

Greater Columbia ACH

Director's Report

February 16, 2017



1 MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION PUBLIC FORUM

United Way Building
401 Young Street
Kennewick 99336

A statewide series of public meetings are being held to give Healthier Washington staff and the public a chance to engage, ask questions, and offer comments about the recently signed Medicaid Transformation Project demonstration. The Healthier Washington (The Health Care Authority) staff will be coming to the Greater Columbia region for a public forum on Saturday, March 11th from 1:00pm-2:30pm at United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties.

To make the most of this opportunity when our community members are gathering for the HCA public forum, GCACH is hosting a meeting that morning (also at United Way) from 11:00am-1:00pm (includes lunch!) to share preliminary results from the survey, to provide an opportunity for attendees to take the survey, and to learn more about local initiatives that align with demonstration projects.

2 REGIONAL SURVEY TO INFORM DEMONSTRATION PROJECT SELECTION

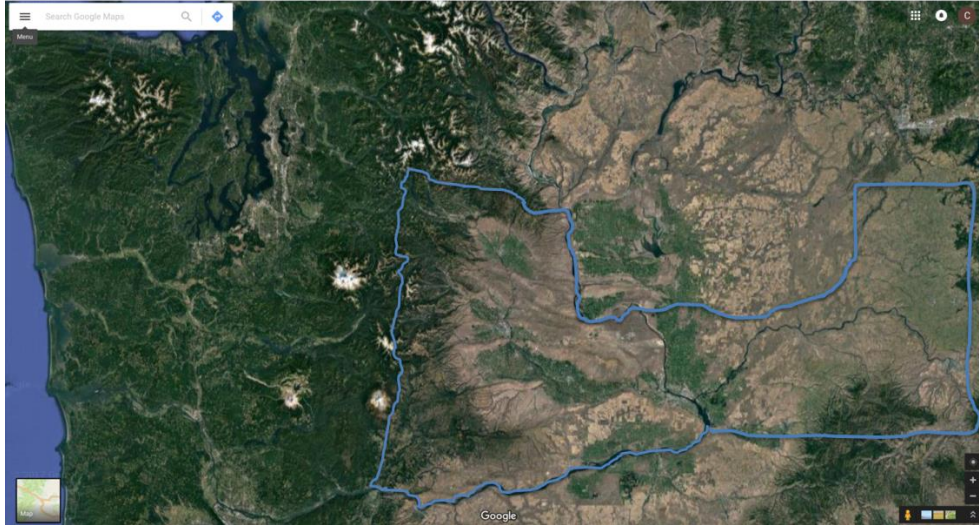
Before proceeding to advance a set of optional projects for the Medicaid Demonstration, the Board of the Greater Columbia ACH wants to learn from the many organizations and individuals in our ten-county region engaged in serving the Medicaid population. Following the lead of the Olympic Community of Health, GCACH has modified their survey to evaluate, assess, and determine specific needs of our region. The results of the survey will inform the Board in its ranking of the various projects that are currently being proposed. It will provide the information necessary to design the initiatives to maximum benefit by tailoring them to the unique needs and circumstances of the communities in which the project will be implemented.

The survey will build on the existing regional inventory conducted in 2015, but more specifically targets programs and services that align with the Demonstration Project.

3 DISPARITIES IN CARE FORUM

Following the State of Reform presentation, I was approached by Laurie Cavanaugh, Program Manager for the Washington Health Alliance to participate in a Disparities in Care Forum being hosted by WHA and Qualis Health. The event took place February 14th, and I share the following information with them. As we look at implementing projects, it is vital to consider how our project selection is helping address the social determinants of health.

Place matters!



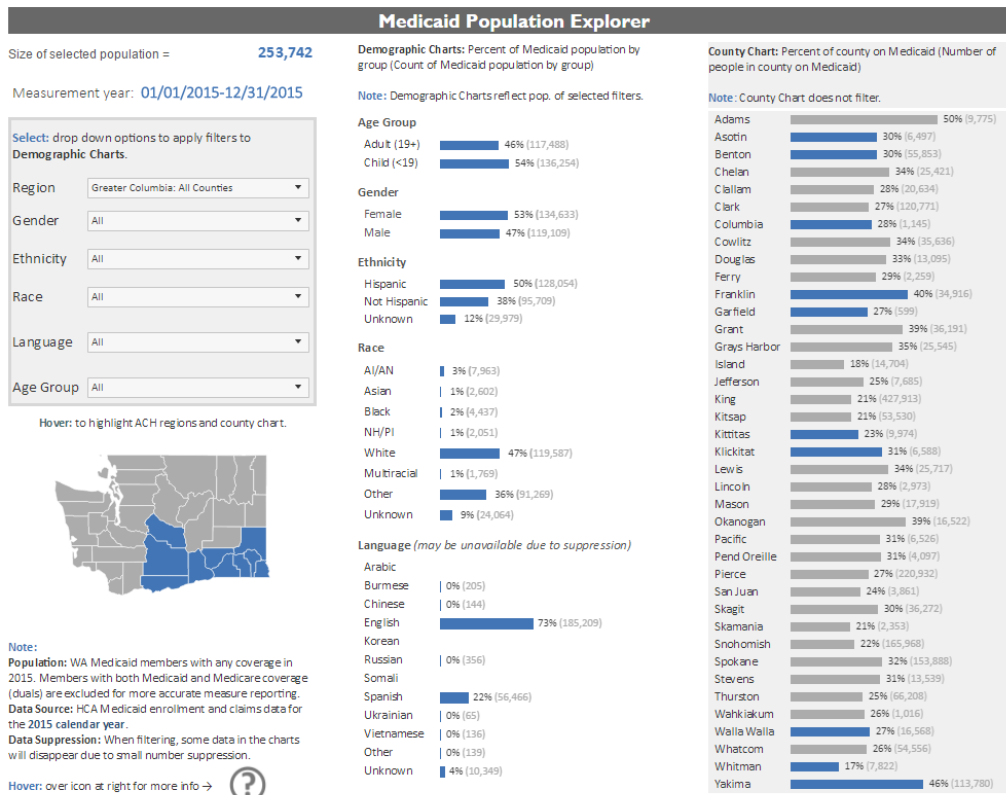
Greater Columbia by County Population & Medicaid %**				
County Population	OFM 4-1-16	% GCACH Pop	Population on Medicaid*	% of GCACH Pop on Medicaid
Asotin	22,150	3%	6,497	2.6%
Benton	190,500	26%	55,853	22.0%
Columbia	4,050	1%	1,145	0.5%
Franklin	88,670	12%	34,916	13.8%
Garfield	2,200	0.3%	599	0.2%
Kittitas	43,710	6%	9,974	3.9%
Klickitat	21,270	3%	6,588	2.6%
Walla Walla	60,730	8%	16,568	6.5%
Whitman	47,940	7%	7,822	3.1%
Yakima	250,900	34%	113,780	44.8%
Total GCACH Pop	732,120	100%	253,742	100%
Comparison to WA State			13.9%	
Comparison to GCACH Population			34.7%	

** <https://fortress.wa.gov/t/51/views/HealthierWashingtonDashboard/PopulationExplorer>

Greater Columbia ACH**

Characteristics	Statewide	GCACH
Rural	18%	23.3%
Hispanic/Latino	11.2%	26.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2%	14.3%
Less than high school graduate	10%	19.2%
Non-Citizen	7.1%	10.0%
Limited English proficient	7.9%	13.5%
Migrant Seasonal Farmworker	4.1%	19.6%
Uninsured	13.5%	18.2%
Medicaid Insured	26%	34.7%
Below Poverty	12.9%	19.5%

** Yakima Valley Community Foundation Grant Application, Deb Gauck, 2016



Draft Medicaid Waiver Toolkit
(January 3rd to February 2nd,
2017) Map

Medicaid Transformation 5-Year Demonstration through ACHs

Initiative 1

- Green boxes are required:
 - RHNI
 - 2 taskforces
 - 3 focus areas
 - 2 projects
- In addition, ACHs are required to select at least one of the optional projects (yellow) in Domain 2 and at least one in Domain 3.
- Orange boxes are specific to GCACH not to all ACHs

