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ORPRN Convocation

Please join us on April 20th in Sunriver for our annual Convocation of Practices as we welcome Governor John Kitzhaber as our Keynote Speaker.


As Senate President, he authored the groundbreaking Oregon Health Plan. Hundreds of thousands of low and moderate-income Oregon families and their children still have access to health care because of this work. During his third term as governor Kitzhaber was the chief architect of Oregon's Coordinated Care Organizations, the first effort in the country created on a statewide basis to meet the Triple Aim—better health, better quality, lower cost—with a focus on community and population health.

In 2013 Modern Healthcare Magazine ranked Governor Kitzhaber #2 on list of the “100 Most Influential People in Health Care;” and #1 on the list of the “50 Most Influential Physician Executives. In 2013, Governing Magazine named him "Public Official of the Year."

ORPRN is excited to include Governor Kitzhaber in our afternoon as we Look Into the Crystal Ball at Oregon healthcare over the next decade.

Registration information coming soon.

Project Updates
Oral Health Technical Assistance Contract

Western Oregon Advanced Health, on behalf of the South Coast Oral Health Coalition (SCOHC), requested technical assistance from ORPRN to create a plan for an oral health needs assessment for residents of Curry and Coos counties. Elizabeth Needham Waddell, PhD and LeAnn Michaels, BS conducted an Oral Health Summit on September 15 to set goals for the needs assessment. The Summit was attended by 20 individuals from community-based groups, oral health, public health, healthcare, education, policy/government and a funder. Since the Summit, the SCOHC added 14 new members and identified other key partnerships to extend their reach.

At the Summit, attendees mapped services for oral health across the lifespan in Curry and Coos counties, discussed knowledge gaps and community resources, and talked about goals. During follow-up meetings, SCOHC identified that the oral health needs assessment aims to (1) network with other programs, (2) target resources to specific populations, (3) educate decision makers, and (4) educate consumers. This may be accomplished through a provider survey about the current scope of oral health services provided, and focus groups gathering opinions from OHP-eligible adults, especially working adults, homeless/unstably housed, parents of school-aged children, older adults and their care-givers, and migrant workers.

Behavioral Health Home Learning Collaborative

In December Elizabeth Needham Waddell, PhD joined OHA Policy Analyst Rita Moore, PhD to present findings from the Behavioral Health Home Learning Collaborative (BHHLC) at the CMS Quality Conference in Baltimore.

The BHHLC was a three year project to support the efforts of 13 organizations to bring physical health care into behavioral sites serving high needs, high cost populations experiencing severe mental illness or substance use disorders. The presentation described the sites’ experiences collecting four Adult Core Quality Measures (diabetes testing and control, hypertension, BMI) to highlight the special challenges faced by behavioral health organizations in building data capacity, and shared some methods used by ORPRN PERCs to help the sites overcome them. The presenters also shared suggestions from agency participants on how to make quality measure sets more inclusive and meaningful for these sub-populations.

Please follow the link to access the full presentation. Behavioral Health Homes: Improving Health for People with Serious Mental Illness

Healthy Hearts Northwest

In honor of the 17th Great American Smoke-out, the MacColl Center for Health Care Innovation interviewed ORPRN PERCs Beth Sommers, MPH and Steven Brantley, MPH. The two PERCs discussed the changes clinics they are working with are making around smoking cessation. Beth highlighted Family Medical Group Northeast, and Steven chose Cascades East Family Medicine in
Klamath Falls. Read the full article to learn details of the exciting work these clinics are doing.

Provider Survey

Chronic Pain Management and Opioid Prescribing

ORPRN Supports our Own! Jean McCalmont has worked in rural Oregon for 3 years and is now attending OHSU to earn her DNP. Please see link below to participate in Jean's anonymous doctoral research survey.

The purpose of this survey is to gather more information about providers' experience with chronic pain management and opioid prescribing. As frontline providers, your perspective is very important. The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. Participation in this survey is voluntary. You may choose not to participate. If you choose to participate in this survey, you can exit the survey at any time without penalty.

Please review the attached consent form:

http://consentformorprovidersurvey.weebly.com

After reviewing the consent form you can click on the link below to enter the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KX5XXGW

Thank you for your participation!

ORPRN Publications

Holub, J; Morris, C; Fagnan, LJ; Logan, J; Michaels, L; Lieberman, D. Quality of Colonoscopy Performed in Rural Practice: Experience from the Clinical Outcomes Research Initiative and the Oregon Rural Practice-based Research Network. The Journal of Rural Health. 3 Jan 2017. DOI: 10.1111/jrh.12231

- The Clinical Outcomes Research Initiative (CORI) and the Oregon Rural Practice-based Research Network collaborated to study the quality of colonoscopy in rural settings. Ten ORPRN sites participated in the study. The study concluded that ORPRN sites performed well on most colonoscopy quality measures, suggesting that high-quality colonoscopy can be performed in rural settings.


- Dr. Fagnan wrote commentary on the Practice Enhancement Research Coordinator (PERC) program for the Jan-Feb 2017 issue. The commentary reflects on the University of New Mexico’s Health Extension Regional Officers (HEROs) serving as bridges between the community health needs and the academic health center.

Upcoming Events
EOCCO Provider and Community Forums on Chronic Non-Cancer Pain Management

- The Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) is offering 8 events across four communities in eastern Oregon to address prescription drug misuse and alternative treatment options.
- January 26 and 27, Hermiston, OR
- Registration for all events is open. All events have free registration.
  - Click here for more information and to register for the Provider Events.
  - Click here for more information and to register for the Community Events.

Buprenorphine Waiver Training in Pendleton, Oregon

- The Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) is offering Buprenorphine Waiver Training for no cost for up to 20 providers.
- February 25, Pendleton, OR
- Registration is open.