

# 39th Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference



#### Presents

### Building a CAH Quality Network to Enrich Peer-to-Peer Learning and Connections

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## Session Objectives

- Share CAH quality priorities and struggles and ORH's role in supporting CAHs.
- Share our progress in developing the CAH Quality Network framework and next steps.
- Identify how peer-to-peer sharing and learning can enhance your program(s).
- Open discussion and Q&A about regional efforts and ideas for the future (if time allows).

## Common Struggles for CAH Quality Programs

- · Lack of peer connections and learning opportunities.
- Staff turnover in quality positions at CAHs (both pre/post-COVID).
- Manpower having enough staff in quality to meet all priorities.
- Multiple quality reporting programs with numerous reporting portals.
- Finding rural relevant measures.
- Low patient volumes.
- Buy-in from department managers and sometimes leadership.
- Lack of experienced workforce.

### Quality Directors Face a Multitude of Priorities:

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riskmanagementreadmissions
   reporting
                  Excellence
     safety
               patientsafety
         opioidstewardship
        surveyreadiness
    environmentalrounds
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## Oregon Office of Rural Health Support



#### Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Flex Grant)

- HRSA grant targeted towards support of CAHs in:
  - Quality
  - EMS

- Finance and Operations
- Population Health
- Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) measures which includes four domains:
  - Patient Safety
  - Outpatient

- Patient Experience (HCAHPS)
- Care Transitions
- Assess the needs of CAH quality professionals every ~3-5 years to assist with planning for future program work.

### Flex Quality Activities

#### Support offered by ORH using Flex funding:

- Education and Training
- Cohorts/Collaboratives

- Direct grants

- Scholarships

#### Examples of peer learning opportunities:

- Patient and Family Engagement (PFE) Cohort
- Turning Data Into Improvement
- Sigma Med Solutions Thrive Don't Just Survive
- Center for Stewardship in Medicine (CSiM) Memberships
- Intense Quality Improvement Cohorts (IQIC): ASB & UTI Cohorts
- CAH Quality 101 Series\*



### Flex Quality Activities Continued

- Quality Trainings/Workshops/Scholarships/Grants
  - CAH Quality and MBQIP Workshop
  - Scholarships for conference registrations, travel, etc.
    - TeamSTEPPS Master Trainer
    - Root Cause Analysis Training
  - National Association of Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)
    - Individual memberships
    - CPHQ Prep Courses
    - NEXT Conference Scholarships

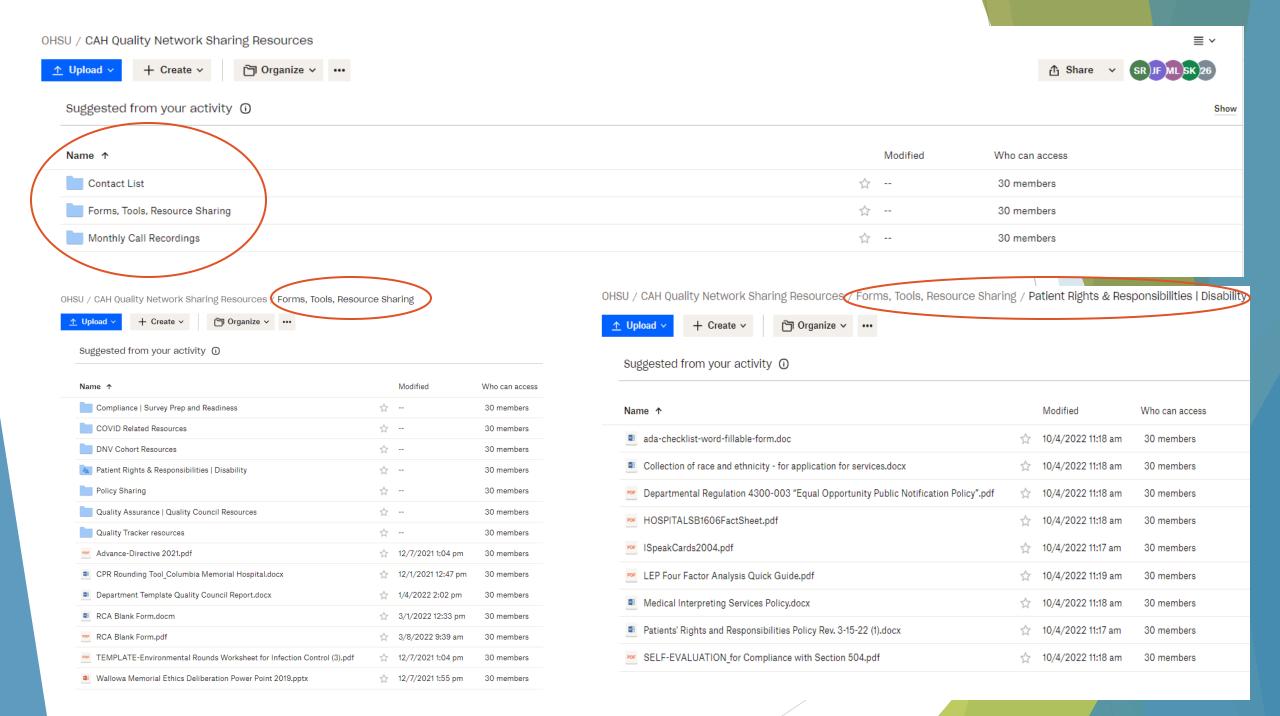


## The Start of the CAH Quality Sharing Network

- CAH Quality 101 Series Spring of 2021
  - Educational webinars
    - Best practices in quality improvement
    - Data abstracting & reporting
    - Process improvement
  - Six Monthly Open Office Hour Sessions (ended July 2021)
- Post-COVID
- Many New(er) Quality Staff
- Desire to continue meeting monthly for peer connections, sharing and learning.

### Monthly CAH Quality Network Calls

- Started in August 2021 First Tuesday 11:00 to 12:00
- No Agenda
  - Open to any CAH Quality Staff to join, standing invitation on calendars.
  - Hosted by ORH but driven <u>BY</u> participants.
  - Come with questions, share successes, share experiences to help peers.
- Drop Box Share Drive
  - Meeting recordings
  - Shared resources, forms, tools (policies, tracking tools, checklists, etc.)
  - Contact list



### Monthly CAH Quality Network Calls Continued

- Average ~15 participants per month.
- Common Discussions and sharing topics:
  - Compliance and survey prep / readiness/response.
  - DNV cohort resources.
  - COVID related resources.
  - Quality Assurance / Quality Council Resources.
  - General Policy Sharing.
  - Quality Tracker Tool.
  - Root Cause Analysis (RCA) resources.
  - Many, many others...

### Growing the Network - Next Steps

- Desire to visit peer facilities:
  - How do other Quality Departments function?
  - Share successful quality / process improvement projects.
  - Meet and learn from other CAH leadership.
  - Opportunity to meet in person with peers once a quarter
- Develop Regional Map
  - Realistic travel
- Obtained Input / Approval from participants
  - \*\*Driven by participants\*\*
- Volunteer Advisory and Planning Committee

- 7-11 CAHs per region.
- Attempt to keep reasonable drive time to avoid overnight stays.
- Meet at different location each quarter (3 times/year) with one annual meeting at CAH Quality Workshop.
- Meetings ~3-4 hours:
  - Hospital tour
  - Learning/sharing opportunity
  - Networking
  - Hosting sites to showcase accomplishments
  - Gain perspective from other leaders about quality improvement.
- CAHs can crossover / visit ANY site in ANY region.



### **QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**



How can your organization benefit from networking within your region?

### THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

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