ORPRN E-News - January 2016

The ORPRN monthly e-news will keep you up-to-date on ORPRN news, events, and resources, as well as opportunities to participate in research and practice transformation activities.

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Project Updates

Community Health Advocacy & Research Alliance (CHARA) Research Retreat

CHARA held its first ever Research Retreat on Saturday November 7, 2015 at the Water's Edge in The Dalles. The retreat brought together community members, patients, healthcare professionals, and researchers to discuss personal interests, learn about CHARA's history and mission, reflect on what makes academic-community partnerships work, and to engage in preliminary discussion regarding research collaborations. The collaborations focused on three broad areas of community interest:

- Mental health and substance use
- Colorectal cancer screening
- Healthy lifestyles.

Moving forward CHARA will focus on:

- Developing a comparative effectiveness research application focused on improving colorectal cancer screening.
- Exploring opportunities for supporting collaborative research grants related to mental health and substance use treatment.
- Encouraging local activities to quantify the needs of the homeless population and those who are incarcerated.
- Securing additional support to enable a designated, longer-term CHARA community/academic research liaison.

Interested in learning more about this project? Visit the website for updates on CHARA's next steps and the detailed meeting notes.
Healthy Hearts Northwest: Taking practice transformation to the next level with the support of practice facilitation

“Despite the promise of QI capacity to help improve primary care delivery, the financing and structure of primary care in the United States makes it difficult for primary care practices to build QI capacity on their own. Most primary care practices do not have the time, resources, or expertise needed to focus on practice improvement.” Erin Fries Taylor, Janice Genevro, Deborah Peikes, Winnie Wang and David Meyers. Building Quality Improvement Capacity in Primary Care. 2013 (AHRQ Pub # 13-0044-2-EF)

Within ORPRN, Practice Enhancement Research Coordinators (PERCs) provide that support for practice transformation. They are the backbone for work conducted within and by the network. PERCs play a key role by creating a presence in Oregon communities, and connecting ORPRN’s academic base at OHSU with the realities and challenges facing both urban and rural clinics. In addition, the PERCs provide expertise in practice transformation change concepts, such as quality improvement strategy; continuous, team-based relationships; patient-centered interactions; organized, evidence-based care; and care coordination.

ORPRN currently has ten PERCs throughout the state. Seven of the ORPRN PERCs are supporting the Healthy Hearts Northwest (H2N) initiative, and have started working with over 80 small- and medium-sized practices throughout Oregon to build their QI capabilities and infrastructure, and to transform these practices into learning organizations that engage in sustained, continuous, systematic QI.

Visit the Healthy Hearts Northwest website to learn more about the project and see the full list of participating practices. Contact Caitlin Dickinson, ORPRN H2N Project Manager, summerca@ohsu.edu or Lyle J. (LJ) Fagnan, ORPRN Director, fagnani@ohsu.edu to find out how you can get a PERC in your practice.

ORPRN Convocation

Addressing Health Disparities in Primary Care | Thursday March 10, 2016 | Registration now open!

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ORPRN is proud to welcome keynote speaker Arthur Kaufman, MD, Vice Chancellor for Community Health, and Professor of Family Medicine and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico.

Dr. Kaufman has a passion for creating innovative education and service models to better address community, indigent, rural and population health needs. He helped initiate the Primary Care Curriculum in New Mexico, which became an international model for change. He is Director of New Mexico's World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Innovative Health Workers Education Service and Research Models. In 1999 he was elected Secretary General for the Network:Towards Unity for Better Health - a WHO-affiliated, non-government organization comprised mostly of academic health centers in developing countries interested in improving their relevance in education and service in addressing health needs of their local populations.

Dr. Kaufman has received national teaching awards from the Association of American Medical Colleges (Primary Care Award) and from Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (Achievement Award). He received the "Humanism in Medicine Award (AAMC)" in 2001 and
the "5 Star Doctor Award" from WONCA in 2008. He has over 70 publications and has written 4 books. His publications concern healthcare for uninsured and marginalized populations and problem-based and community-oriented teaching innovations. He has received numerous federal and private foundation grants to support his work. In 2012 Dr. Kaufman gave TED Talk: Learning from Farmers How to Improve Community Health.

Agenda

- 12:00 pm - Poster Session* and Pre-Convocation Networking time with snacks
- 1:00 pm - Welcome
  Sandra Dunbrasky, MD, ORPRN Steering Committee Chair
- 1:10 pm - Community Health Workers in Primary Care Practice to Improve Community Health
  Arthur Kaufman, MD, Vice Chancellor for Community Health and Professor of Family Medicine and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico
- 2:00 pm - Community Health Workers Improving Community Health
  Elizur Bello, Community Health Worker and Health Services Program Manager at the Next Door Inc., Hood River
- 2:45 pm - Lessons from the Field—Panel of Community Health Workers and Primary Care Clinicians and Staff
  Bruce Goldberg, MD, ORPRN Senior Associate Director, Facilitator
- 3:45 pm - Break/Networking
- 4:00 pm - PERCs as Health Extension Agents for Practice Improvement and Practice Change
- 5:00 pm - Closing Impressions
  Liz Powers, MD, Incoming Steering Committee Chair

*Poster Categories: ORPRN Research, Family Medicine Resident, Community Stakeholders

Call for Posters

Do you have a poster you would like to present at ORPRN's Poster Session? Complete this form and a member of the ORPRN team will contact you for more information.

ORPRN Publication

Research tool to measure chronic pain

Under the leadership of OHSU Department of Family Medicine Professor Richard Deyo, M.D., ORPRN recruited a cohort of over 200 patients having chronic musculoskeletal pain not currently receiving opioid therapy. The project tested use of a short-form version of the NIH PROMIS measures and calculated an impact score based on those measures. Results are published in the December 24, 2015 issue of Pain Medicine. Use of the short-form PROMIS measures and the impact score may be useful in other chronic pain projects.

Funding Opportunity

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Foundation is working with the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) to offer Professionalism Challenge Grants of $25,000 to practicing physicians. Awarded grants will fund four projects designed and led by physicians who have promising ideas for
overcoming an obstacle that inhibits them from performing their work per the principles and professional commitments defined in the Physician Charter.

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