2 - Patients, Payment and Stigma

Track 3 - Trauma Informed Care & Opioids

Track 4 - Innovative Ways to Manage Patients with OUD

GCACH has set aside 100 spots for our Practice Transformation organizations. On May 21, 2019, the spots will be released to the public. Please register at your earliest convenience! We hope to see you all there!

Click [here](#) to register today! Please contact GCACH's Opioid Resource Network Project Manager, Diane Halo (dhalo@gcach.org) with any questions or concerns.



May 2019 Leadership Council/Learning Collaborative Meeting

Written by Lauren Johnson, Communication & Administrative Coordinator

Washington state is leading strategic changes within Medicaid, allowing us to move forward with a healthier Washington. The Medicaid Transformation is a five-year agreement between the State and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that provides up to \$1.5 billion federal investment for regional health system transformation projects that benefit Apple Health (Medicaid) clients. Within the Healthier Washington Medicaid Transformation are Initiatives 1, 2, and 3, allowing us to test new and innovative approaches to providing health coverage and care.

The topical areas for the May Leadership Council Meeting included Initiative 2: Long-Term Services and Supports and Initiative 3: Foundational Community Supports (FCS) Housing and Employment. Initiative 2 is focused on building successes of our current system and creating a "next generation" system of care focused on outcomes, supporting families in caring for loved ones, delaying or avoiding the need for more intensive Medicaid-funded care where possible, creating better linkages to a reformed health care system, and continuing its commitment to a robust Medicaid LTSS system for those who need it. Initiative 3 is intended to help Washington's most vulnerable beneficiaries get and keep stable housing and employment, in support of their broader health needs.

Chaplaincy Health Care's End of Life Conference

Written by Lauren Johnson, Communication and Administrative Coordinator

GCACH is excited to announce our first sponsored event! Chaplaincy Health Care submitted a Sponsorship Application and is receiving \$3,500.00 for their event. The Chaplaincy Health Care End of Life (EOL) Conference is scheduled for October 18, 2019. The event is intended for attendees to gain a greater understanding of the complex issues in providing palliative and EOL care with the goal of decreasing avoidable hospitalizations and cultivating an awareness of quality care at EOL. To learn more and register, click the following link: <https://chaplaincyhealthcare.org/event/cme-conference-2019/>.

The next Sponsorship Application window opens on July 1, 2019 and closes July 31, 2019. The link to the Policy and Application are below:

- [GCACH Sponsorship Policy/GCACH Sponsorship Application](#)